

Tidal Waves Pound At Pacific Areas; 139 Are Dead And Many Missing

TOKYO (UPI)—Tidal waves up to 32 feet high lashed a great crescent of the Pacific from Australia to Alaska Monday night and today.

Partial reports listed at least 139 dead and many missing from the earthquake-driven seas which raged across more than 5,000 miles at plane-like speed. Un-counted hundreds were injured and damage ran into millions of dollars.

Japan's heavily populated main island of Honshu bore the brunt of the towering walls of water which pounded the coasts at 40 minute intervals for periods as long as 18 hours. Nearly 800 casualties—dead missing and injured—were reported in Japan alone.

The tidal waves, rolling westward from earthquake-stricken Chile, struck the Hawaiian Islands Monday killing 32 persons and leaving 27 missing. The waves swept on to Okinawa, the Philippines, New Zealand, Japan, Australia, and most Pacific islands.

Report 100,000 Homeless

In Chile, where weekend earthquakes, floods, tidal waves and a volcano eruption wrought terrible havoc, authorities in Santiago said more than 1,000 persons were dead or missing and 100,000 homeless.

Loss of life on such U.S. Pacific bastions as Okinawa, Johnston Island and others was prevented by ample warning. However three natives were killed on Okinawa and eight Maori were swept out to sea when 10-foot waves pounded New Zealand.

In Japan the destruction was great. The Japan National Broadcasting Corp. reported 86 persons dead, 75 missing and 626 injured. It said 4,600 houses were destroyed, 44,000 damaged and 1,900 boats destroyed. The newspaper Koshu Shimpo reported 88,000 homeless in northern Honshu.

Some of the effects in New Zealand were freakish. Hundreds of eels were left floundering in the fields. The tidal fluctuations exposed the keel of HMS Buffalo, wrecked 120 years ago, and residents dashed out to recover pieces of leak and copper sheeting from the old warship.

In Manila, the Philippines News Service reported waves up to 20 feet high pounded the eastern coast of the Philippines Monday night, causing widespread damage and panic.

Destroys Livestock, Crops

The mayor of Polillo, Buena Ventura Mopero, said three suc-

cessive waves smashed into coastal villages killing livestock and ruining coconut and rice crops. Three persons were killed when the waves hit the northern end of the U.S. fortress island of Okinawa.

The U.S. Air Force sent two helicopters and a C-47 transport to Honshu today carrying life rafts, food and water.

A government warning which permitted many coastal residents to move out of their homes in advance of the waves, but some fishermen were caught putting out to sea in the early morning.

The walls of water smashed with greatest fury Monday into Hawaii, particularly the port city of Hilo.

Brenton Williams Is Taken By Death

Brenton D. Williams, 63, of Decatur route 6, died suddenly at 10:30 Monday morning at his home following a heart attack.

He was born in Decatur Nov. 13, 1896, a son of William and Lucia Johnson-Williams, and was a lifelong resident of Adams county.

Surviving are his wife, Ethel M.; one son, Russel Williams of Wren, O.; three daughters, Mrs. Flora Mildred Wallace of Schuman, O., Mrs. Patricia Tinkham of Monroe, O., and Mrs. Hills Ann Sudduth of Decatur route 6; 10 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; one brother, Albert Williams of Decatur route 6, and four sisters, Mrs. Fan Farlow of Berne, Mrs. Marie Ault and Mrs. Elsie Sprunger of Vicksburg, Mich., and Mrs. Myrtle Sabel of Kalamazoo, Mich.

Three daughters and three sons are deceased.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Wednesday at the Gillig & Doan funeral home, the Rev. Walter Purdy officiating. Burial will be in the Reynolds cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home until time of the services.

Late Bulletins

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (UPI)—The United States launched a 2½-ton Midas earth satellite today to test a "spy-in-the-sky" system for detecting hostile missiles within seconds after they are fired.

U. S. Presses For Early UN Action

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (UPI)—The United States, fully confident of acquittal, pressed today for an early Security Council verdict on the spy plane "aggression" charges brought by Russia.

United Nations sources agreed Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko, in his contention that U.S. espionage was a threat to world peace, had failed to impress the 11 nation council, with the likely exception of Communist Poland.

The tactics of U.S. Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge as the explosive debate entered its second day were geared to deprive the Soviets of time for propaganda.

