

# TIDAL WAVES SMACKS JAPAN

## Earthquake Cold Add To Misery; 31 Reported Dead

**TOKYO (AP)** — A powerful earthquake and tidal waves 12 feet high killed an estimated 31 Japanese in Northern Japan Tuesday and left thousands homeless.

Driving snowstorms and bitter near-zero cold hit the area Tuesday night.

The quake, centered deep under the Pacific Ocean off Hokkaido island, was one of the greatest shocks ever recorded on the world's seismographs.

It stirred up tidal waves that battered coast towns, crumpled flimsy fishing villages and tossed small boats.

The rumbling shocks knocked down buildings, started landslides, and caused a fire in a town of 2,500 homes were destroyed.

Japanese police said five trains were derailed, and one turned over. Three bridges fell.

Three schools and eight buildings were wrecked, police said.

The U.S. Army reported 31 Japanese dead. The Army figure was higher than police or newspaper estimates, but a military spokesman said it was essentially accurate.

One snow-swept community called for an air drop of 1,000 blankets Wednesday. But a U.S. Army spokesman said "the relief situation seems to be under control."

U.S. all-weather F-84 jets flew through snowstorms for a aerial survey of the quake area but reported "we saw no signs of damage."

Li. Col. A. H. Bridge made the report after a flight over Kushiro, a port city on the southeast coast of Hokkaido and center of the damaged area.

Its harbor facilities were reported badly damaged, but Bridge said the airman saw no sign of it.

Most of the dead were in and near the town, on Japan's most northerly island. Tidal waves quake touched off 11 fires.

Nine people were buried alive by a landslide.

The U.S. First Cavalry Division is stationed on Hokkaido and the U.S. 24th division is in Northern Honshu.

They reported no Americans injured. Under orders of Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway, the division turned their facilities to aid the stricken and thousands of homeless.

The quake struck at 10:24 a.m. (5:24 p.m. Monday EST).

Sismologists at American universities reported it was one of the most severe in the world in half a century.

Columbia University said it was the worst since Aug. 15, 1950, when a quake shook Assam, India. That was the biggest in 50 years. The Japanese quake was about the same intensity.

In Massachusetts, Weston college reported it felt the strongest earthquake in a decade. University of California scientists called it "tremendous."

American seismologists said the shock was centered 60 miles below the floor of the Pacific ocean.

Tokyo meteorologists located the center at 43 miles east of Cape Erimo on South Central Hokkaido.

Some points were hit by as many as eight tidal waves. At other points the sea rose as much as five feet.

At Hachinohe, on the northeast coast of Honshu, five tidal waves swept inland. Each was larger than the last. The waves, nearly four hours after the quake, "did sea receded greatly" Tokyo meteorologists said.

Nineteen years ago Monday another big earthquake and tidal waves hit the area. It killed 802 people in Northern Japan.

Telephone lines were snapped by destruction caused by Tuesday's tremor.

General Ridgway's headquarters lifted a ban on aerial photographs of Japan to permit birdseye pictures of the quake area.



9 O'clock Special  
AT WORK THIS MORNING at the California Pacific Utilities Company office were Janice Ellis, 223 No 6th, and La-Vern Harper, 639 Washington.

## Klamath Youths Have Say Over Air As To How They Can Improve Environment

**By MAC EFFEY Jr.**

A representation of Klamath Basin youth last night put their elders on the spot on the "Build the Basin" panel, calling on parents to bring up youngsters as better citizens. Some adults chimed in, too.

The topic under discussion was "How Can Youth Best Contribute Toward Building the Basin?" and per usual a flood of phone calls from KFLW listeners covered the subject matter fairly well.

Four panel members were from the younger set—the oldest was 21 years old. The other three were adults, two of them parents.

Sylvia Hillis, KUHS 17-year-old, asserted today's youth is no different from any other generation.

"If we do not recognize our responsibilities," she said, "it is partly, if not wholly, the fault of the generation before us."

OTT Student body Pres. Lyle Read, a 21-year-old whose home is in Corvallis suggested a practical application for building the basin. He pointed to young people which have undergone training at OTT and many of whom today are active, participating citizens. By gaining education, he said, and then building business, youth can become better citizenry and members of the community.

Petite and pretty Sally Thomas, a 17-year-old Tulelake high student, figured the community has about done enough for youth.

