

## Earthquake Expert Asks For Stepped-Up Research

Tokyo — (U.P.)—Japan's foremost earthquake expert has called upon Asian countries linked to his nation in the Pacific earthquake zone to step up their research and exchange information on nature's devastating tremors.

Dr. Nobuji Nasu, head of Tokyo University's Earthquake Research Institute, refused to predict when he thought another land-jarring, destructive earthquake would strike Japan, where as many as 850 to 5,898 tremors a year have been felt in the last decade.

But the Central Meteorological Observatory said Japan stood a one-to-three chance of suffering a "very strong to disastrous" quake within the next 10 years, a one-to-two chance in the next 20 years, and a three-to-four probability of one in 50 years.

Nasu emphasized that other Asian areas such as Formosa and the Philippines are within the same geological chain as Japan. He said the reason the quakes in those regions are less known than those in Japan is that they are not registered and reported.

### Japan Needs Data

Nasu hoped that these Asian nations would step up their studies and improve their facilities in earthquake observations so they could collaborate with Japan in reporting and exchanging data. He added that so far there has been practically no collaboration among these countries.

There is always the danger of a violent earthquake striking Japan, he said, due to the constant magma action in the earth.

He explained the magma action as the terrific pressure and stress created by crystallization of lava. That strain forces the earth's crust to give away in an

eruption. That is how the so-called "faults" are formed.

It is the eruption from the magma action that creates earthquakes — the wave action that comes from the eruption. He explained that naturally the greater eruption the more violent earthquake. Otherwise, its depth in the earth's crust determines largely how strongly it is felt.

### Berkeley Conference

In this connection, an official of the Central Meteorological Observatory said the earthquake that shook the Kushiro area in Hokkaido March 4, 1952, was the most violent of some eight fairly strong earthquakes (four or five in the scale of seven) that have hit Japan since the end of World War II.

Japan is said to have the greatest number of earthquakes in the world. Statistics of the Central Meteorological Observatory show that since the end of World War II, there were 11,276 earthquakes of strength that could be perceived by the human body, while tremors of less strength registered on the seismograph numbered many times that figure.

Nasu was pleased that last year the Nationalist Chinese government sent two students to study at his institute. A member of the Philippines Volcano Commission, Gergerio A. Andal, also made field studies at the institute last summer, he said.

He said he will propose a plan for such exchange and collaboration at the forthcoming world conference on earthquake engineering to be held at the University of California in Berkeley, Calif., for eight days beginning June 12.

## Traffic Violators Face Arrest in Style

St. Louis — (U.P.)—Motorists stopped for traffic infractions in the St. Louis county village of Town and Country would be picked up in style—if there were ever any traffic arrests.

The town marshal is Walter L. Trampe, a bank director, loan company executive and head of a lumber yard. He claims he never even sees the dollar he's supposed to be paid each year, but that isn't a complaint.

Trampe does his prowling in his own light blue, \$8,000 air-conditioned car. He has an extra one, just like it, in his garage at home, although the "official" limousine is equipped with a siren.

Three years ago, the village board of trustees couldn't find a suitable candidate among the community's 2,000 inhabitants. Trampe took the job "sort of as a hobby." He carries a pistol and has a badge, and expects to get a uniform as quickly as he is deputized by the St. Louis county police department.

The 58-year-old grandfather hopes these tools of the trade might spur him to greater things in law enforcement.

"I've never made an arrest, but I've had some pretty lively times chasing stray dogs and horses," he said. "Maybe one of these days I'll get into the big time and get to chase an elephant."

### DRIVING RECORD

Columbus, Neb. — (U.P.)—The Nebraska Public Power system thinks it has an unusual driving record. In 15 years, employees have driven 40,000,000 miles with only one injury accident. The system has some 200 workers, most of them on the road checking equipment and doing construction work.

## A Nichol's Worth of ... Comment On This and That

By HARMAN W. NICHOLS  
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Washington — (U.P.)—In the giggly parlance of the young set, the word "send" has been supplanted by "transport."

In the coke bars and over a malted these two words still mean the same, a step up in the heart beat when a hand-

some boy or "doll" comes along. If he can sing, kick out a tune with a gravel gackle all the better.

An outfit which has time to spend on looking into young minds has made a survey.

Lester Rand, president of the Young Research Institute, finds that the adolescents, particularly girls, still run limp and then howl over the likes of Perry Como, Don Cherry, and even old Bing.

Politicians With Appeal But, oddly enough the young heart strings are strummed by a couple of professional politicians, both of whom, in contrast to Perry, Don and Bing, are available only for looking purposes.

"Funny thing," Rand was saying, looking over the results of his survey. "But Sen. John F. Kennedy, the Democrat from Massachusetts, and tall urbane U. N. Representative Henry Cabot Lodge Jr. are front runners in the male pin-up division with the kids."

If it were up to the wearers of loafers and bobby sox, Rand concludes, these two, if they wanted, would be a cinch over Sen. Estes Kefauver of Tennessee and Adlai Stevenson of Illinois in the race for the Democratic nomination.

