

Quakes Leave Hundreds Dead

Greek Island Said Sinking; Entire City Demolished

Island Inhabitants Said Mad With Fear

Athens — (U.P.) — Shattering new earthquakes demolished an entire city and brought death to hundreds today and frantic police on the Greek island of Cephalonia radioed that the island was "sinking" and "all is crumbling down."

Today's temblors, most violent of a three-day series, destroyed Argostolios, capital of Cephalonia, and spread devastation across two adjoining islands.

Incomplete reports from the scene said 400 died and hundreds were injured in yesterday's devastating quakes. There were no official estimates of the total killed and injured in the latest earth convulsions.

"Mad With Fear" The police on Cephalonia sent this frenzied radio message after today's most violent shock: "We are all sinking. Send Navy to take off inhabitants. They are mad with fear. All is crumbling down."

Heavy seas churned up by the quakes were reported breaking high along the island's coast. Ships sailing near Cephalonia reported the entire island is "obscured by a towering cloud of dust."

Search For Bodies The town of Lixourion as well as Argostolios was reported "wiped out."

The latest earth shocks rocked the island and the nearby islands of Ithaca and Zante as volunteers and police clawed through crumbled walls and explored gaping fissures in the earth for survivors and victims of yesterday's earthquakes.

Landslides complicated rescue operations, it was reported. American authorities in Greece said helicopters were being sent to the shaken region to drop food and medical supplies.

San Francisco — (U.P.) — The University of California seismograph today recorded a strong earthquake, apparently centering at the tip of Siberia's Kamchatka peninsula, that started at 1:37 a.m. (PST) and lasted two hours.

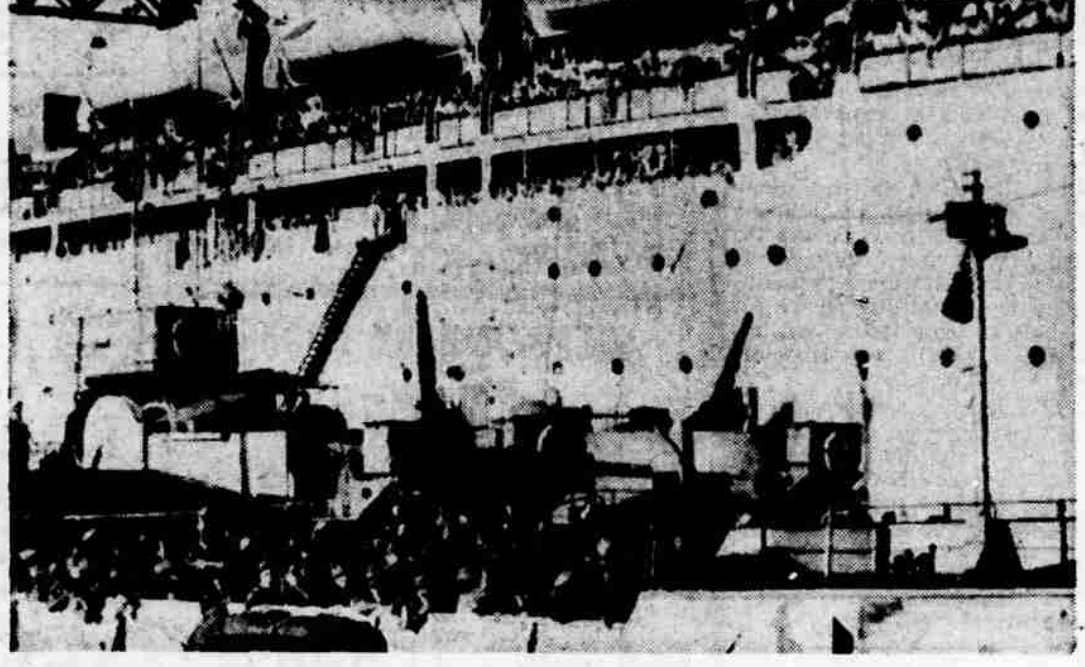
KBES-TV Blacked Out After Part Failure Broadcasting was temporarily interrupted over television station KBES-TV yesterday and no evening programs were broadcast. Station officials said the interruption was caused by a connector for the single-bay antenna which burned out.

A replacement part is being flown here from the General Electric plant at Syracuse, N.Y., and is expected to arrive in time for resumption of transmission this evening or tomorrow, station officials said.

Iced Tea Drink Causes Broken Toe Pendleton — (U.P.) — Teetotaler Luke Cowapo, Indian chief of the Round-Up, nursed a broken toe today because his favorite drink is iced tea.

The chief dropped a big chunk of ice on his toe while preparing the summer drink.

15-Year-Old Jailed After Wrecking City Police Car A 15-year-old Oklahoma youth was jailed late yesterday by city and state police after allegedly stealing a city police car and wrecking it near Camp Prescott on the Roxy Ann butte road, according to city officers.