"It's time the youth of the basin took more responsibility," she said. "We've been given the ideas and it's up to us to develop them."

Marvin Nersech, another KUHS 17-year-old senior, delved into psychological development when he declared, "No delinquent is born, he is a product of environment," and tossed the problem back at parents.

Francis Skimmer, one of the three adults, followed suit. A 4-H club agent here as well as a parent, he noted that home training is important in building character.

"A suppressed child at home," he said, "might be one who expresses himself in actions when he is older and away from home."

Mrs. Ellen Clark, a parent of a KUHS freshman, said respect for law was one of the first things a child must learn.

"That starts right at home," she said.

Don Sutcliffe, neither a parent nor attached to any youth activity, called for more integration between the community and the schools as a possible means of better developing education. He hit at the pessimism visited on each succeeding generation, noting that so far none has been discernibly worse than any other in history.

A listener's question asking whether or not students could handle judicial matters such as traffic violations in student courts—and thus enhance student government—caused some division among the panel members.

Lyle Read noted OTT's student court where he said "embarrassment works very well as a punishment measure," though Sylvia Hillis and Sally Thomas both claim young people won't cooperate.

Divided opinion among the younger members was also on the question of having a student representative on the school board. Read said the students oftentimes would carry problems to other students, not to school officials.

Young Nersech, however, said that at KUHS a lack of student solidarity in things other than sports would nullify such a school board representation.

Miss Hillis also noted a lack of attitude, but felt it would not affect student government.

Miss Thomas, however, blamed students, not their student governments. And she felt that more than one representative on a school board would be needed for successful operation of that idea.

A consensus of the panel's opinion showed there was a general feeling that graft existed in local government.

Nersech said that it was a well known fact that horse parlors existed not too long ago in local taverns—illegally—as well as other illegal institutions.

"Someone must have been making some money someplace," he said.

Next Monday's panel will cover a problem region wide in its immediate importance, and important to all the West in its potentialities—the utilization of water.

## Tidelands Oil Bill Talked

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The Senate took up Tuesday the controversial problem of whether the states or the federal government should control the oil-rich lands off the nation's coast lines.

The Supreme Court has ruled three times that the federal government, not the states, has paramount rights to the lands beneath the marginal seas and the minerals they contain.

But the states, particularly California, Louisiana and Texas, have refused to give up their fight.

Pending before the Senate is a resolution, supported by the administration, providing for federal administration of mineral leases in the off-shore area.

The proposal — introduced by Sens. O'Mahoney (D-Wyo.) and Anderson (D-N.M.) — would validate oil leases issued in good faith by the states before the Supreme Court decisions and authorize the secretary of the interior, with state consent, to issue new leases.

The central states would get 87 per cent of the revenues from mineral leases any royalties. The remainder would go to the federal treasury.

## Snow Swirls Over Kansas

**By The Associated Press**

Kansas and Western Missouri began shaking off the effects of a late-winter storm Tuesday that dumped more than a half foot of snow in many sections, snarled transportation and closed schools.

At least six deaths, five of them in the Kansas City area, were attributed to the storm.

The midwest region braced for new rigors Tuesday night. The Weather Bureau issued a special warning that a cold wave would strike Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, Southern and Eastern Wisconsin Tuesday night.

Temperatures were forecast to drop to 5 to 10 below zero in Wisconsin, zero to five below in Missouri; five to 18 above in Indiana; and from near zero to 20 above in Illinois.

**KASHU MEET**

Election of officers is scheduled for Klamath Air Search and Rescue Unit meeting at the Pilot's Club, tomorrow, 8 p.m.

KASHU Pres. Vic Douglas said several important business items were on the agenda.

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## Gen. Charles de Gaulle Newest Hope For France

**PARIS (AP)** — The lanky figure of Gen. Charles de Gaulle cast a lengthening shadow over French politics Tuesday as independent Antoine Pinay tried to patch a new Cabinet of experts from the ill-fitting jigsaw pieces of France's non-Communist parties.

Few observers gave Pinay — transport minister in the lame duck government of Edgar Faure — any better chance of success than his predecessors.

The crises was in its fifth day. It began because the Assembly voted 1,400 billion franc (about four billion dollars) for arms — including expanded defense of Western Europe — then refused a 15 per cent tax boost to help pay the bill.