Rand believes Kennedy could give Eddie Fisher "a tough scramble in the 'teen popularity derby, even though Kennedy sings only in the shower, off key."

### He's Real Cute

The young girls consider the senator a "doll," "cute" and "the most" which is about the highest praise a teen can give a male unless it would be "terrific."

Whether the wonderful senator likes it or not, the kids fall for him because of his "pretty tuft" of uncombed hair and that youthful look. It might run down the beat of the young hearts, but is only fair to report to the young fry that the distinguished gentleman from Massachusetts is happily married.

Teen aged girls crowd around the U. N. headquarters in New York to wait for Lodge, the debonnaire gent. Many a matinee idol must envy his popularity. Lodge, too, is already hooked, and happily so.

According to the survey, the non-conscious youngsters are more conscious of politics this year than ever before.

They seem to know about the issues at hand, like the problems of the Middle East, the miseries of the farmer. A lot of them, Rand says, are much better informed than their parents.

## Government Sets Record for Sales

Washington — (U.P.)—Setting sales records when you have no sales force isn't easy, but the federal government is finding out it can be done.

With only a few sales representatives in the field, the savings bonds division of the Treasury Department nevertheless sold \$5,368,000,000 worth of Series E and H bonds during 1955, its biggest year since the end of World War II.

Robert F. Carney, chairman of the board of Foote, Cone & Belding, reported to the Washington Ad Club that this sales record had been attained through "the biggest advertising campaign in terms of media frequency going on in the world today."

To date, advertising agencies and media have contributed approximately \$55,000,000 worth of services, time and space to the effort, said Carney, whose agency prepares all newspapers and consumer magazine advertising for the campaign, on behalf of the Advertising Council. Only series E and H bonds are advertised.

"All of us in advertising try to be business-like in the way we conduct our operations, but this is one place we've failed," Carney admitted wryly. "No one gets paid for his services."

### MOVIE RESCUE

Detroit — (U.P.)—Leo J. Montgomery, 60-year-old duck hunter who was marooned for three days on a dike along Detroit River channel, was in good cheer when rescued by a Navy helicopter. "Just like you see in the movies," said Montgomery, of Amherstburg, Ont.

## McNeil Re-elected Mayor of Yreka

Yreka — City councilmen of Yreka Tuesday night unanimously elected Matthew McNeil, incumbent council member, as mayor of the city.

McNeil and two new councilmen, Charles J. Cooley and Robert M. Stewart, were formally installed at the meeting.

Pete Potter, elected city clerk by a write in vote after final ballot tabulation, said he planned to serve in the position until the council requested his resignation.

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## Genetic Catastrophe Said Seen in Future

Yellow Springs, O. — (U.P.)—Dr. C. Vernon Cannon, Antioch College physics professor, foresees a genetic catastrophe for future generations from atomic energy and X-ray use unless precautions are taken.

Dr. Cannon said the present generation is not aware of the future danger of radiation since individuals can take some radiation without harm, although it may harm their heirs two or three generations hence.

The physicist explained that this is because the body normally repairs minor radiation injury, but that damage to germ cells, which results in mutations, cannot be repaired.

## Around Hollywood

By ALINE MOSBY  
United Press Correspondent

Hollywood — (U.P.)—This year marks the biggest rush of American travelers to Russia, and Hollywood's No. 1 tourist, William Holden, hopes to be in line to go behind the Iron Curtain.

Since he took up traveling five years ago, Holden has been livid out of a suitcase on his hops around the world. On May 17 he leaves on another trip overseas which he hopes to climax with visits to Moscow and Leiningrad.

"I don't want to go on those conducted tours," he said as he figured his travel plans in his

studio dressing room. "I want to wander around by myself and I hope I get a visa for that."

Own Impression Needed Holden wants to visit Russia because he doesn't want to take anybody's word for what the country and its citizens are like.

"As much as I believe some of our better correspondents, I want to get a feeling of the country myself," he said. "I'd like to see some of the theater and the ballet and some of their music."

The star also is a firm believer in travel promoting peace. He thinks persons "get a better exchange of ideas when they come into actual contact with other people instead of sitting home watching all of this on television."

The Oscar-winning actor was bitten by the travel bug in 1951. Since then he's toured nearly every area except South Africa and the Iron Curtain countries. During 1954 and 1955 he traveled 135,000 miles.

