

500 DEAD IN JAP EARTHQUAKE

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
An earthquake, described this morning by seismologists (earthquake specialists) as possibly the WORLD'S MOST VIOLENT, hit southern Japan. Damage covers more than 50,000 square miles, which is roughly half the area of Oregon and a little more than a third of the area of Japan proper.

Early and incomplete figures show 500 dead, with expectations that the complete list will be MUCH larger, some 28,000 homes destroyed and 500 fishing vessels lost.

(Loss of 500 fishing vessels is more severe than Americans can grasp quickly. All food is scarce in Japan, and fish is an important item in the Japanese diet.)

HERE is a sobering thought: At Hiroshima, some 80,000 probably perished as a result of the explosion of an atom bomb. In Tokyo, over a longer period of time, some 125,000 probably died in the bombings and their resultant fires.

In these modern days, man is becoming potentially more terrible than nature.

MAN'S power to destroy is growing fantastically. Unless man's INCLINATION TO BUILD catches up with and PASSES his power to destroy, the world is in danger.

Our great need is more knowledge of how to get along with each other.

THIS portentous paragraph heads a dispatch from New York this morning:

"Delegates to the United Nations atomic energy commission DISAGREED today over whether they had approved a United States proposal to eliminate the big power veto on punishment for violations of atomic energy control."

THEY'D better find out—and quickly.

If any nation can violate the controls that may be placed on atomic weapons and then can VETO PUNISHMENT of itself for its violation, it is obvious that control would be ridiculously ineffective.

Unless control can be made WHOLLY EFFECTIVE, the United States MUST stay out of control agreements.

HERE is another sobering thought:

In the present imperfect state of our knowledge, atomic energy (whether as a weapon of war or an instrument of peace) more or less rests upon uranium. Most of us think of uranium as scarce.

IT ISN'T.

Competent geologists tell us that uranium is approximately as abundant in the earth's rocks as copper.

It is 50% more abundant than lead.

It is four times as abundant as iron.

It is eight times as abundant as iodine.

OUR grandfathers thought of aluminum as valuable, but scarce. We know now that aluminum is one of our most abundant metals. We look forward to it as replacing even steel as iron ore supplies dwindle.

As we found more uses for aluminum, we FOUND MORE.

Quake Sends Japs To Hills

TOKYO, Dec. 21 (AP)—Thousands of Japanese, fearing repercussions from today's heavy earthquake and tidal wave, began fleeing to the hills tonight, as they once fled from American bombs.

The heavily hit town of Tanabe, on the wave-lashed western coast of Wakayama peninsula, was deserted after its 2500 homeless refugees sought safety in the hills.

Others from nearby towns and cities also were reported seeking high ground. They carried their meager possessions.

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Forecast: Clear today, tonight and Sunday.

Lane Charged With Death Threat

Row Looms On Atomic Agreement

NEW YORK, Dec. 21 (AP)—Delegates to the United Nations atomic energy commission disagreed today over whether they had approved a United States proposal to eliminate the big power veto on punishment for violations of atomic energy control.

This was a major point in the American atomic control plan which was approved "in principle" yesterday by the commission and it appeared at first that the controversial issue had been decided finally—although without the approval of Soviet Russia.

Members of the U. S. delegation hailed the commission's action as a complete victory for Bernard M. Baruch, 76-year-old sponsor of the American proposals, but it became clear today that the question of the veto on punishment as well as some other points in the Baruch plan still faced a bitter fight.

A spokesman for Canadian Delegate Gen. Andrew G. L. McNaughton, sponsor of the compromise which the commission finally adopted, emphasized that the Canadian proposal laid down an important condition, which should not be overlooked.

This was the stipulation that the wording of the Baruch resolution must be made to conform to the phraseology of the resolution which the general assembly passed last week outlining a program for world arms reduction.

It was recalled that the assembly's resolution recommended that enforcement of arms limitation regulations, including the control of atomic energy, be placed within the framework of the security council, where the veto applies. The resolution omitted any reference to the veto.

While members of the U. S. delegation contended that this omission did not prevent the security council from agreeing to use the veto on atomic matters, it was pointed out that the assembly had rejected several attempts to write in provisions on the veto.

Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov declared during the assembly debate that Russia would agree to an international control and inspection system free of the veto, but he insisted that enforcement must be kept under the security council.

Sunday Shortest Day, Maybe

SEATTLE, Dec. 21 (AP)—Prof. T. S. Jacobsen, University of Washington astronomer, has it all figured out through use of logarithms and other higher mathematics that Sunday, December 22, will be the shortest day of the year—exactly 8 of

But there's a catch. If the air is as much as 1/4 degree colder at sunrise and sunset Sunday than today the fraction of a second difference between the two days will be wiped out. The refraction of light, he explained, affects the length of the day.