Gromyko's request for a condemnation of the United States already was overshadowed by growing national agitation for the two nations to quit bickering over cold war incidents and resume negotiations broken off at the Paris summit meeting last week.

Urges New Meetings

Argentina, Ecuador, Ceylon and Tunisia Monday submitted a resolution urging the Big Four to renew efforts to ease world tension, this time taking full advantage of facilities offered by the U. N.

To give Russia a fair hearing, these four non-permanent members of the council agreed to postpone consideration of their resolution until the U-2 reconnaissance plane case is formally disposed of.

President Eisenhower's new plan for open skies inspection under U.N. regulation was not advanced for similar reasons, Lodge

made it clear from the start he had no wish to evade or obscure the Soviet charges but intended to meet them head-on.

This he did in his initial rebuttal to Gromyko's hour-long speech Monday by charging that Russia itself maintained thousands of espionage agents through out the non-Communist world, of which about 360 have been caught and convicted since the death of Dictator Josef Stalin.

Lists Soviet Spies

The U.S. ambassador read a partial list of Soviet spies who had been unmasked in the United States. It included:

Cmdr. Igor A. Amosov; Lt. Col. Leonid Y. Pivnev; Col. Ivan A. Lubchikov; Maj. Yuriy P. Krylov; Nikolay I. Kurochkin; Vasily M. Moliev; Aleksandr P. Kovalev; Col. Maksim G. Marinyov; Victor I. Petrov; Capt. Boris F. Gladkov and Vadim A. Kirilyuk.

"We (also) remember Fuchs, Gzenko, Petrov and Gubichev," Lodge said. "We do not need to recall the case of Col. Rudolph Ivanovich Abel right here in New York."

Lodge also cited the fact that a Soviet vessel was discovered spying on U.S. naval ships off Montauk Point, Long Island, a few weeks ago.

His argument thus followed the lines prescribed by many U. S. congressmen who had urged a full disclosure be made of the extent of Soviet spying activities to counter the effects of America's flat admission it has sent planes over Russia, including the one downed in the Urals

Tax Distribution Listed By Auditor

A total spring tax distribution of \$1,165,018.52 to various taxing units within Adams county was readied today by Auditor Edward F. Jaberg.

This compares with a spring distribution of \$1,080,472.49 last year, and \$1,047,451.26 in 1958.

Property, Bank Tax

The tax money being distributed is that gathered from the property tax and bank tax in Adams county. Half the tax is due in the spring, and the other half in the fall. Some taxpayers pay the entire amount in the spring, however, so the amount collected each time varies.

Tax rates for 1960 were higher in every township, city and town except in Blue Creek township. Reflected in the distribution is the new county-wide 24-cent school tax, which raised \$59,440.55, and the two-cent cumulative court house fund, which raised \$4,953.36.

Average Daily Attendance

Distribution of the county-wide school tax was based on the average daily attendance of taxing units. The total ADA for Adams county was 4,709.19, with the following breakdown: Blue Creek, 155.40; Hartford, 183.37; Jefferson, 146.76; Preble, 101.24; Root, 222.66; St. Mary's, 222.66; Union, 107.27; Wabash, 579.97; Adams Central, 870.05; Berne-French, 773.02; Decatur, 1,347.38.

The property tax collected was \$1,153,764.43, and the bank tax was \$11,254.09.

Taxes by Units

While the taxpayer pays a total rate that includes state, county, township, school, library, and poll taxes, the following chart gives the breakdown raised for each category. Included in the distribution to townships outside school

consolidations and school units is the \$39,440.55 raised by the 24-cent county-wide school tax. Actual total rates paid this year were: Blue Creek, \$2.68; French, \$4.58; Hartford, \$3.34; Jefferson, \$3.70; Kirkland, \$4.04; Monroe, \$4.18; Preble, \$2.96; Root, \$3.38; St. Mary's, \$3.58; Union, \$2.98; Wabash, \$4.56; Washington, \$4.22; Berne, \$6.06; Decatur-Root, \$6.23; Decatur-Washington, \$6.24; Geneva, \$5.70; Monroe-Monroe, \$5.08; Monroe-Washington, \$5.05.