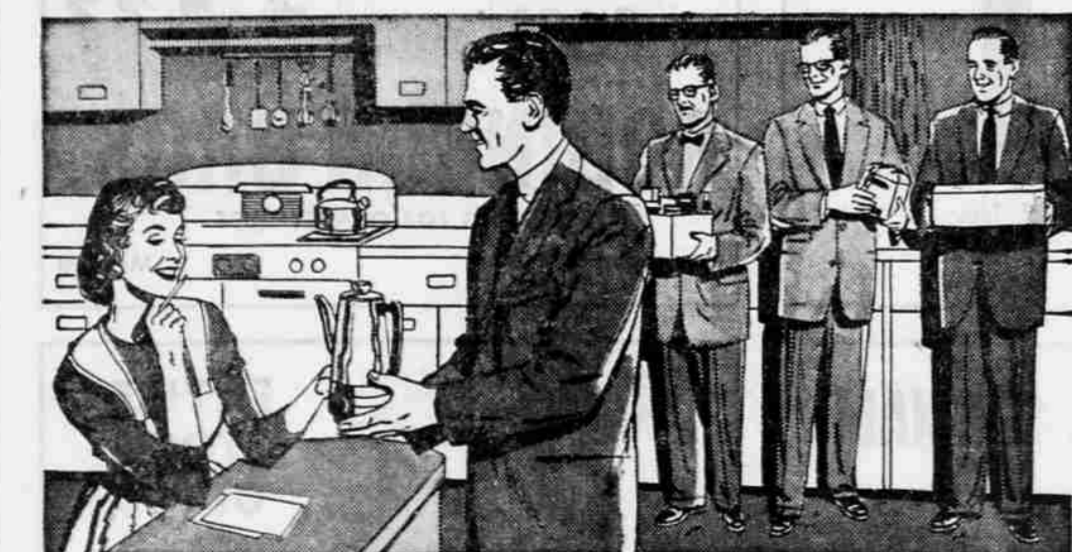
Map Shows Travels In Holden's office at Paramount studio he keeps a huge map with pins stuck in the countries he's visited. He is rivaled only in areas covered by Bob Hope. However, Hope travels while entertaining while Holden usually is just a tourist.

This trip Holden will tour Denmark, Sweden and Russia (he hopes) and then take in some sports car races in Italy (the just bought a high-powered Ferrari). As usual, he'll leave his wife home with the children and travel with wealthy businessman Ray Ryan. But the Holden family will vacation together in Honolulu this summer.



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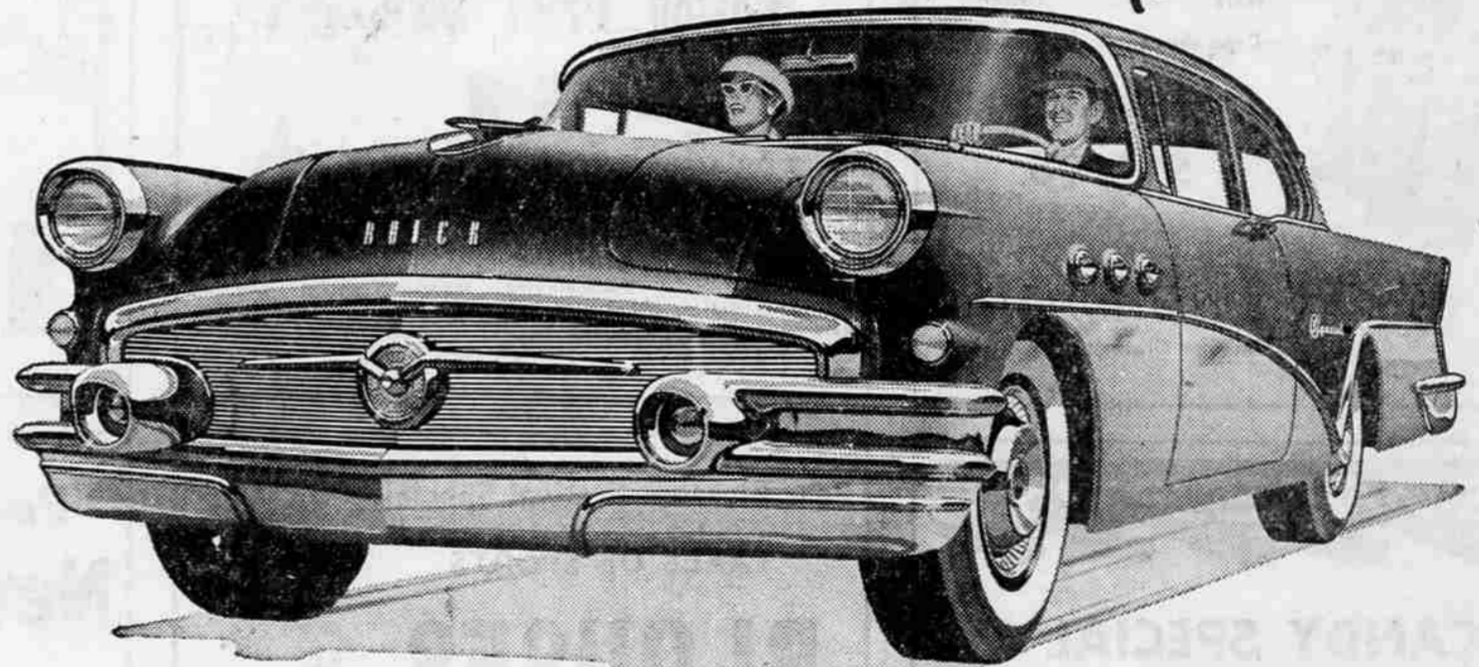
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