ON THE LAST LAP—Repatriated American troops wave from the USS General Walker as it is about to depart from Inchon harbor, Korea, on the last lap of what for many will be a long voyage home. Troops in foreground are being taken to the General Walker in an LCU.

Gold Hill Asphalt Paving Plant Target Of Abatement Order

Portland — (U.P.) — Foul-smelling smoke and dust from a portable asphalt plant at Gold Hill today caused the State Air Pollution Authority to issue the first abatement order against air pollution in the state's history.

The precedent-setting order was issued here at a special meeting of the Authority after it had received complaints from Gold Hill residents that the asphalt fumes were causing health and property damage.

The asphalt plant, owned by Central Heating Co., Eugene, and F. L. Somers, Medford, was mixing paving material for the five-mile Highway 99 relocation project at Gold Hill. It is under contract to the State Highway Department.

Curtiss M. Everts Jr., secretary of the Authority, said property was damaged by the smoke and dust as far as a half-mile from the plant. A guest at a Gold Hill motel was reported to have required medical attention for a respiratory ailment he alleged was aggravated by the fumes.

Accompanying the abatement order was a request to the state attorney general to institute immediate legal proceedings to enforce the authority's order.

F. L. Somers, Medford, one of the owners of an asphalt plant at Gold Hill which was the target of an abatement order by the State Air Pollution Authority today, is out of town and cannot be reached for comment.

Hodge Returned to Face Murder Charge Raymond Clifford Hodge, 37, San Francisco, who attempted to break from the Jackson county jail Sunday morning, was to be returned to California today by Marin county authorities on a warrant charging first degree murder, according to the district attorney's office.

Hodge had signed the waiver of extradition on the charge. He and another man have been held in Medford since June 19 when they were arrested south of Phoenix and jailed on a charge of illegal possession of weapons.

Since that time, they have denied any knowledge of the murder of Roy W. Kappahn, 35, on the slopes of Mt. Tamalpais on June 14. The other man, Duane Albert Hall, 40, of Salinas, Calif., will remain in the local jail for the time being, until a warrant from the California governor arrives, completing his extradition, the office reported. He will also be charged with committing first degree murder, they said.

Here to return Hodge to Marin county for prosecution were Don Midyett, undersheriff, and Sidney Weber, inspector for the county sheriff's office. They will return for Hall later, they reported.

Italy Premier Fails To Form Government Rome — (U.P.) — Premier designate Attilio Piccioni told Italian President Luigi Einaudi today he was unable to form a new government.

Piccioni, 61, a Christian Democratic lawyer and World War I aviation pioneer, called at the president's summer residence at Caprarola, near here, to inform him of his decision.

The announcement took the nation by surprise. It had been believed he had succeeded where former Premier Alcide de Gasperi failed.

Lumber, Fruitmen Join With Roseburg On Copco Rate Plan

Grange Agriculture Group Opposes Hike

Representatives of Jackson county's two largest industries—lumber and agriculture—have joined forces with the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce in taking a "wait and see" attitude on a proposed 20 per cent "across the board" increase in California Oregon Power company rates.

Members of the Southern Oregon Conservation and Tree Farm association last night passed a motion to back the Roseburg chamber. The motion was unopposed.

Fruit Men to Aid Dick Gray, representing the Rogue River Valley Traffic association at the meeting said that organization will work with the Roseburg chamber. He stated that last year the fruit industry paid an electric bill of some \$75,000, and that a check for 15 per cent of one-twelfth of that amount, the per cent suggested by the Roseburg chamber, will be contributed for use in retaining counsel to intervene in hearings on the requested increase.

Plan To Attend Other organizations, including the Medford Central Labor council, have taken no action on the matter so far, but are planning to have representatives at a hearing on the rate increase.

The SOCTFA meeting last night was attended by more than 80 persons, including representatives of the lumber industry from Klamath Falls, Grants Pass, Lakeview, Roseburg and other southern Oregon cities as well as SOCTFA members.

Speakers at the meeting included Walter Evans, who has been retained as counsel for the Roseburg chamber and other groups to intervene on their behalf at the hearing. SOCTFA members also voted to aid financially in the retention of Evans.

Several speakers pointed out that the proposed increase would effect not only industry, but also home owners, and that the 20 per cent hike, while not a large amount for any one group or person, would amount to a considerable amount of money for the area.

Would Be Taxed Evans added that a large per cent of the increase, if granted, would go into federal taxes paid by Copco. "We would hate to pay taxes that way," he said.

He also reminded the group that Copco has received two "readjustments" involving rate increases in the past two years. He emphasized that the groups he represents are not out to "get Copco." They just want to be sure the utility has the increase coming, he said.

