

Gas Blast Probe Slated

WILMINGTON, Calif., June 24 (AP)—Through still smoldering debris and noxious fumes workers searched grimly today for more bodies in the charred, twisted hulk of the blasted tanker Markey.

Four already have been recovered and nine men still are missing following Sunday's terrific explosion of nearly 5,000,000 gallons of fuel, which broke the vessel in two and caused heavy fire damage to nearby docks.

First estimates placed the overall damage at \$10,000,000.

The bodies of Harold C. Link, 19, oiler of Molokai, Ore., and William Nelson Walters, third assistant engineer, McMinnville, Ore., were the latest recovered.

Earlier the bodies of De Forest Wilson, 46, oiler, San Francisco, and Joseph Schwartz, 66, galleyman, San Francisco, were taken from the burning, oil-covered harbor waters.

Chief Engineer Jack Sims said all of the vessel's engineering force now has been accounted for except George Hodar, 32, Douglas, Ariz.

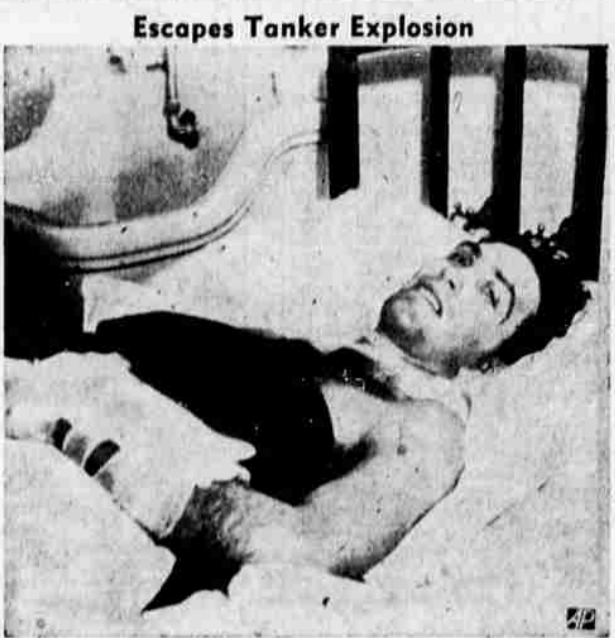
In Mid Section

He expressed belief that bodies of the nine missing men may be in the midship section, which buckled in the explosion and sank, leaving only the bow and stern exposed.

Coast guard officials meantime predicted a full scale inquiry into the blast, which rocked and lighted the harbor for miles, would be made soon by a "major disaster" board of the merchant marine.

After looking over the wreckage of the 1830-ton tanker, L. L. Lishman, port captain for Union Oil company, said "It is readily evident the explosion was touched off far inside the ship."

The tanker, engaged in coastwise service between here and Portland, Ore., was operated by the Keystone Shipping company of Philadelphia.



Clyde Hammer, 25, third assistant engineer on the tanker Markey, lies in a Wilmington, Calif., hospital after treatment for burns suffered while escaping the explosion which wrecked the ship in the Los Angeles harbor. Hammer, who slid down a rope to safety, survived the wartime explosion at Port Chicago, Calif., and said: "I think I've had enough of this."

Bridge To Be Substituted

SALEM, June 24 (AP)—The new \$140,000 400-ton bridge on the Pacific highway over the Pudding river at Aurora will be moved into place tomorrow, the state highway commission announced today.

The bridge, now on huge jacks, was built alongside the existing bridge. The present bridge will be moved out and the new one moved into its place. Operations will begin at 4 a. m. Wednesday, and will end late on the same day.

The route will be closed to all traffic, but a detour between Canby and Woodburn is available.

The highway commission also announced paving has started on the new Pacific highway route in the Jefferson-Albany district. The road will be completed in October, eliminating one of the worst sections on the whole highway.

No Walkout Slated By Pacific Miners

SEATTLE, June 24 (AP)—No walkout is planned by Washington state coal miners to protest passage of the new national labor law, Sam Nichols, district business agent for the United Mine Workers, said last night. All men, he said, are on their jobs.

Murder Charge Filed In Slaying

VANCOUVER, B. C., June 24 (AP)—A murder charge was filed last night against Elmer Edward Johnson, 25-year-old Burnaby, B. C., bakery employe in connection with the strangle-slaying of Mrs. Norma Burton, 27, early Sunday. Her body was found on the shores of Lost lagoon in Stanley park.