Unit	Tax Rate	Spring Distribution
State poll tax	\$1	\$ 2,228.00
State fair board	.0065	866.84
State forestry	.0035	1,609.82
Total to State	.01	4,704.66
County Revenue	.63	156,974.77
Blue Creek	.99	13,207.98
French	.13	1,297.62
Hartford	1.90	23,750.43
Jefferson	2.12	19,705.14
Kirkland	.05	2,051.51
Monroe	1.55	24,975.41
Preble	1.84	40,755.25
Root	1.80	28,143.35
St. Mary's	1.56	16,431.50
Union	3.07	71,985.15
Wabash	.63	2,464.57
Washington	2.62	136,862.18
Adams Central	3.12	114,325.82
Berne-French	1.14	27,295.22
Berne library	.25	6,149.46
Decatur school	.30	219,105.59
Decatur library	.145	95,976.42
Geneva civil	.99	7,184.65
Geneva library	.22	1,575.24
Monroe civil	.91	2,721.17
County welfare	.13	32,196.95
Co. bridge fund	.15	37,150.34
Hosp. bond & int.	.07	17,336.82
Hosp. fur. & equip.	.04	9,906.78
Cum. court house	.02	4,953.36
Poor relief varies		31,237.91

Herman Bittner Is Legion Commander

Herman Bittner was elected commander of the American Legion at the Legion home Monday. Other officers elected were: Charles Chew, first vice commander; Dr. R. K. Parrish, second vice commander; Tom Miller, third vice commander; Martin Selking, fourth vice commander; Nelson Doty, finance officer; Bob Raudebusch, adjutant; Wendell Macklin, trustee for three years.

Jim Luck, public service director of radio station WOWO in Fort Wayne, was the guest speaker. The main part of Luck's talk concerned national radio month, which is this month. He also brought with him a radio which was given as a door prize. The winner of the radio was the new finance officer, Nelson Doty. A Dutch lunch was served at the meeting.

Bomb Threat Phoned To LaPorte School

LA PORTE, Ind. (UPI)—About 450 students at LaPorte High School were released from classes this morning while police and firemen investigated a telephoned bomb threat.

A school secretary, Miss Rosemary Weiler, said a boy called that "there is a bomb in the school—get the kids out."

The students were released for a search but returned to classes in the afternoon.

INDIANA WEATHER

Fair north and central, partly cloudy extreme south this afternoon. Partly cloudy to night and Wednesday with a few widely scattered thunder showers likely south and west portions. Warmer most sections Wednesday. Low tonight 47 to 54 north, 55 to 64 south. High Wednesday 72 to 78 north, 78 to 86 south. Sunset today 8 p.m. Sunrise Wednesday 5:23 a.m. Outlook for Thursday: Partly cloudy and warm with scattered thunderstorms. Low 60 to 68. High in the 80s.

Report Over 50,000 Flee East Germany

BERLIN (UPI)—More than 50,000 refugees from Communist East Germany have fled to West Berlin since Jan. 1, the West Berlin city government announced Monday. More than 1,300 East Germans asked for political asylum Monday, the city government said.

Reds To Free 9 Americans

BERLIN (UPI)—Soviet forces announced today they will release nine Americans captured Friday when their Army C47 transport plane was forced down in East Germany by Soviet jet fighters.

Col. Gen. I. I. Jacobowski, Soviet commander in Germany, said the eight American men and one woman and the aircraft would be turned over to the U.S. Army at the place where the aircraft landed.

In a formal note to Gen. Clyde D. Eddleman, U.S. Army commander in Europe, Jacobowski said the time of the turnover could be chosen by the Army.

The Army's European headquarters in Heidelberg said a delegation from the American mission at Potsdam in East Germany was en route to meet with the plane's crew. The delegation will determine whether the plane is in sufficiently good condition to fly out of the wheat field where it landed or whether the crew will have to be moved by some other means.

Jacobowski's note was in reply to an American note during the weekend demanding the release of the six passengers and three crew members who became lost on an hour's flight from Copenhagen to Hamburg and strayed across the Iron Curtain.

Suggests Merger Of Health Boards Here

Dr. William Freeby spoke to the county commissioners about the problem of rural sanitation in Adams county Monday at the commissioners meeting in the court house. Dr. Freeby briefly outlined a plan to combine the county health board and the city health board into one unit. The department would have a sanitarian who would supervise the whole department. He explained that many of the counties in Indiana have taken this plan over and it has proved satisfactory and also economical. Dr. Freeby stated he would soon talk to the city council and also to a man from the board of health further explain the matter.