The reason that the daylight hours today and Sunday are nearly identical is because of winter solstice at 2:54 a. m., Sunday so closely coincides with midnight, Jacobsen said.

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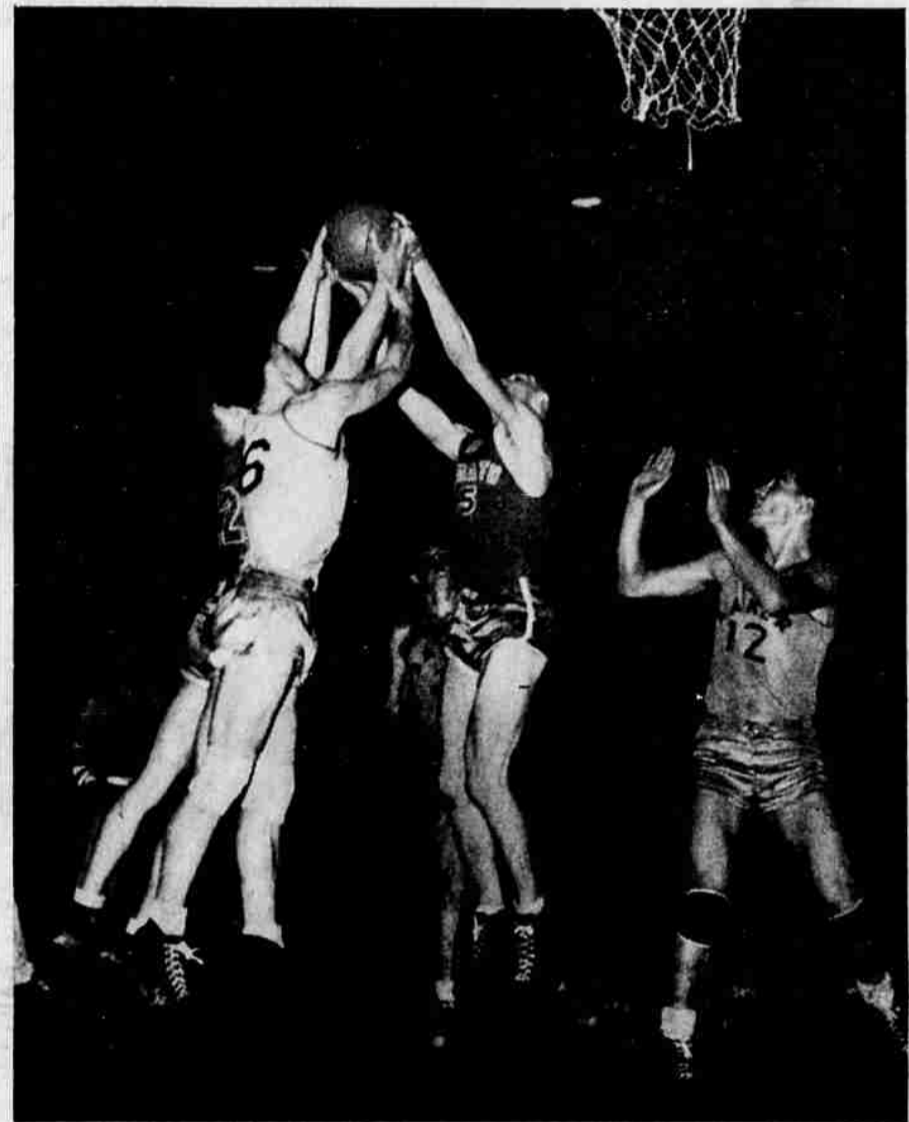
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Control Of The Rebounds Is Important



Control of the rebounds from the backboard is one of the ingredients of a winning basketball team, and this picture shows two Klamath players and one from Baker climbing an invisible ladder after one in their game at Pelican court last night. Klamath won, 37-23, to keep intact its season record. No. 15 is Chuck Hellbrunner of the Pelicans, No. 6 is Baker's Ralph Calloway, and No. 12 is Joe Zarosinski. That same number for Baker is Jim Calderwood. No. 8 in the rear is Don Zarosinski.

Community Party Slated

The community Christmas tree on the courthouse lawn will sparkle Monday night when the town's children are invited to gather around and get first hand information from Santa Claus along with a handful of goodies.

The program is slated for 7:30 o'clock sharp and master of ceremonies will be Tom O'Dwyer. The newly-organized community chorus will appear for the first time and following the program the Junior chamber of commerce, sponsor group of the affair, will distribute candy.