Coroner Picks Up Stepson's Body

TACOMA, Wash., June 24 (AP)—Undertaker William Gauthier responded yesterday to a deputy sheriff's call that he pick up the body of an unidentified boy killed by a truck.

The child was his stepson, Donald James Gauthier, 9. He had been struck by a lumber truck as he ran across the roadbed of the Puyallup bridge.

Indians To Protest Dams

PORTLAND, Ore., June 24 (AP)—Protests against proposed dam construction on the Columbia river will come from at least two Indian delegations at the Walla Walla public hearing on the dam construction program tomorrow.

The Wy-am tribe of the Columbia river Indians at Celilo falls said it would send Chief Tommy Thompson and four assistants. The federated tribes on the Warm Springs reservation said Charles Jackson and Joe McCormick would represent them.

Earlier Umatilla reservation tribes indicated they would send a delegation. All are expected to advance the argument dams would deprive them of fishing grounds.

Salem Council Against Phone Hike

SALEM, June 24 (AP)—The Salem city council announced last night it would protest proposed rate increases sought by the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company.

The council will appear at a hearing before Public Utilities Commissioner George H. Flag. The hearing opens here July 2.

The council gave city taxicab 60 days to abandon their parking facilities, ordering them to find off-street parking. The council also approved a \$1,951,984 budget for the next year.

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Priest Sees No War With Russia Soon

CHICO, Calif., June 24 (AP)—Conflict between the United States and Russia will not go beyond the name calling stage, believes Father Bernard Hubbard, "glacier priest" and world traveler.

Father Hubbard, resting here at the home of a brother after a seven-month world tour, said in a copy-righted interview with the Chico Record that he felt Russia had neither the "know-how" nor the physical facilities for waging war.

Atom Blast

The priest, head of the geology department of Santa Clara university, demonstrated the Soviet "lack of know-how" by declaring he learned a year ago the Russians had built an atomic energy plant and then had had it blow up on them, killing several scientists and devastating a wide area.

He said the plant was about 50 miles from Moscow, but would identify it no more definitely. He added, however, that "the source of my information is authoritative."

"One of the professors evidently forgot a decimal point and the Soviet atom factory and all those scientists blew up."

Another instance of Russian lack of "know-how" he said, was their leaving behind essential parts in stripping factories in Germany and Manchuria.

DC-6 Makes Test Run On Coast

SEATTLE, June 24 (AP)—A United Airlines DC-6 plane, averaging 330 miles an hour, made a test commercial flight from San Francisco to Seattle yesterday in two hours, 41 minutes, company officials said. The plane, soon to go into regular operation, was piloted by Capt. James Matthews.

Barracks To Be Sold At Vancouver

PORTLAND, Ore., June 24 (AP)—A sale of 194 Barracks, mess halls and other buildings at Vancouver Barracks was announced Monday by the war assets administration.

Each unit, with all permanent fixtures included, must be removed by the buyer. Bids will be opened July 21.

REACTION

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Mack To Be Sworn In Thursday

WASHINGTON, June 24 (AP)—Russell Mack, republican representative-elect from the third Washington district, said today he probably will be sworn in tomorrow or Thursday. He was elected to succeed the late Fred Norman, (R), who died here about two months ago.

Homer Jones was chosen today as chairman of the Washington state republican delegation in the house to succeed Norman.

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Standard To Ration Output

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During the period, the company said, the total supplies it can make available will approximately equal the total quantity delivered in the corresponding period last year.

"These supplies will be equitably distributed among its customers," the company said in a statement.

Standard said its gasoline sales recently have been about 15 per cent higher than last year and that agents and dealers would, in turn, have to limit deliveries to their customers.

Standard officials said the allocation plan was adopted only because the company could not meet all demands even after using all available pipeline capacity and running refineries at full capacity for many months.

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Truck Wreck Kills Shipment Of Sheep

REEDSPORT, June 24 (AP)—More than 75 sheep were killed and about 175 escaped and fled into the woods when a large truck and trailer overturned on highway 38, eight miles east of here yesterday.

The Smith brothers, Oakland, Ore., were moving the load of 350 sheep from the Lower Umpqua valley and Coos county when a wheel locked, tipping over the truck and trailer.

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