Referring to the Grange agricultural committee resolution, which is not connected with the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce plans, H. E. Conger, committee chairman, today said "With our products going lower and lower and taxes and other expenses going higher and higher, I don't see how we can afford a power increase. We use electricity for various work on our farms, particularly for pumping irrigation."

The Grange agricultural committee is a 20-year-old valley organization made up of more than 60 members. It represents farmers both in the Grange and those who do not belong to that group.

Americans Said Sent To Work in Siberia Houston, Tex. — (U.P.) — The Communists are sending some American and Korean soldiers to work in Siberia instead of releasing them through the prisoners exchange, the South Korean ambassador to the United States said here yesterday.

He also said it would take \$1,000,000,000 to rehabilitate his war torn country to pre-war level.

Dr. You Chan Yang said Korean intelligence reports indicated some U.S. soldiers and about 75,000 South Koreans are being held back by the Chinese Reds and he said some had been sent to such places as Siberia and Manchuria to work on industrial projects instead of being included in the prisoner exchange.

First Planeload Of Ill Prisoners Arrives at Travis

Sick To Be Rushed Home for Treatment

Travis AFB, Calif. — (U.P.) — Seventeen sick Americans freed from Communist prison camps returned home from Korea today on the first freedom flight since the armistice.

A C-54 Military Air Transport Service hospital plane bearing 14 seriously ill tuberculosis cases and three mental patients touched Travis Air Force Base 50 miles northeast of San Francisco at 5:41 a.m. (PST).

The mental patients, described by the army as "quite restless," had restraining belts around their stretchers and their arms were strapped to their sides.

Interviews Prohibited The ex-prisoners had begun their 6,000-mile flight in Tokyo Monday night, stopping at Midway island to refuel and at Honolulu for a 19-hour rest.

Their illnesses were considered so serious that military authorities decided to rush them home by air for immediate treatment.

Col. William Dewitt, commander of Travis hospital, announced interviews with the ex-prisoners would be forbidden "solely on medical grounds."

"Fourteen of these patients are suffering from an infectious and contagious disease, tuberculosis. The other three are patients with a mental condition," Dewitt said in making his announcement.

Harsh Treatment He explained that all the men were "very ill" of ailments contracted during months of imprisonment in Communist camps under harsh and trying conditions.

Maj. Tom Barbour, Travis public information officer, said it "was possible" some of the patients might leave on a flight tonight with stops scheduled at Denver, St. Louis, and San Antonio.

Panmunjom, Korea — (U.P.) — Only eight former inmates of notorious camp No. 5 remained in Communist captivity today as the Reds freed 100 more Americans.

A returning prisoner said the eight men in nearby Kaesong are awaiting repatriation and probably would be among the 75 Americans scheduled to be freed tomorrow.

It was learned today the Communists are holding many American Air Force officers in a secret compound.

Number Not Known Cpl. William H. Abbott Jr. of Jerusalem, O., said Air Force pilots shot down behind enemy lines were taken to the unlisted camp.

The young Ohioan said he did not know how many men were being held, but his statements backed up Allied charges that the Communists were withholding prisoners.

Secretary of the Army Robert Stevens, who interviewed the former prisoners at nearby Freedom Village, said the U.S. government would "do everything conceivable" to get back the missing men after the Reds have returned the prisoners they promised to repatriate.

Sewer Work Causes One-Way Traffic Traffic on Sixth st. west of the Southern Pacific railroad tracks was partially blocked today by a sewer project. One-way traffic was moving on that section of the street.

City officials said the work involves movement of a sewer line which would be in the way of construction of the new First National bank building. The work, being done by W. H. Conrad, is being paid for by the bank. It is expected to be completed by the first of next week.

Cpl. H. F. Williams Released from Red War Prisoner Camp

Cpl. Henry Frank Williams, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Williams, 48 Mace rd., Medford, was among the prisoners of war released at Freedom Village in Korea yesterday, according to United Press.

He had been a prisoner in a North Korean prison camp for almost 2 years and 3 months, after being captured on May 17, 1951. His mother said this morning "that it just doesn't seem possible that it really true. We have no words to express our feelings, but thank God for his release . . . we just knew he had to come home."

She expressed her thanks to all her "thoughtful friends," and said that she and her family were praying for the release of the other Rogue valley POW, Sgt. Harvey L. Rogers, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Rogers, 1491 Thomas rd., Medford.

Rogers was captured on April 23, 1951, and the last letter his parents received was written on April 29 of this year.

Mrs. Williams reported she was first notified of her son's release by UP at about 11:15 o'clock last night. A telegram from the Army this morning said that Williams would be returned home "as soon as possible."

Along with the joyful news, the mother said that her son had evidently been promoted from a private to a corporal just prior to his capture. They had not heard of the promotion before.

Williams is single and was born on Nov. 19, 1928 in Klamath Falls. He attended schools in that city and went up to the sophomore year in high school but did not graduate. He moved to Medford with his family in 1948.

