

# TIDAL WAVE DEATH TOLL MOUNTS

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### JUDGE TOSSES OUT CASE

#### Day's News

FRANK JENKINS  
The tidal wave in the Pacific, one wonders if it is becoming a little less of a man's destructive prowess and more of a demonstration of what she can do when she

TOMORROW is the big day in New York (where the security council of the United Nations is meeting). What the news says on that date is interesting. It might be

must keep in mind that all Russia has indicated that she doesn't intend to shoot right away. It is a lot. We don't expect the Russians to give up what they have in Iran.

There is a new ambassador in Russia—General Walter D. Smith, who was Eisenhower's chief of staff in Europe. He made a good record under the old ambassador. He will have on his side the fact that he is a military man, and speaking his mind on matters of issue, rather than going all around the barn in the traditional manner of

There is considerable evidence that the Russians like and respect speaking. We are not sure of the price now for that

develops in Washington this morning that we're to send an ambassador to Argentina. The former ambassador there was named Spruille Braden. He seems to have been a bright and outspoken citizen. He didn't like Peron and his

As a result, we have lost a face not only in South America but throughout the world. It would be a good idea to make a start toward a new policy of diplomacy, based on principles and carried on

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### Travel In 2 Midwest Cities Cut

Detroit, Akron Minus Transportation; Miners Out

By The Associated Press  
No quick settlement of the country's three newest major labor disputes was indicated today as transit strikes in Detroit and Akron, O., continued to cripple public transportation and a work stoppage in the soft coal mines kept idle some 400,000 workers.

Bituminous operators and John L. Lewis' AFL United Mine Workers planned to resume contract negotiations in Washington although spokesmen for both sides expressed beliefs no progress was made in yesterday's conference. The stoppage became effective at 12:01 a. m. Monday and immediately its effects were felt in the steel industry. A prolonged shutdown of the mines was expected to seriously curtail production in steel and other industries.

No Progress  
Paul Fuller, special federal mediator, attended yesterday's session between miner and operator representatives. Charles O'Neill, operators' spokesman, said there was "no progress of any kind. We are exactly where we have been for weeks."

Union President Lewis commented that "we found the operators in their usual mood, declining to do anything." Buses and street cars in Detroit remained idle for the second day as a stalemate developed in the wage dispute between the AFL Amalgamated Association of Street, Electric Railway and Motor Coach Employees of America and the Detroit Department of Street Railways.

Wage Demand  
The union, which called the strike of \$200 bus and trolley operators in support of demands for an 18-cent hourly wage increase, was told by Mayor Edward J. Jeffries no negotiations would be held while the workers remained away from their jobs. Jeffries and the company said the operators' demand must be submitted to arbitration. A union spokesman said "if the DSR would negotiate in good faith, we could sit down and settle this dispute within a day or less."

The transit tie-ups in both Detroit and Akron inconvenienced hundreds of thousands with several industrial plants reporting increased absenteeism.

### Sandy River Smelt Run Tapering Off

PORTLAND, April 2 (AP)—The Sandy river smelt run began tapering off slightly today, though dipnetters were still making sizable catches. The run began last Thursday.

### Taft Stalks From Hearing After Threat Of Ejection

WASHINGTON, April 2 (AP)—Senator Taft (R-Ohio) stalked angrily from a senate committee hearing today after Committee Chairman Murray (D-Mont.) threatened to have him ejected.

The row broke out and quickly reached the shouting stage as the senate labor committee began consideration of legislation to set up a national compulsory health insurance plan.

Taft broke into a statement by Murray to assert that the bill was "the most socialistic one congress ever had before it."

In the exchange, Murray told Taft: "I want you to subside, to shut up or I'll have the officers called and put you out of this committee room."

Murray opened the hearing by commending the Washington Post for an editorial in which he said attention was called to some claims that such health bills were "socialistic."

"I'll tell you this measure is the most socialistic one congress ever had before it," Taft interrupted. He managed to shout, above the loud protests of Murray, that he himself would introduce a health bill.

Murray, standing almost shoulder to shoulder with Taft, snapped that he didn't intend to be "bluffed" by "grandstand plays."

"You have so much gall," cried Murray, "that you would not let me, the chairman of this committee, conclude my statement."

Then, he made his threat to have Taft put out of the committee room.

### Ends Journey



Raffy, the reluctant giraffe, he rode backwards from San Diego to San Francisco, is unloaded from a truck at Fleishacker zoo in San Francisco. He will be a mate for Zoobelle, another giraffe.

### New Argentina Envoy Assured

WASHINGTON, April 2 (AP)—Diplomatic sources said today that the United States has asked Argentina to approve George Messersmith, now U. S. ambassador to Mexico, as the new ambassador to Buenos Aires.