Some French deputies already were talking about asking the United States for still more aid to pay France's defense bill.

But in Washington, Chairman Connally (D-Tex.) of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, angrily thundered that unless France does "her utmost in her own defense, she cannot justify large appropriations from the United States for both economic and military aid."

Such plain talk from the Senate's most potent voice on foreign affairs indicated that the French failure to find the funds for her part of North Atlantic defense was building up fresh trouble for President Truman's request for \$7,900,000 for foreign aid.

The longer the crisis dragged on — with the bleeding of the nearly empty treasury unstopped by new taxes — the better De Gaulle's chances seemed of getting into power.

His party, the RPF (Rally of the French People), which has the largest membership in Parliament, vigorously opposed the Schuman Plan for pooling Western Europe's coal and steel industries.

It also opposes the one-uniform European Army, proposed by France as a method of bringing Germany into European defense without risking another German conquest of France.

## Teen-Agers Draw Wrath Of Court -- And Five Year Term

Two 19-year-old youths, Sheldon Abercrombie and Kenneth R. Lowry were each sentenced to five years in Oregon State Prison this morning by Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg.

Judge Vandenberg said it was the maximum sentence he could give on the charge against them, entering a motor vehicle with intent to steal.

Along with another youth, Abercrombie and Lowry were placed on two year's probation Dec. 28, 1951 on pleading guilty to the charge.

Probation of the pair was revoked last week in Court on charge they were drinking, associating together and Abercrombie had forced his 16-year-old wife to have intercourse with Lowry.

Dist. Atty. D. E. Van Vactor said if his office had been able to prove rape against the pair he would have filed the charge.

Judge Vandenberg said if the youths had been before him on a rape charge they would each have gotten 20 years.

Also given five years prison time was Louis J. Estes, 42-year-old barber on charge of obtaining money by false pretenses.

He admitted last week in court cashing a \$100 bad check at Hardy's Men's Store, early in February.

Estes was released from prison last August after serving time from Klamath County on a similar charge.

## Attlee Wins Defense Stand

**LONDON (AP)** — Clement R. Attlee beat off decisively Tuesday an all-out attack by Labor Party left wingers against his leadership on the issue of Britain's national defense policy.

Attlee's victory, at a closed session of the 295 Laborites in the House of Commons, was reliably reported to have been by a voting margin of around three to one.

It was the first time the long standing leadership challenge of Aneurin Bevan and his leftist forces had come to a showdown vote at a meeting of party members who hold seats in Commons.

Attlee has already decided to move in Commons tomorrow that Winston Churchill's Conservative government is "not capable of carrying out adequately" the British defense program.

This program, originally calling for a three-year, 4,700,000,000 pound (\$1,150,000,000) arms outlay, was drawn up by Attlee's own Labor government before its defeat in the national election last October.

It was reported Bevan demanded Tuesday the motion go far beyond the wording proposed by the party leadership.

He wanted it to assert that the present scale of rearmament is too large and should be cut in order to avoid economy clashes in the nation's welfare services such as the costly free health scheme.

## Bloodmobile Visit Slated

This month's Red Cross Bloodmobile visit is scheduled for Monday, Tuesday, noon until 4 p. m.

It is to be a joint enterprise encompassing the entire Tulelake, Merrill and Malin area. A goal of 224 donors has been set.

The Tulelake Red Cross chapter is to have charge of the canteen, furnishing coffee and doughnuts to each donor.

Three persons have been designated to accept donor applications. They are: Tulelake, Ross Ragland; Merrill, Mrs. Clifford Shuck; and Malin, Jack Storey.

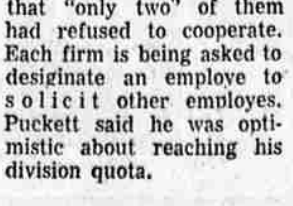
## French Hit At Vietnam

**SAIGON, Indochina (AP)** — French bombers and heavy artillery pounded the Communist-led Vietnam in a new drive to wipe out enemy infiltrators in the Red River Delta.

The French high command said the operation was progressing favorably against one Vietminh division.

South of Hanoi French mobile units continued to pursue fleeing Vietminh units.