Leonard E. Steege Reported Missing In Korean Action Leonard E. Steege, 20, son of Mrs. A. H. Webster, 401 East 12th st., has been reported missing in action in Korea, according to a department of defense release. He is a Marine corps private first class.

According to the last letter written by him to a friend in Medford, Steege said he was going out on a listening post that evening, July 18. On July 19 he was reported missing, his stepfather said today.

Enlisted in 1950 The young man attended Medford senior high school and enlisted in the corps in 1950 in his senior year. He received his training at Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif., and left for Korea this spring. He had been in the Far East about three months at the time he was reported missing.

In high school he was active in athletics, particularly boxing, his stepfather explained.

He has a brother, Stanley Steege, who recently returned from Korea after three years there. He now is hospitalized in Portland veterans administration hospital because of severe head injuries and a leg fracture suffered April 25 in an automobile accident north of Central Point, Webster said. Mrs. Webster now is in Portland visiting her son.

East German Farmers Told To Deliver Crops Berlin — (U.P.) — The Soviet zone-government in an effort to alleviate food shortages ordered reluctant farmers today to deliver their crops to the government or face jail as enemies of the state.

The deputy agriculture minister, Hermann Streit, admitted farmers were hoarding their crops in hopes of a rise in prices or abolition of the forced delivery quota system.

Hoarding would be disastrous to the East Germans already suffering from food shortages that have caused them to flock to West Berlin to pick up almost 2,500,000 "Eisenhower food parcels."

Nine Persons Killed When Canadian Jet Fighter Plane Crashes Into Four Houses

ward at 300 miles an hour last night and slammed into the row of houses while 10 feet above the ground. Explosions sent the plane and the houses ablaze instantly.

Pilot Navigator Dies Flames roared through the tangle of timber and steel, trapping the five children and the mother and grandmother of two of them. The fighter's pilot and navigator also died.

Air Force authorities appointed a board of officers to make an immediate investigation. Preliminary reports indicated the CF-100's engines had failed shortly after it left St. Hubert base on a routine flight. Municipal authorities also ordered an investigation.



CPL. HENRY WILLIAMS Released from POW Camp

Before being drafted in the fall of 1950, he worked at the Ross Lumber company planing mill at Camp White. He received his basic training at Camp Polk, La., and was home only seven days before leaving for Korea, in March, 1951. He was with Company "E" with the 23rd Infantry division when captured two months later.

He was first reported missing in action on June 29, 1951, and the parents first heard he was a POW when they received a letter from him in November of the same year. This was the first notification of his capture and after the government confirmed the handwriting, he was announced a POW officially on December 19.

During his detention he stayed first at Camp 3 and later at Camp 1 in North Korea, according to the four letters and Christmas card his parents received during his internment. The son's last letter was written on Feb. 10, 1953 and received by his parents in May.

Heard From Friends Encouraging information was received when the first sick and wounded prisoners were released and a friend of Williams', Glen Moreland, was contacted by Mrs. Williams. He reported through his mother from an Atlanta, Ga., hospital that Williams was "doing okay" in April 1953, although he had been sick with a head injury and had lost some weight.

Besides his parents, Williams' relatives include a brother, Arthur, 26, at home and working at Ross Lumber company, who was a Navy veteran of World War II; and a sister, Louise, who is married and lives near Portland at Eagle Creek. The father is also employed at the same lumber firm.

Mrs. Williams said that the lumber firm owner has stated that a job would be waiting for the young former POW as soon as he comes home.

Search Continues For Jail Escapee Floyd Earl Denno, 23, of Sun Valley, Calif., was still at large today. The coast-wide search for Denno, last of the three men to escape Jackson county's jail Sunday night, is continuing according to the sheriff's office.

Two of the trio have already been apprehended. One, Army Pvt. Arnold Fay Grisham, 19, of Box 524, Jacksonville, was arrested on Forest creek near Ruch Monday night, and the other, Marine George M. Edwards, 20, of Box 73, Butte Falls, was arrested early Tuesday morning in Los Angeles. Both were in jail on AWOL charges.

Sheriff Howard Gault conversed by telephone with Los Angeles authorities today concerning Denno's possible connection with Edwards, but LA police reported that Edwards claims that he and Denno split up earlier, Gault said. The two crawled through the small window opening in the jail's "bull pen" at the same time, while Grisham left about a half hour later.

Dead Identified The dead were in two of the houses. Mrs. Emilien Fournier, 57, her daughter, Mrs. Marcel Bourassa, 30, and the latter's six-year-old son, Michel, and two-year-old daughter, Jeanette, died in one house. Pierre Lavoie, 6, his sister, Collette, 4, and brother, Normand, 2 months, died in another.

Four other persons were burned and hospitalized.