WASHINGTON, April 2 (AP)—Disclosure that President Truman intends to appoint a new ambassador to Argentina stirred wide speculation today whether the United States is relaxing its stiff policy toward the Buenos Aires government.

A state department spokesman told reporters last night that an ambassador would be named "later in the week." He declined to identify the prospective envoy, but said his name already had been submitted to the Argentine government for approval.

The name most often mentioned in recent speculation has been that of William D. Pawley, present ambassador to Peru.

This country has no ambassador in the Argentine capital since Spruille Braden left that post nearly six months ago to become assistant secretary of state for American republic affairs.

### Vandenberg Ends Bogus Check Trial

DA Claims Action To Blacken Record; Jurist Denies

A directed verdict of not guilty suddenly ended the trial of Warner Jay Dickenson, indicted for obtaining money and property under false pretenses, just before the case was to have gone to the jury this morning.

When both District Attorney Clarence A. Humble and Defense Attorney U. S. Balentine had finished their closing arguments, Judge David R. Vandenberg asked Balentine if he had made a motion for a directed verdict.

Balentine replied that he had not and the judge then said that he would have to dismiss the case because the allegations of the indictment had not been proved. Balentine then moved for a directed verdict of not guilty and the motion was granted.

Indicted  
Dickenson was indicted for intent to defraud Everett Vandenberg of Herman's Men's store by having him cash a check for \$77.48 last August 11, and it was Judge Vandenberg's contention that the prosecution had not proved that Dickenson knew that the check was bad.

This morning Dickenson testified that the check was given him as wages by Albert Johnson and that he had merely endorsed it and had it cashed by Vandenberg. The clothier said yesterday that Johnson was the man who told him the check was good.

Both Johnson and Dickenson were indicted by the grand jury with the same charge and Johnson received a three-year prison term when he pleaded guilty several weeks ago. Dickenson has been in the county jail since last September.

Still Liable  
Judge Vandenberg pointed out that Dickenson was still liable to Vandenberg for the amount of the check, under civil law, because he endorsed it.

Attorney Balentine said after the case was thrown out of court that he had been willing for the trial to go to the jury and Humble called Judge Vandenberg's action "a deliberate business of throwing a case out of court to discredit the district attorney." It followed "right along with the same recent criminal case dismissals," he said.

Humble also said that he talked with members of the jury after the dismissal and that they believed the case should have come to them for decision. Judge Vandenberg denied that his action had "any political implications," saying that it was just a case of the witness' testimony falling short of being sufficient for a conviction. "These things come up in every court and it's not the fault of the grand jury or of the prosecution."

### DA Probes Death Of SP Inspector

YREKA, Calif., April 2—The district attorney's office here is investigating the mysterious circumstances surrounding the death of Amos A. Dunegan, 52, a Southern Pacific car inspector, who was found fatally injured at his home in the outskirts of Dunsmuir Saturday morning.

Dunegan had a skull fracture when he was discovered, lying unconscious on a bed in the cabin which he occupied alone. He did not regain consciousness, and officers began their investigation with no hint of how the man was hurt.

There was little blood in the bed, indicating he had been injured somewhere else and had staggered into the bed. The officers are investigating the possibility of foul play against the railroad man.

### 13-Year-Old Girl Escapee Recaptured

SALEM, April 2 (AP)—A 13-year-old girl who escaped from Hill Crest school yesterday and took with her a 5-year-old daughter of a staff member was recaptured last night with the aid of a private airplane.

Wally Tower, the pilot, spotted the pair in a dry creek bed near the state penitentiary after school officials had asked that a search from the air be made.

### Old Horse-Drawn Hearse Sees Light Again



A couple of old horse-drawn hearses of the vintage of 1906 were brought out of the dark interior of a warehouse near the Link river bridge yesterday, and will be donated to the museum at Moore park by S. B. and Joe Evans, who acquired them from Earl Whitlock, local funeral director. Here Tom Patty (left) and Rollo England are looking over the ancient vehicle. See story on page 2.

### Supervisors Favor Siskiyou County Re-Districting Plan

YREKA, Calif., April 2—Siskiyou county supervisors today were on record in favor of re-districting the county, following a two-hour meeting yesterday attended by delegations from several county communities.

At the conclusion of the spirited session, Supervisor Gordon Jacobs made a motion that the "board do further consider the re-districting and do re-district" according to California law.

The supervisors then said they would need additional time to work out a fair plan for re-apportionment. Supervisors in this county are elected from various districts, and the plan is to change the boundaries of those districts in order to provide a more equitable representation according to population.

Proponents of re-districting agreed that more time would probably be needed and offered any assistance necessary to work out the program. Several weeks ago, when the matter was first proposed to the supervisors, a suggested re-districting scheme was offered by the proponents. At yesterday's meeting, both sides agreed this might not be the perfect plan, and further consideration will be given.