At the present time the county has a contract with Irene Byron hospital in Fort Wayne that says the hospital will take care of room and board and medical treatment of any patient Adams county sends there. The only problem was that in a case where the family was even too destitute to pay for such things as slippers, bathrobes, etc., it was not clear as to who should buy these things. The contract was amended to say that Adams county would take care of all such bills.

The commissioners also entered into an agreement with Vene-A-Kleen Service Co. in Fort Wayne to have the venetian blinds in the court house cleaned. All the blinds but the ones in the court room, which have been taken better care of through the years, will be cleaned and any of the tapes that need to be replaced will also be taken care of. The cost of this cleaning venture will be \$180.75.

The commissioners also are considering the waterproofing of the new county garage at Monroe. They decided that it would definitely lengthen the life of the building. They consulted Lee Blasting Co., in Garrett, and A. M. Koller as to some of the approximate costs. No bids were taken.

At the next meeting, which will be June 6, the commissioners will receive estimates on replacing the gutters around the court house, which have developed holes and leaks through the years.

BULLETIN

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Senate today upheld President Eisenhower's veto of a Democratic bill that would have provided 251 million dollars in federal aid to areas with chronic unemployment.

Figures Are Given On Tax Collection

Spring collections of property taxes in Adams county again topped the \$1 million mark, according to figures released by treasurer Waldo Neal.

Total tax collections this year amounted to \$1,153,764.43, an increase of \$84,818.43 over last year's figure of \$1,068,946. The spring ditch collections also brought in another \$29,783.98.

The collections by townships: Union, \$26,859.62; Root, \$61,783.92; Preble, \$42,417.91; Kirkland, \$46,743.29; Washington, \$72,660.06; St. Mary's, \$43,082.32; Blue Creek, \$23,426.37; Monroe, \$68,536.15; French, \$43,297.16; Hartford, \$39,111.39; Wabash, \$59,911.04; Jefferson, \$28,107.33.

Collections by community taxing units: Monroe-Monroe, \$12,094.11; Monroe-Washington, \$2,888.66; Berne, \$141,986.40; Geneva, \$39,347.03; Decatur-Root, \$88,000.16; 556.51; Decatur-Washington, \$317,556.51.

The Adams county treasurer's office, which is closed for only one week during the tax audit, is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily and 8 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday, May 1.



BUILDINGS SHATTERED IN CHILE—Rubble from earthquake-shattered buildings block a street in Concepcion, Chile.

Bloodmobile Unit In Decatur June 8

Adams county will be asked to give 125 pints of blood June 8 when the bloodmobile visits Decatur, the week after Memorial day, Mrs. Cletus B. Miller, county blood program chairman, said today.

It is imperative that the county reach its goal at that time, because the supply will have been depleted by Memorial day accidents, she warned.

Those wishing to give replacement blood for Pfc. Jerry Miller, injured a week ago in a car bridge accident south of Decatur, may do so at that time.

Anyone between 21 and 60 may give blood between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. at the Youth and Community Center on that day, she stressed. Those between the ages of 18 and 21 may do so with their parents' written permission.

Telephone crews will start Wednesday, June 1, on scheduling of donors.

Historical Society Meets Next Tuesday

A discussion of plans to save the covered bridge at Pleasant Mills will take place at the final spring meeting of the Adams county Historical society next Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Decatur public library. Gerald R. Durkin, president, said today.

The old bridge will be torn down according to present state plans, when a new bridge is built just downstream from the location of the present bridge. Many people from the Pleasant Mills community and throughout the county are interested in getting the highway department to turn the bridge over to the county, thus saving the expense of tearing it down.

The county commissioners voted to accept the bridge last year if it is turned back to them.

The bridge and any other projects of interest to the members will be discussed. The public is invited to attend. Membership in the Historical society is open to anyone, and costs \$1 a year.

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Full Hearing Over Failure

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Senate Foreign Relations Committee voted unanimously today to hold a "full bipartisan hearing" behind closed doors on events leading up to the summit failure.

