

EUROPE SWEEP BY COLD WAVE

Early Morning Earthquake Rattles Southern California

EL CENTRO, Calif. (UP) — A jolting pre-breakfast earthquake followed by aftershocks rocked a 240-mile portion of Southern California today with light damage.

The heavy tremor, apparently surging up from Mexico, set buildings swaying in San Diego, cracked windows there and shattered them in Calexico, a border town near El Centro and started a short circuit fire here.

There were no reports of casualties.

The quake was the second in three months to shake Imperial Valley and it came after local tremors that shook Los Angeles Monday night.

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Seismographs recorded the first shock, a heavy one, at 6:33 a.m. PST. Aftershocks followed at 7:03 a.m. and 7:24 a.m.

Dr. Charles Richter, seismologist of the California Institute of Technology at Pasadena, said the epicenter was "well into Mexico."

With a 6.8 intensity rating on a scale of 10, it could have caused serious damage to any populated center above its epicenter. The 1906 San Francisco quake had an intensity of 8.5 and the "killer" quake that hit Long Beach with major damage in 1933 was rated at 6.5.

Patrol Plane Crew Hunted

HALIFAX, N.S. (UP) — An armada of planes searched today for survivors of a downed U.S. Air Force B-26 bomber believed to be tossed helplessly in a rubber ducky in the storm-lashed Atlantic Ocean.

An Air Force spokesman said the search area was being slashed by heavy rains today. Rough seas are hampering the search.

The Air Force said the only hope for the survivors would be if they had lashed themselves to the ducky and could survive the tempest.

A spokesman for the USAF Sixth Air Rescue Unit at Fort Peppers, Nfld., said the pilot ditched his twin-engine bomber carrying three men late Wednesday when heavy ice formed on its wings.

The plane, one of two flying from Keflavik, Iceland, to Goose Bay, Labrador, was last heard from about 5:30 p.m. EST. At that time the crew of the second B-26 heard the pilot radio that he could not carry on. The second plane was heavily coated with ice but completed its overwater flight.

Crank Letter Sender Sought

OAKLAND (UP) — FBI agents and postal authorities today sought the origin of a crudely scrawled letter threatening Superior Judge Charles Wade Snook with death if he sentences convicted kidnaper Burton W. Abbott to the gas chamber tomorrow.

Despite a crank asking to the letter, authorities were taking all precautions. Many years ago the home of another Alameda County judge, Frank Ogden Sr., was shattered by a bomb placed after similar threats.

Yesterday's letter was written in green ink and postmarked in San Francisco. It had better give Burton Abbott more time than one week as you and the 12 jurors are standing or sitting close to a bomb. In fact if Burton Abbott is sent to death row at San Quentin and 12 jury men will not be here to convict another not guilty man.

"Why in hell don't you get the guilty one and you damn liar you know that Burton is not guilty... you and the 12 jury men should burn to death. That's for damn sure."

Spy Charges Made By Reds

TOKYO (UP) — Peiping radio accused the United States today of conducting subversive activities throughout Asia, Africa, South and Central America, "including even the allies of the United States itself."

The Red Chinese broadcast heard in Tokyo said "the United States organized coups d'etat and carried out subversive activities in Iran, Guatemala, Paraguay, Brazil, Costa Rica, Argentina, Indonesia, Burma, China and Korea."

Quoting the official Chinese Communist party newspaper People's Daily, the broadcast included another demand for "an immediate end to United States provocations with military balloons over Chinese territory."

The United States responded last night to a Soviet protest against the Air Force's weather observation balloons by halting their launchings from West Germany and Turkey pending a study of whether they have been flying over Russia.

However, all nine of the weather balloons which the Air Force has sent up from Japan have been carried eastward toward North America and away from China.

Washington Hit By Quakes

SEATTLE (UP) — Two light earthquakes shook parts of Snohomish and Skagit counties late Wednesday but caused no serious damage.

University of Washington seismographs recorded the first tremor at 4:57 p.m., and the second at 5:29 p.m.

Prof. Frank Neumann, university seismologist, said the first centered approximately 60 miles north-east of here in mountainous Skagit County area.

Harry Damon, publisher of The Twin City News at Stanwood between Anacortes and Everett, said the quake was felt strongly there. He called it the sharpest shock in several years. There was no damage, however.

The second quake apparently centered at Anacortes. Residents said it was "weak."

The tremors were the latest in a series in the areas in recent years. Neumann said they indicate a possible rupture in a northeast-southwest direction from Lake Stevens in southern Snohomish County.

LaCoste Gets Algeria Post

ALGIERS, Algeria (UP) — Premier Guy Mollet today named Robert LaCoste, his Socialist minister of economics, to take over the post of resident minister and try to restore peace to turbulent Algeria.

The Premier originally had indicated he would name Max Lejeune, the Algerian secretary of state for war, to the post, but growing opposition to the selection apparently caused him to change his mind.