The French appeared to be gradually widening the scope of their big sweeps in an effort to make the Delta secure for the bulk of the French and Vietnamese forces now centered there after the withdrawal from Hao Bip on the Black River.



O. K. PUCKETT (above) is chairman of the Industrial Division of the Klamath Red Cross membership-funds drive now under way. Puckett's division, one of six, has a quota of \$4,500. The overall county quota is \$25,000. L. N. Jones is assisting Puckett in securing donations. Puckett said today 70 firms had been approached and that "only two" of them had refused to cooperate. Each firm is being asked to designate an employee to solicit other employees. Puckett said he was optimistic about reaching his division quota.

## Baby Dies In Wocus

A tiny baby girl strangled on its milk and died this morning at Wocus.

The baby was Bettina Lou, 2 months and 18 days old, daughter of Mrs. Barbara Rusaw.

Klamath Falls firemen were called to the residence at 3:45 a.m. and worked over the child for about 45 minutes with a resuscitator, but could not revive her.

A physician called pronounced the child dead.

The body of Bettina Lou was taken to Hart's Memorial Chapel, where funeral arrangements will be made.

## They'll Go To War, Even, To Get The Taxes

**CHICAGO (AP)** — John T. Jarecki, collector of internal revenue in Chicago, disclosed a letter he received from a Marine in Chandro, North Korea Monday.

The Marine, unidentified, had received a notice that he owed \$30.30 on his 1950 tax.

"Dear Johnnie," the Marine wrote, "Your questionnaire was forwarded to me by my mother and I hope the enclosed contribution will tide the government over in these dire times. I can certainly assure you that you will receive the \$30.30 from me when I return to civilian life.

"In the meantime, chin up, old bean, buy another war bond, give another pint of blood, and keep hoping that I don't meet one with my number on it. If so, I imagine you will find some way to get it out of my accrued leave pay or my \$10,000 insurance. I have all the confidence in the world in you when it comes to collecting money. Till next summer then, good luck and don't take any wooden nickels."

With the letter was a bank note — 100 Korean Won. Jarecki said it was worth about 1-3 of a cent.

## Escapes

**SALEM (AP)** — A state prison trustee walked away early Tuesday from his cow-milking job.

He is Walter Cullen, 32, who entered the prison Jan. 17, 1948, to serve five years for obtaining money under false pretenses.

Warden Virgil O'Malley said Cullen was last seen at 4:30 a.m.

## Weather

**FORECAST:** Klamath Falls and vicinity snow flurries Tuesday night, Wednesday 38, low tonight 24. Northern California, partly cloudy with snow flurries, little temperature change.

High Monday ..... 37  
Low last night ..... 15  
Precip Monday ..... .06  
Precip since Oct. 1 ..... 12.33  
Normal for period ..... 8.29  
Period last year ..... 12.04

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MRS. VERNON MOE (above), Vacaville, Calif., has been several days participating in the search for the Air Force C-47 which disappeared in this area Dec. 26, carrying Mrs. Moe's husband and seven other service men. Mrs. Moe has made several search flights as an observer and while the weather has temporarily halted aerial searching, she is busy checking records and reports for additional clues to the plane's whereabouts. She plans to remain here several more days and hopes to do more search flying. Captain Moe was copilot on the lost plane.

## Bus Schedule Change Told

A schedule change effective Wednesday on Pacific Trailway buses being announced by John Sayre, local manager.

The bus usually leaving here at 7:45 a.m. will leave at 9:15 a.m. arriving in Portland at 6:15 p.m. for connections to Eastern Washington points. The schedule still permits connection at Bend for Boise, Salt Lake and points East and the Dalles with Northwest Greyhound lines for Northwest points.

The 4 p.m. bus leaving here reaches Portland at 12:30 a.m. in time for direct connections to Tacoma and Seattle.

## Mrs. Pomeroy Dies In Medford

**FORT KLAMATH**—Word was received here today of the death in Medford of Mrs. Edna Pomeroy, 63, a pioneer resident of this community.

A native of Myrtle Point, Mrs. Pomeroy came to Fort Klamath in 1907 where she operated a drugstore for several years.

She had been ill for several years and died at Community Hospital in Medford.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Joanne Nelson and Mrs. Burel Griffin, both of Medford.

## UMT Backers Win First Round

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Backers of Universal Military Training won the first test vote in the House Tuesday.