Supervisors met six times last week trying to develop an equitable districting program based on population distribution. Both David R. Vandenberg, present judge who is running for reelection, and District Attorney Clarence A. Humble, his opponent in the non-partisan campaign, were busy in court today on a criminal trial.

Backers of the candidates, in private ground-breaking conversations, have brought up the handling of juvenile matters and the rise of juvenile crime and delinquency as one of the main issues of the coming contest.

Juvenile matters and the juvenile office are directly under the district attorney's office but the hearings and disposition of juvenile cases are handled by the circuit judge. Members of one voters group have approached juvenile officials and city police advocating a new curfew law or reactivation of the present curfew to put teeth into the measure.

The law forbids youngsters under 17 to be on the streets after 11 o'clock, but shortage of juvenile personnel has kept the city police from enforcing the curfew strictly. Another battle line for the forthcoming judgeship campaign regards the recent flurry of cases being thrown out of court. Placing the blame for those actions is expected to become a hot issue in political activity. Another criminal trial ended in a directed verdict of not guilty this morning.

### Beef With Wife Causes Injuries

PORTLAND, April 2 (AP)—A car whose driver, according to traffic investigators, was quarreling with his wife, drove onto a sidewalk today and knocked two pedestrians through a plate glass window.

Phyllis Converse, 20, Vancouver, suffered serious injuries to her left leg and was in danger of amputation. Hospital attendants reported both Miss Converse and the other pedestrian, William J. Easterly, 28, Vanport, in "fair" condition.

Traffic Patrolmen Howard Rogers and Walter Greene said the car's driver, Stancel C. Hott, Vancouver, told them he and his wife were arguing, and that he lost control of the car when she grabbed him by the neck.

### Morse Terms GOP Meet Grand Flop

WASHINGTON, April 2 (AP)—Senator Wayne Morse of Oregon, said today a banquet meeting of the republican national committee last night was "a grand flop" and added:

"If the program, which its leaders announced at the banquet, is to constitute republican policy during the next two years, the republican national committee will reflect Harry Truman in spite of everything he is doing to defeat himself." (See also page 2).

### Head-On Crash Kills KF Man

Herman Lyle Rhoads, 33, of Klamath Falls, was killed and his wife, Dorothea, 24, gravely injured this morning when a car in which they were riding crashed head-on with a heavy gasoline truck and trailer near the Pendleton, Ore., city limits.

Two other occupants of the car, James Elmer Upton and Caroline Ronen, both of Umatilla, were also seriously injured. Alexander Meldrum of Ellensburg, Wash., driver of the truck, was unhurt. He is a driver for the Inland Petroleum Transportation company of Seattle.

Rhoads is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Rhoads, 524 Grant, and has lived in Klamath Falls since 1924. He was engaged in the lumber business at Crescent City, and sold out shortly before this trip north.

Right Hand Turn  
State police, who investigated the accident, reported that the Rhoads car made a right-hand turn into the highway intersection after leaving a tavern at the edge of town and met the gasoline truck and trailer head-on.

The truck driver told officers that the time was too short to avoid the collision. The injured are in the hospital in Pendleton, where attendants say that although Mrs. Rhoads received serious injuries about the face, her condition is not considered critical. The other two are given a fifty-fifty chance to live.

Rhoads' parents left this morning for Pendleton. Another son, Milton Merle, was killed on Iwo Jima a year ago. In addition to his wife and parents, he is survived by four brothers, Doran, Kenneth and Lowell of Klamath Falls, and Wesley, who is overseas in the navy, also two sisters, Mrs. Margie Hurt of Sacramento and Mrs. Jewell Eastburn of this city.

### Scion Held On Murder Charge

SAN MATEO, April 2 (AP)—Police Chief Robert E. O'Brien said today that Ronald Kaehler, 23, had been booked at city jail on a murder charge after the shooting early today of Lloyd Carter, 25, of San Francisco.

Chief O'Brien identified young Kaehler as the son of Ronald E. Kaehler, president of the San Francisco stock exchange. Two other men were booked at city jail as material witnesses. Chief O'Brien said the slaying of Carter occurred outside Kaehler's San Mateo apartment. All four men had been drinking throughout the night, the police chief stated. Just before dawn as the party broke up, he said, there was an argument outside the house and several shots were fired.

At about 7:30 a. m. Mrs. J. C. Griffiths looked out her window and saw Carter dead in the back yard. Kaehler was taken in custody.

### Lost Tot Found The Modern Way

Modern age note: When little Eddie Silani, 21, toddled away from the family home in the air station homoja hut area, his daddy decided to use the most modern method available to hunt him up.

The father, Andrew Silani, ex-ferry command flier, called Buzz Thompson, operator of a flying service at the air station field, and they warmed up a Fairchild plane.

They flew low over the homoja hut area. Little Eddie, an air-minded tot, heard the low plane, and came out of bushes where he was playing for a look. His mother saw him and took him home.