Lejeune led the 2000-strong security forces which flew from Paris to protect Mollet during his brief visit to Algiers. The security forces themselves became the targets of attacks in rioting which swept Algiers Monday.

Mollet said LaCoste accepted the appointment immediately. A day would fly to Algiers tomorrow when Mollet will swear him in. LaCoste already had met in Paris with President Rene Coty and Minister of State Pierre Mendes-France.

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Probers Seek Offer Source

WASHINGTON (UP) — Sen. George (D-Ga.) said today a special inquiry committee he heads will try to find out the source of a \$2,500 campaign contribution offered to Sen. Francis Case (R-SD).

The committee opens hearings tomorrow, under instructions from the Senate to investigate "the circumstances involving an alleged improper attempt through political contributions to influence the vote" of Case on the natural gas bill passed Monday.

The inquiry centers around the \$2,500 in \$100 bills given to a friend of Case's by John M. Neff, an attorney from Lexington, N.C. Case has said he thinks the donation was intended to influence him to vote for the gas bill. He directed that the money be returned, and voted against the bill.

Neff has acknowledged an interest in passage of the gas bill, but insisted there were "no strings attached" to the campaign donation. He has declined to name the source of the \$2,500, saying a confidential relationship with a client is involved.

"Where the money came from will be a matter of pertinent interest," George said in an interview.

George said Neff's attorney Ivan D. Evans of Broken Bow, Neb., will be permitted to cross-examine other witnesses if he chooses.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity: Fair through Friday. Highs Friday 35-40; lows Thursday night 5-15.

High yesterday 34
Low last night 12
Precip. last 24 hours 0
Precip. since Oct. 1 15.33
Same period last year 4.97
Normal for period 7.36

Commissioner Gowen, who farmed near Bonanza for 18 years and formerly was in the mercantile business, is a native of Klamath Falls. He is a veteran of World War I.

"If reelected," he said, "I shall continue to devote my full time to giving the people of Klamath County a progressive, honest and efficient administration. I have made a conscientious effort to see that the county received full value for every dollar expended."

"I shall also continue," Gowen concluded, "to do everything in my power to promote the welfare and further the interests of Klamath County."

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TWO 'EARLY BIRDS' at the courthouse to file for reelection were County Assessor A. R. Dickson (center) and County Clerk Charles DeLap. Shown getting the two candidates on the dotted line is Deputy County Clerk Edith Washburn. Both office seekers filed on the Republican ticket.

Police Radar Use Approved

OLYMPIA, Wash. (UP) — In a split decision, the Washington State Supreme Court Thursday upheld the use of radar to catch speeding motorists.

The high court declined to rule on two other issues raised in the case. One involved a challenge to the law establishing the State Patrol. The other questioned the legality of an arrest by a patrolman for an offense that was not committed in his presence.

The decision resulted from an action brought by Theodore M. Ryan of Spokane after his arrest for speeding Dec. 15, 1935.

The majority opinion, written by Chief Justice Frederick G. Hamley, was signed by five other justices—Joseph A. Mallory, Matthew W. Hill, Robert C. Finley, Frank P. Weaver and Richard B. Ott.

In a separate opinion Judge Charles T. Donworth concurred in affirming Ryan's conviction, but said it should have been on the basis of the arresting patrol officer's testimony rather than the speed as shown on the radar device.

A dissenting opinion written by Judge Hugh J. Rosellini and concurred in by Judge E. W. Schwelmbach said Ryan's conviction should have been reversed.

They said "the lack of training of the operator of the electronic speedometer creates a doubt as to whether he could properly interpret what the meter reflected."

Ryan had contended use of the radar device violated a state law prohibiting speed traps.

The majority opinion analyzed the operation of the electronic speedometer and concluded that "the use of such device does not constitute a 'speed trap' within the meaning of the statute."

Ike Clarifies Warren Stand

WASHINGTON (UP) — President Eisenhower has clarified his attitude toward Chief Justice Earl Warren as a possible presidential candidate.

If Mr. Warren wants to run, as he has said repeatedly he does not, then he will "have no opposition" from Mr. Eisenhower, who thinks the world of him.

But neither does Mr. Eisenhower plan to make any sort of personal plea to the Chief Justice to change his mind about his declared unavailability for the Republican nomination.

The President's attitude was spelled out at his news conference yesterday.

Other political news: 1. AFL-CIO President George Meany said his 16 million member labor organization plans to use a record "political action" year chest in the presidential campaign this year. Meany said: "We've got to be a part of this nation's politics not only to carry out our ideals but to defend our very existence."

2. Republicans have begun a series of 250 Lincoln Day dinners across the nation. The dinners, started last night at Washington, will be held during the next three weeks.

3. Democratic National Chairman Paul M. Butler urged the Republicans to join in presenting radio-TV debates between the 1936 presidential candidates. Republican National Chairman Leonard W. Hall turned down immediate action on the proposal.