Chairman J. William Fulbright (D-Ark.) said the hearings will start Friday morning with testimony from Secretary of State Christian A. Herter. They will be modeled after the 1951 closed-door hearings into the firing of Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

Transcripts, censored for national security, will be made public as soon as possible after the testimony.

The action was taken after President Eisenhower conferred for two hours with the National Security Council and his military, scientific and intelligence chiefs on the ill-fated Paris meeting, the spy plane incident and the report he will make on radio and TV Wednesday night.

Fulbright said his committee has not decided what witnesses would follow Herter. He listed Director Allen W. Dulles of the Central Intelligence Agency, Secretary of Defense Thomas S. Gates Jr., and perhaps members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff as possible follow-up witnesses.

The White House huddle came as the summit renewed debate on the summit collapse, with one Democrat Sen. Stephen M. Young of Ohio — charging that U.S. summit hopes were "denied not so much by Khrushchev as from the Eisenhower lack of leadership and failure of our own officials in high places of authority."

Young said officials who "let the President down" should be "downgraded or dismissed."

Senate Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas, urging "forbearance," told the Senate it needs information on what led to the summit collapse — not suspicions about each other.

The President will make a radio-TV report to the nation Wednesday night, on the summit collapse. He discussed this report with the Security Council.

The President usually meets on Thursday with the National Security Council, which includes Vice President Richard M. Nixon, Secretary of State Christian A. Herter and Defense Secretary Thomas S. Gates Jr.

But the session apparently was moved up two days to allow Eisenhower and his advisers to go over the speech he will deliver at 8 p.m. e.d.t. Wednesday on major radio and TV networks.

President Plans Report

White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerty said the President's address would be "a report to the American people on the events at Paris and the future aims and goals of the United States and, indeed, of its Allies in the free world."

Hagerty didn't say so but there also was a possibility that Eisenhower would reply directly to Democratic charges that administration blunders gave Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev an excuse to wreck the summit talks.

Rep. Frank Kowalski (D-Conn.), spokesman for 56 House Democrats, called on Eisenhower Monday to use his speech as a vehicle for answering questions they posed about the summit meeting

and the spy plane downed in Russia.

Questions Sent To Ike

The questions, demanding more facts about both, were sent to the White House Friday, the day Eisenhower returned home. Kowalski said the White House had not answered the group.

In outlining plans for the Senate Foreign Relations Committee's inquiry, Chairman J. William Fulbright (D-Ark.) said he expected Herter to appear Friday to give a briefing.

Fulbright said it would be "premature" to say whether Hagerty might be invited to appear along with Central Intelligence Director Allen W. Dulles and others who figured in the spy plane episode.

Temper flared in the Senate Monday as Republicans and Democrats exchanged barbed comments over the administration's handling of the U-2 incident and summit talks.

Emma Baumgartner Dies At Hospital

Mrs. Emma Yost Baumgartner, 83, of 414 North Second street, died at 1:20 o'clock Monday afternoon at the Adams county memorial hospital. She had been seriously ill for the past three months.

She was born near Bluffton Sept. 12, 1876, a daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth Meyer-Klopfenstein. She was first married Nov. 9, 1894, to Samuel Yost; who died May 7, 1915. She was then married to Samuel Baumgartner in 1925, and he preceded her in death in 1940.

Mrs. Baumgartner was a member of the Zion Evangelical and Reformed church, and the Women's guild of the church.

Surviving are two sons, Calvin L. Yost of Decatur; and Oscar S. Yost of Fort Wayne; three daughters, Mrs. Eugene (Nova) Brooks of New Haven, Mrs. Robert (Mary) Ponsot and Mrs. T. E. (Lela) White, both of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; one brother, Jacob Klopfenstein of Bluffton, and one sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Braizler of Silverton, Ore. Two sons, four sisters and three brothers are deceased.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Zion Evangelical and Reformed church, the Rev. William C. Feller officiating. Burial will be in the Vera Cruz cemetery. Friends may call at the Zwick funeral home after 7 o'clock this evening. The body will lie in state at the church from 12 noon Thursday until time of the services.

Late Bulletins

NEW YORK (UPI)—The Democratic National Committee today selected Gov. LeRoy Collins of Florida to be permanent chairman of the Los Angeles convention beginning July 11, it was learned. Sen. Frank Church of Idaho was selected as keynoter for the presidential nominating convention.