Awards in the outdoor lighting contest will also be made. Included in the Junior chamber program for the holiday season, is the appearance of carolers Sunday, Monday and Tuesday nights. The trucks manned by Jaycees will cruise throughout the residential and business districts.

The songsters singing carols as they go. Sunday night the carolers will include St. Paul's choir and Girl Scouts, the Klamath Lutheran, First Presbyterian, Community Congregational and Sacred Heart churches' choirs. Monday night the churches taking part include the First Christian, Klamath Temple, Church of the Nazarene, Immanuel Baptist, Church of Jesus Christ, Latter Day Saints, First Baptist and Sacred Heart.

On Christmas Eve, carolers of the Assembly of God church will be heard.

The public is cordially invited to attend the festivities on the lawn.

2 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT
BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS

Terry May Face Contempt Charge In Money Question

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (AP)—Attorneys for the senate investigating committee said today they have asked for authority to file contempt charges against Edward P. Terry, former secretary of Senator Bilbo (D-Miss.).

The action is based on Terry's refusal to tell the committee what became of \$15,000 which he said a New Yorker gave him to use against Bilbo in the Mississippi election this year.

Committee counsel must obtain permission of President pro

tem McKellar (D-Tenn.) and then pass the contempt complaint along to the federal district attorney here for presentation to a grand jury.

Penalties for contempt of the senate range up to a year in jail and \$1000 fine.

Chairman Mead (D-N.Y.) directed George Meader, counsel for the committee, also to push a perjury charge against Terry.

The former secretary testified he got the \$15,000 from Simon Liberman of New York to back any opponent who could defeat Bilbo this year.

Unable to find such an opponent, Terry said, he then was told to give the funds to anyone who opposed Bilbo in the run-off primary. But Bilbo mustered a majority over his four opponents in the first primary and there was no run-off.

So, Terry said, he handed the cash back to Liberman.

Senator Ferguson declared this was impossible because Liberman died several months before Terry's bank accounts showed the money repaid. Terry said he was "confused" and declined to tell who received the funds.

A woman who identified herself as Mrs. Terry said he is ill in his apartment here, under doctor's orders to talk to no one, and has nothing more to say about the transaction.

"Santa" Offers Hospital Aid
Close on the heels of the Klamath Union high school students' \$500 gift to the "Pete" Munday family yesterday, a citizen Santa Claus called Klamath Valley hospital and asked to pay Munday's hospital bill as a Christmas present for the family.

In view of the fact that Munday is covered by medical insurance, the gift was not accepted and the anonymous voice said he planned to "do something else then." Munday is recovering from severe burns about the body received early this week when his Crosby street home was virtually destroyed and he rescued his wife and two young daughters from the flaming structure.

Indictment Aftermath Of Shooting

A secret indictment charging Delbert "Dink" Lane with threatening to kill a man, who later died of a gunshot wound, was disclosed by Lane's arraignment in circuit court at 10 o'clock this morning.

Specifically, Lane is accused in the indictment of "threatening to commit a felony" by stating that he would kill Delbert Manuel Chandler. Chandler subsequently was shot to death on Thanksgiving Day in what was termed a hunting accident. Legal action against Lane does not accuse him of killing Chandler but of making the threat in the presence of "Bud" Chidester, Lane's boss at Weyerhaeuser Camp 4.

Lane and his brother-in-law, Frank Lockwood, who accompanied him on the Thanksgiving Day hunt, have been in the county jail since the day after the shooting on minor charges, obviously intended to hold them pending further investigation into Chandler's death.

The investigations made by the sheriff's office and state police apparently failed to establish any evidence against Lane to justify a charge beyond that of a threat to commit a felony.

Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg appointed Harold Merzlyman as Lane's attorney, and bond was set at \$2000. At an early hour this afternoon, Lane had not posted bond and remained in the county jail.

The court set Saturday, December 28, at 10 a. m. as time for Lane to enter his plea.

Basis of the alleged threat made by Lane, according to state police, was a visit made by Lane's two daughters, aged 13 and 11, to a movie in Klamath.

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French Forces Lose Battle

PARIS, Dec. 21 (AP)—French troops suffered heavy casualties in advancing in two sectors of northern Indo-China today, and lost a small garrison at Vinh to Viet-Nam forces, the French general staff at Saigon announced today in a communique reported by the semi-official French press agency.

The general staff said French troops, braving continuous sniper fire from surrounding rooftops, had recaptured the Lanesan hospital at Hanoi, Viet-Nam capital.

At Tourane, the communique said, the French garrison was suddenly attacked yesterday morning by Viet-Nam forces. Severe losses were suffered by both sides, the announcement said, but the French maintained control of the Tourane airfield and proceeded to mop up the surrounding areas.