A standing vote of 196 to 187 beat down an opposition motion to strike out the bill's enacting clause—a maneuver preliminary to trying to send it back to the Armed Services Committee.

A later move to send it back to committee is expected, bringing a new test.

## 100 Killed In SA Rail Wreck

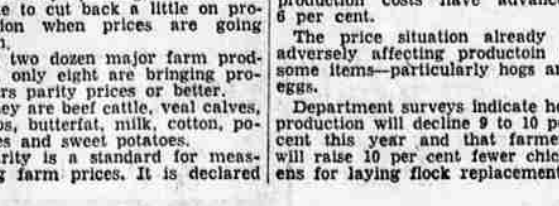
**RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP)** — More than 100 persons were killed in a train collision near here Tuesday. About 200 suffered injuries. The wreck was the worst in Brazil's history.

A train crowded with commuters coming into Rio De Janeiro crashed into a stalled passenger train near the suburb of Anchieta, about 19 miles southwest of the capital.

Bodies were strewn about the wreckage and some were seen floating in the nearby Pavuna River.

"It looked like a battlefield," a survivor, a former soldier, said.

Two cars on the passenger train were derailed at Anchieta. The commuter train which hit it was en route from another suburb and travelling at a high speed.



MRS. VICTORIA THALER —Tulelake city clerk and police judge, has filed for the office of judge of the newly created Tulelake Township Judicial District. Six such districts, providing a district judge for each town, have been established by state legislation. The change eliminates offices of Justice of the Peace and City Judge, consolidating both under the one office of District Judge. The office carries a six year term.

## Lattimore Denies Red Friendships

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Owen Lattimore testified Tuesday that when his wife Eleanor wrote that he didn't know any Russians in this country, she clearly was speaking of the year 1950.

His statement was made before the Senate Internal Security subcommittee, in its continuing search for possible Communist influences on U.S. foreign policy.

It has developed evidence that Lattimore, a one time State Department consultant, had met the Soviet ambassador three times, had lunched at the Soviet consulate in San Francisco and had talked with a Russian news writer.

These events, the testimony showed, occurred over a period ranging from 1936 to early 1944.

Sen. Ferguson (R-Mich.) asked Lattimore if his book, "Ordeal by Slander," had not said that he didn't know any Russians in this country, or any Communists.

Lattimore, a Johns Hopkins University professor and Far Eastern affairs specialist, said this part of his book, written by his wife, shows "she was writing in 1950 that, as of 1950, I didn't know any Russians in this country."

"Why do you limit it to 1950?" Ferguson asked.

Lattimore replied that the book was written in 1950 and "the context clearly shows" that his wife was writing in reference to the charge of that year by Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.) that Lattimore was Russia's top spy in this country.

A Senate Foreign Relations subcommittee investigated McCarthy's charges against Lattimore and others, and the Democratic majority called them "a fraud and a hoax." McCarthy retorted: "white-wash."

Lattimore denounced McCarthy's charges as "pure moonshine" and in the present investigation he has sworn under oath that he never was a Communist, a Communist sympathizer, or a Soviet agent.

## Hoof, Mouth Tale Doubted

**OTTAWA (AP)** — A government official has expressed doubt that Willi Brumfiert, 27 year old German immigrant, is the carrier of the dread hoof-and-mouth disease which broke out in South Saskatchewan.

Immigration Minister Harris gave that opinion Monday when he announced the government has decided to halt immigration of farm workers from areas in countries where the disease is known to exist.

The ban is seen here as purely a precautionary measure.

Brumfiert was discovered in Vancouver, B. C., last week. He now is in Hull, Que., undergoing tests by government scientists.

Agriculture Minister Gardiner suggested it was more logical to suspect that the disease came from Mexico than from an immigrant.

## February Is Wet Month In Basin

Klamath Falls had a total precipitation of 2.08 inches of rain and snow water content in February, considerably above the 1.48 inches considered normal for the month.

The measurement was taken at the U.S. Weather Bureau station on Eighth Street.

The mean monthly temperature was 32.4 degrees, the high was 51 recorded Feb. 10 and again Feb. 11, and the low was 10 degrees, recorded Feb. 21.

Skies were cloudy or partly cloudy 17 days out of the 29.