

Thousands Flee Camiguin As Sullen Hibok Hibok Continues To Spew Out Lava, Poison Smoke

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MAHINOG, Camiguin Island, Philippines, (AP)—Flaming Hibok Hibok volcano hid its toll of dead today under a smoking blanket of ash which rained for the third successful day on seven burned villages.

So far 269 bodies have been recovered. Official estimates say 500 more probably are buried in a six square mile area covered by lava and volcanic ash.

It may be a week before total casualties in Tuesday's eruption are known.

Poisonous fumes rising from mottled lava and red hot ash drove search crews from the stricken villages on the charred slopes of Hibok Hibok.

Two new blasts shook the volcano Wednesday feeding the sulphurous pool of smoke hanging like an umbrella over the mountain. They were the third and fourth eruptions.

Searchers who approached the buried villages said they saw scores of burned bodies in the hot blanket of ash. The victims had been struck down by the volcano's deadly rain as they fled.

(A correspondent of the Philippine news service on Camiguin island said he saw dogs fighting over burned bodies near one village.)

Ten thousand people crowded into this little seaside town of 3000

waiting for the governor to decide whether they could be evacuated to nearby Mindanao island.

(Philippines news service said 10,000 of the island's 45,000 people already had fled.)

Refugees crowded into Mahinog included almost the entire 7000 population of Mambajao, largest town on little Camiguin island.

A Mambajao grade school teacher, Sarah Remauldo, described their flight. She said terror drove them into Mindanao sea, where they stood for hours waiting for rescue.

Villagers had paid little attention to a landslide on the slopes of Hibok Hibok Monday. That was common.

But Tuesday morning, while Miss Remauldo was teaching her third and fourth grades, "there was a loud noise like an explosion."

"We could see a huge cloud of smoke shooting up from the crater with red flashes of flame streaking through it."

"The wind was blowing from the south and the smoke and a dark cloud of ash drifted our way. In only a minute or two a fine rain of ash began to fall."

"But we could tell that the worst part of the ash was falling only as close as about two kilometers from Mambajao."

That was a little over a mile away. So the townsfolk went to work helping those in the stricken area while lava boiled over the crater rim, and flaming ash burned trees on the mountain slopes.

At 7 o'clock that night the volcano erupted again, blasting open a new vent. The volcano, in the center of the 13-mile long island, blazed so brightly it lit up Mambajao on the north coast. Then came the terror.

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Security Unit Deadlocked

PARIS, (AP)—Hopelessly deadlocked between White Russia and American-backed Greece, the United Nations general assembly today temporarily postponed the election of an 11th member of the security council.

Earlier Chile and Pakistan were elected to fill two of the three vacancies, almost without opposition.

After eight inconclusive ballots failed to give either the Russian or American candidates the required two-thirds majority for the third seat, the assembly decided to wait before continuing its voting.

The delay was intended to give the opposing factions time to try to line up support which could give victory to one or the other in the later balloting.

Eighteen seriously burned villagers were brought here. They are being cared for in an emergency hospital set up by the Red Cross.

Refugees overflowed the school and homes. Half of the houses are built on stilts over the water. Thousands of refugees camped out.

Coconuts are the lure which keep bringing Filipinos back to Camiguin island despite the eruptions of turbulent Hibok Hibok. Since 1948 there have been two major and several minor blowoffs.

Coconut is the sole means of livelihood for many Filipinos. Many residents said they would like to leave for the safety of Mindanao island. But Governor Ysalina said they were in no immediate danger.

Traffic on U.S. highway 101 was tied up nearly an hour by the collision.

Ship Cooks Win Pay Up

SAN FRANCISCO, (AP)—The Marine Cooks and Stewards union won a 6.2 percent wage boost from the Pacific Maritime Assn. yesterday, thus averting a tieup of 14 ships owned by PMA firms.

Union members resumed signing on all ships, a union spokesman said. The shipowners agreed to pay the increase over January, 1950, base pay to all steward de-

partment personnel regardless of union affiliation.

The dispute had affected nine ships here, two in Seattle and three in eastern ports.

The Matson freighter Hawaiian Refiner was delayed from noon until 4:30 p.m. yesterday because of the dispute.

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The two injured girls were identified as Fay Rasch and Margaret Freeman.

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Quakes Rock Formosa

TAIPEH, Formosa, (AP)—Twenty earthquakes terrified residents of southeastern Formosa yesterday and snapped bridges like match sticks, reports reaching Taipei today said.

Stretches of railroad track near Taitung were twisted out of shape.

Heavy property damage was reported. But few people were hurt. A long series of recent quakes had forewarned them. The shocks centered on Taitung.

Three of Wednesday's quakes were strong. Reports said Taitung's biggest building shook like jelly. It is a branch of the bank of Taiwan (Formosa). People fled, screaming in horror.

