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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 rammed across more than 5,000 miles at plane-like speed. Uncounted 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, Johnson Island and others was prevented by ample warning. However three natives were killed in one son, Russel Williams of Wren, O.; three daughters, Mrs. Flora Mildred Wallace of Schumm, O.; Mrs. Patricia Tinkham of Monroe route 1, and Mrs. Hillis Ann Suduth of Decatur route 6; 10 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 small nation agitation for the two nations to quit bickering over cold war incidents and resume negotiations broken off at the Paris summit meeting last week.

Urge 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.S.

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

successive 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 was credited with saving many lives, 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.

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, 153.40; Hartford, 183.37; Jefferson, 146.76; Preble, 101.24; Root, 22.66; St. Mary's, 222.66; Union, 107.27; Wabash, 579.97; Adams Central, 870.05; Berne-French, 773.02; Decatur, 1,347.36.

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

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.

Spring

Unit	Tax Rate	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
Harford	.90	23,750.43
Jefferson	.12	19,705.14
Kirkland	.11	1,260.96
Monroe	.05	2,051.51
Root	.84	46,755.25
St. Mary's	.80	28,143.45
Union	.156	16,431.50
Wabash	.07	71,985.15
Adams Central	.26	136,862.16
Berne-French	.312	114,325.82
Berne civil	.14	27,295.22
Berne library	.25	6,149.46
Decatur school	.008	219,105.59
Decatur civil	.145	95,976.42
Decatur library	.19	13,332.33
Geneva civil	.99	7,184.65
Geneva civil	.22	1,575.24
Monroe civil	.91	2,721.17
County welfare	.13	32,196.95
Co. bridge cum.	.15	37,150.34
Hosp. bond & int.	.07	17,336.82
Hosp. fur. & eqip.	.04	9,906.78
Cum. court house	.02	4,953.36
Poor relief varies		31,237.91

Consolidations and school units is the \$59,440.55 raised by the 24-cent county-wide school tax. Actual total rates paid this year were:

Blue Creek, \$2.68; French, \$4.58; Harford, \$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.

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 have a man from the state 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 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. Kolter 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.

BULLETTIN

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.

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.

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

he will be asked to

not decide what witnesses

would follow Herter.

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 Senate 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 suspi-

cions 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 Secu-

rity Council, which includes Vice

President Richard M. Nixon, Sec-

retary of State Christian A. Her-

ter and Defense Secretary Thom-

as S. Gates Jr.

But the situation apparently was

moved up two days to allow Eis-

enhower and his advisers to go

over the speech he will deliver

at 8 p.m. e.d.t. Wednesday on ma-

ior radio and TV networks.

President Plans Report

White House Press Secretary

James C. Hagerty said the Presi-

dent'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 Eis-

enhower would reply directly to

Democratic charges that admini-

stration blunders gave Soviet Pre-

mier Nikita S. Khrushchev an ex-

cuse to wreck the summit talks.

Rep. Frank Kowalski (D-Conn.),

spokesman for 56 House Demo-

crats, called on