### Southern Democrats In High Dudgeon Over Hannegan Slip

WASHINGTON, April 2 (AP)—A group of approximately 50 irate southern democratic legislators called on National Party Chairman Robert Hannegan today to apologize personally to them for a critical article in a democratic headquarters publication.

The southerners held a closed meeting and adopted a resolution specifically demanding a retraction of statements made in the April issue of the Democratic Digest, official organ of the women's division of the party.

The publication's statement which aroused the southerners was this: "And let your representatives know that the passage of the restrictive Case (labor disputes) bill was a vote against the American people."

The Case measure was opposed by the administration, but republicans and southern democrats teamed up to pass it, 258 to 155, on February 7. A toned-down version is pending in the senate.

### 82 Perish In Hawaii Isle Alone

10 Men Swept To Sea From Scotch Cap Lighthouse

HILO, Hawaii, April 2 (AP)—Tidal waves which lashed vast areas of the eastern Pacific left 82 dead today, scores missing and in the Hawaiian island alone at least 4000 homeless.

This once-beautiful city of 25,000, exposed to the full fury of the waves that thundered out of the north without warning yesterday, was on short rations as rescue squads dug through the ruins that cluttered its once busy waterfront district.

A naval officer expressed fears the death toll in Hilo might reach 300, but there were indications the final figure would be considerably short of this estimate.

Damage throughout the disaster zone, stretching from the Aleutians westward to Midway, eastward to California and southward to Hawaii and Johnston island, ran into millions of dollars.

A submarine earthquake which geologists called world-shaking sent giant swells fanning out from the North Pacific at 400 to 500 miles an hour early yesterday. Beaches on Hawaii, the Aleutians and California were lashed by 10 to 100-foot waves.

The death toll: Hawaiian Islands—60 bodies recovered at Hilo; nine on Oahu, seven on Maui and six on Kauai islands.

California—One man swept to sea from the Santa Cruz beach. Many missing in Hilo and in rural Laupahoehoe, but the number was not known.

At Honolulu, William W. Monahan, chairman of the Hawaii Red Cross, estimated that not more than 4000 refugees asked for shelter in all of the Hawaiian islands. Of these, 1800 were on Oahu and 800 on Hawaii islands.

Robert Lindsey, chairman of Red Cross disaster relief here, said 60 bodies had been recovered from wreckage in Hilo, and "I expect there will be more."

KETCHIKAN, Alaska, April 2 (AP)—Coast guard district headquarters today attempted to chart the course of a tidal wave which, it said, was sweeping toward southeastern Alaska.

It said an airplane yesterday spotted another tidal wave 40 feet high and traveling about 35 miles an hour in Bristol bay. The wave reported approaching southeastern Alaska was believed to be traveling more slowly than the Bristol bay disturbance.

Ten Men Dis  
Ten men were washed to their death when a great tidal wave crashed down on the Aleutian island of Unimak yesterday, demolishing the Scotch Cap lighthouse there.

The wave apparently spent its force before it reached Dutch Harbor, 120 miles west. An erroneous radio report that a new tidal wave was only ten minutes away and the sounding of sirens last night shortly before midnight sent residents of Kodiak scurrying into snow-covered hills.

The navy corrected the report a few minutes later and the people, some of them carrying bedding, straggled back to their homes.

The commander of the Alaska sea frontier said no new wave was expected to reach Alaska or Kodiak island.

A minor wave entered Dutch Harbor at 5:30 a. m. yesterday, approximately an hour after striking Unimak. It carried away ferry barges that connected the base with the town of Unalaska and damaged small boat landings and pilings, the Alaska sea frontier commander said.

IQUIQUE, Chile, April 2 (AP)—High waves pounded some sections of the Chilean coast, and the sea receded temporarily beyond the normal shore line in other regions during tidal disturbances early today.

Slight damage was reported at some summer resorts, and panic resulted among residents of some areas along the rugged coast from the nitrate deserts in the north to the ice-bordered southern straits.

A 30-foot tidal wave struck Juan Fernandez island, the historic Robinson Crusoe's island, 800 miles off Valparaiso. Residents of the island fled to the hills. No casualties have as yet been reported, and no estimate of damage given.

### Jack Benny Can't Lay One That Big!

ALBANY, N. Y., April 2 (AP)—A 14-ounce egg was laid by a normal-sized White Leghorn hen on an Albany area farm. J. N. Bruckner, head of the poultry husbandry department of the New York State college of agriculture, Cornell university, commented it "must be just about a record."

A normal egg weighs about two ounces, Bruckner said.

### WEATHER NEWS

April 2  
(April 1) 43 Min. 23  
Highest last 24 hours 50  
Lowest last 24 hours 11.10  
In year to date 7.83  
9.29 Last year 7.83  
Precip. Overcast with moderate