"The earth quivered so violently," a Chinese newsman reported, "that people could hardly keep on their feet."

The first big shock occurred in the morning. The two heaviest came in the afternoon in quick succession—at 2:58 and 3:08.

The 2:58 shock was classed as grade six, the strongest type of earthquake on the scale used by Formosa seismologists.

Japs Ask Visit Of Mrs. Sanger

TOKYO, (AP)—Japan's birth control league today launched a campaign to bring Mrs. Margaret Sanger here "to exchange views on the present and future aspects of the birth control problem."

Three years ago Mrs. Sanger, America's leading exponent of planned families, was denied permission to enter Japan by the Allied high command.

About 2000 persons, mostly men, today heard Dr. Kan Mijima declare "Mrs. Sanger's presence in our country at this time when birth control is beginning to arouse national interest would do much to solidify the program, to give it prestige and urgency."

TV RULING
COLUMBUS, O. (AP)—Here's a break for the kiddies: In divorce cases involving children, the television set goes to the parent who gets custody of the children. That's the way Domestic Relations Judge Clayton W. Rose says he's going to run his court here.

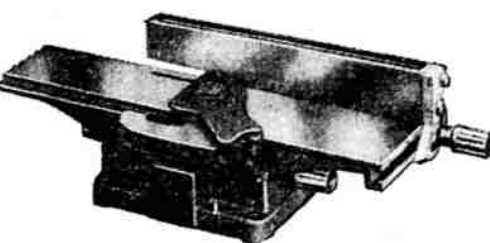
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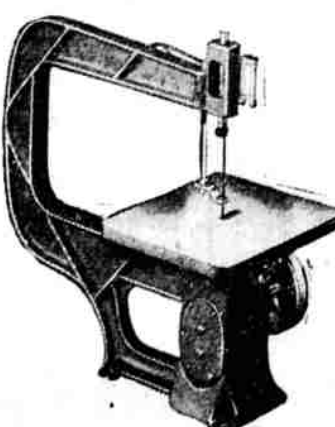
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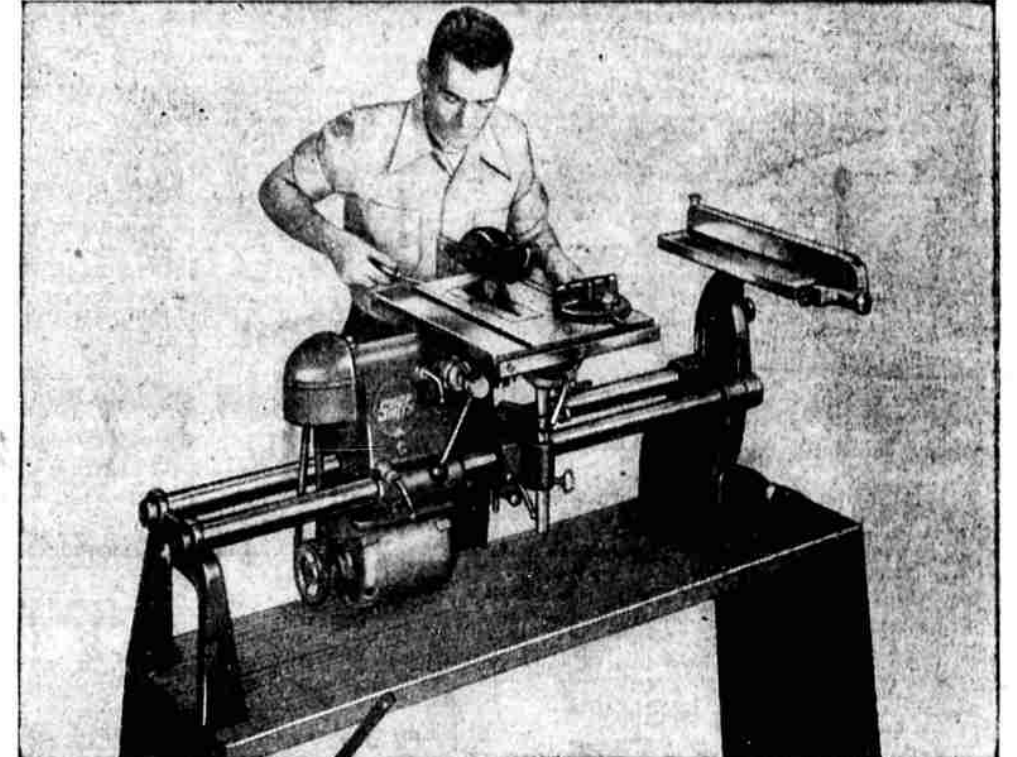
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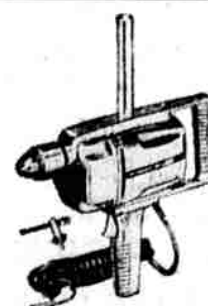


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