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Dies



EUGENE TALMADGE

Gov. Talmadge Dies At 62

ATLANTA, Dec. 21 (AP)—Eugene Talmadge, newly elected governor of Georgia, died today less than a month before his scheduled fourth inauguration.

The 62-year-old champion of white supremacy succumbed quietly at Piedmont hospital where he had lain in a coma since last night.

His death left in doubt the successor to the governorship from which youthful Ellis Arnall ousted him four years ago. Unofficial legal sources said, however, that Arnall, who was prevented from seeking a second term under a new state constitution, might remain in office at least until the next general election two years hence.

There is no precedent in the state, but the constitution provides the governor shall remain in office until his successor is qualified and elected. The legislature which meets in January formally elects the governor.

His death was announced simply by a physician who stepped from the governor-elect's office and announced: "He died at 7 o'clock."

Bethlehem To Greet Crowds

BETHELEHEM, Palestine, Dec. 21 (AP)—The mayor of Bethlehem, who looks almost exactly the way Santa Claus should look, says he expects the greatest throng in history to visit this birthplace of Jesus Christ on Christmas Eve.

Mayor Issa Bandak—short, round, ruddy and white-haired descendant of Arabs and medieval crusaders—said last night he expected nearly 30,000 persons in the city Tuesday night, including about 15,000 British soldiers and nearly as many more other persons from Jerusalem and other places in Palestine.

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Tremor May Be World's Most Violent

TOKYO, Dec. 21 (AP)—A violent earthquake and severe tidal waves damaged more than 50,000 square miles of southern Japan today.

Incomplete figures listed 500 dead, 612 injured and 43 missing; nearly 28,000 homes destroyed, damaged or flooded, and 500 fishing vessels lost. Only one allied casualty—a missing British soldier—was reported.

Seismologists said the quake possibly was the world's most violent. Six tidal waves, erupted by the temblor beneath the Pacific ocean floor, rushed over Wakayama peninsula and caused damage over a 370-mile wide area from Shimoda on the eastern Honshu coast to Kochi on Shikoku's southern coast. Some of the waves were 10 feet high.

Under Water
Authorities said the loss of life was not far greater because the quake epicenter was under water.

Tonight, thousands of Wakayamans fled into the hills, fearful of repercussions. Tanaba was deserted, its 2500 homeless refugees having sought safety in the hills.

Residents of some other Wakayama towns likewise fled, carrying their meager possessions.

Only fragmentary information was available from the two areas that appeared hardest hit—the southern coast of Shikoku and western Wakayama, both isolated.

United States army and Japanese sources released these fragmentary reports:

500 Japanese dead.
612 Japanese injured.
42 Japanese and one British occupation soldier missing.
4500 homes destroyed.
9044 homes heavily damaged.
14,000 dwellings flooded.

500 fishing vessels destroyed.
An early estimate that probably 1000 Japanese were killed—based on a report that 200 families at Kochi were "wiped out"—was disregarded later as army and Japanese sources compiled their reports of known casualties.

Town Wiped Out
Kushimoto, a fishing town of 10,000 on the southern tip of Wakayama peninsula—at the southeastern tip of Honshu—was reported washed away by seven-foot waves.

Fire destroyed one-third of Shingu, on the east coast of Honshu, and U. S. army fliers said flames still were visible there this afternoon.

The temblor was recorded at 4:20 a. m. (11:20 a. m., Friday, PST). Slight tremors followed about every half hour.

Damage extended from the northern coast of Kyushu through Shikoku and north to Shizuoka prefecture on Honshu. Kyodo news agency said the

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BT-13 Wreck Spotted

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 21 (AP) Wreckage of a plane believed to be a two-place BT-13 missing from the Troutdale airport since early yesterday was sighted today, the sheriff's office reported.

The wreckage was seen from the air and deputies were dispatched to the scene, only a mile and a half east of the airport.

Fate of the two men aboard was not immediately known.

The plane took off yesterday morning in darkness and was heard to head east. Missing with it were two Western Skyways' mechanics, Clarence J. Bauer, 27, and Willard Chase, 22, the latter a licensed pilot.

Klamath Receives Iron Lung From 20-30 Club



This iron lung, a device for combatting numerous types of paralysis and other diseases, was presented to the Klamath county public health department for use any time needed, by the 20-30 club. Presentation was made by Tom Patty to Dr. Martin Adams between games at the club's basketball jamboree at KUHS Friday night. Tom Milne, 20-30 president, is shown on the left, with Patty and Dr. Adams. Tommie Thompson, a member of the club, is shown at the right.