SKATING TONIGHT
There will be ice skating at the rink at Moore Park tonight from 7 to 10 p.m., says Recreation Director Bob Bonney.

Italy In Grim Fight To Rescue Villagers

LONDON (UP) — A bitter new Siberian cold wave swept over Europe Thursday, raising the 10-day weather death toll to more than 200.

Icy east winds spread snow and peril over Greece and Turkey. Italy ordered police and troops into a grim fight to save scores of snowbound villages.

Central Sweden reported its lowest temperature of the 20th century—33 below at Falun. Stockholm's St. Stephen's church gave sanctuary to 160 homeless.

Britain and France, only just thawed out from last week's freeze-up, braced for new intense cold.

Turkey counted 12 dead in the worst blizzards since 1933. Army trucks battled to reach isolated towns and villages in the Thrace region, where food was running short.

Greece had at least 14 dead. Greek and American planes roared through the mountains dropping food to desperate villagers. The government pondered whether to postpone the Feb. 19 general elections.

WOLVES ROAM
Wolves roamed the outskirts of snowbound Italian farms. Hunger had forced them out of the mountains. Already 35 Italians were known dead. More were feared freezing to death in isolated hamlets and on snowed-out roads.

Planes swept over southern Italian mountains looking for a passenger train lost for two days. The whole Italian Peninsula, most of it normally sunny even in winter, shivered in temperatures well below freezing. Even colder weather was forecast.

Seventeen trailer trucks loaded with U.S. Army food and clothing, rumbled southward from Leghorn for the aid of Italian storm victims.

As the cold wave spread westward it forced out the milder Atlantic weather that had brought relief in the past three days. Berlin reported the new freeze-up was centered on Poland and moving on.

AVAILANCHE
An avalanche killed a tourist in Austria, bringing the winter's toll from slides to 35 dead.

But the hardship was reported from Iron Curtain countries. Communist Poland rationed coal. Hungary, too, had fuel shortages and closed many schools for a month.

Food was strictly rationed with meat and fats reported unobtainable in many Hungarian towns. Deaths from exposure, fire, storm and crashes attributed to the 10-day cold wave.

France 50, Britain 38, Italy 35, Germany 15, Greece 14, Turkey 12, Denmark 11, Holland 10, Austria 8, Switzerland 4, Sweden 3, Yugoslavia 2, Spain 2, and Belgium 1.

Rigid Policy Said Favored

WASHINGTON (UP) — A majority of the Senate Agriculture Committee was reported Thursday to favor over-riding President Eisenhower's protest, and restoring rigid farm price supports. But no decision was announced after a forenoon session.

One senator, who would not permit use of his name, said the group had voted 9-7 in favor of supporting quality milling wheat at 90 percent of parity but had not completed action on the omnibus soil bank bill.

Last Saturday, the committee lined up 8-7 for similar supports on cotton, corn, rice and peanuts but that was called a tentative decision with a final vote set for Thursday.

Chairman Ellender (D-La.) acknowledged that votes had been taken on the controversial price support issue but he told reporters as the committee recessed for lunch that the vote would not be announced until later "probably after four o'clock."

One committee member said the group had agreed to delay announcements until after the major commodity markets had closed for the day.

Any committee decision is subject to review and possible reversal later by the Senate.

Eisenhower has taken the stand that mandatory high price supports would "defeat the main object" of his soil bank plan.

"I should be gravely concerned," the President said Wednesday. "If the soil bank should be coupled with the restitution of production incentives certain to nullify the great benefits that the bank can bring."

Under the soil bank plan, farmers would be paid for planting less than their allotted shares of basic crops of which there already is a surplus.

The driveway of the palace, official residence of Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov, was strewn with equipment the Russians said was gathered over the countryside during an unspecified period. On some of the equipment were inscriptions in several languages, saying: "This came from the sky. It is harmless. It has weather information in it. Notify authorities and you will receive a valuable reward if you turn it in as it is."

Ilyichev declared that during January the Soviets captured "a great number of balloons launched by the United States" and that U.S. press reports state 500 had been launched by the American military.

"Apart from the type of balloons already mentioned, the United States military have also launched balloons carrying leaflets and propaganda literature against the Soviet Union," he said.

"Propaganda balloons sent behind the Iron Curtain are launched by the Free Europe Committee, a private organization operating in West Germany."

The Soviet press chief was referring to a statement attributed to U.S. Secretary of State Dulles in a Life magazine article.

Ilyichev briefly reviewed Soviet protests but did not mention the fact that the United States handed its answer Wednesday to the Soviet latest protest.

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BOB SCHROEDER, left, 1424 California Street, and Bob Elliott, 1316 California, were stopped by the 9 o'clock photographer this morning while on their way to school. The Bob on the left is a sophomore at Klamath Union High School and Bob Elliott is in the eighth grade at Fremont School.