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'WATER,' CRY OF SURVIVORS IN QUAKE ZONE

Suffering of Thirst Grips Terror-Stricken People of Managua.

MAY NOT REBUILD CITY

Plague Peril Growing as Relief Crews Speed Up Their Work.

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MANAGUA, Nicaragua, April 2.—Cries for water, coupled with prayers and curses, rose today from the ruins of Managua as survivors of the demolished capital sought relief from thirst that followed wreckage of the city's water mains.

The death toll from the catastrophe still was uncertain, estimates mounting to 1,000 and more.

Destruction of Managua, shaken into ruins by two days of intermittent earthquakes which continued sharply Wednesday night, was revealed today as so complete that the city may be abandoned permanently.

Thousands Are Fleeing

President General Jose Maria Monchado announced that plans are being considered by the cabinet for evacuation of Managua and removal of the national capital to Granada or Leon, rather than face the colossal task of rebuilding the city.

Thousands already have left the desolate ruins of the capital, which is a shattered mass of burned and crumbled buildings along the shore of Lake Managua.

Natives walked for miles into the hills and brought back pitifully small quantities of water in pitchers and bottles.

Authorities warned against drinking the water of Lake Managua, but many persons risked the danger of pestilence and sought relief at the water's edge.

Marine corps officials and volunteers worked desperately to rehabilitate the water supply.

Thousands of survivors were being fed on the golf course, and men were sent immediately from the bread line to work on restoring the water system.

Curfew to Be Enforced

Curfew will be enforced at sun down tonight, despite the fact that there was no disorder or looting Wednesday night.

No one sleeps indoors or within a distance of walls likely to be dangerous. Wives and children of marines and other Americans here were given coats at the national guard headquarters.

American women and children will be evacuated to the Canal Zone Friday. From there they will be returned to their homes in the United States.

Headquarters of the American minister, the marines, and the national guard were consolidated today to speed work of rescue and rehabilitation. Many bodies had been recovered and cremated.

City Is Still Burning

The fire in the center of the city was still burning. Managua looked like a French town shelled and reduced by heavy artillery in the World war.

The shortage of water and the tremendous difficulties in locating and removing bodies of many of the victims increased the danger that plague might be flattened to the horrors of the city flattened by earth shocks and swept by fire.

There were many indications of the strain under which the population was working to survive the disaster. Marines were forced to tighten martial law regulations.

Several ugly incidents were reported as men were pressed into service in the relief work, particularly removal of dead to a common burying ground.

GRAVE DIGGERS SHOT, BURIED

The workers were watched by guards, who were instructed to shoot "mutineers."

Two grave diggers were reported shot for disobedience, and were buried where they fell with the dead from the quake. The report said that after the incident "the crew worked better."

Laborers—some of them at the point of bayonets—carried bruised and broken bodies from the debris of buildings to sheets of metal roofing which were used as stretchers. These were loaded into trucks and taken to open trenches near the city cemetery for burial.

Mrs. Joseph D. Murray Jr., wife of a marine captain and one of the few American casualties, was killed at the market place, which collapsed on hundreds of women and children and burned.

Many Stories of Heroism

It was estimated hundreds were caught in the collapse of the market as the earthquake occurred in the rush hour. Most victims were believed to have been servants and grocers.

There were many stories of tragedy and heroism. Senora Amela Fernandez was seen attempting to get into her house which collapsed on her 4-year-old son. She dug frantically at the debris and finally recovered the body. The child was resuscitated and lived.

A clerk of the American legation was sitting on the floor porch of a chalet overlooking Amaneca Lagoon when the quake came. He fled, but narrowly escaped being swept along with the structure as it slid down the hillside in ruins.

Times Radio's Wildcat



FINAL PLEAS ARE MADE IN LINGLE TRIAL

Leo Brothers' Right to Liberty Is Argued by Opposing Counsel.

CASE IS NEAR JURY

State to Demand Death of Gangster; Four Verdicts Are Possible.

BY WILLIAM E. HALLBERG

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CHICAGO, April 2.—Opposing counsel argued Leo V. Brothers' right to freedom today as his trial on charges of murdering Alfred J. Lingle, Chicago Tribune reporter, neared the jury.

One of the largest crowds of the fourteen-day trial began gathering two hours before court opened and fought its way into Judge Joseph Sabath's courtroom for the climactic hours of the case.

Brothers' chief hope of acquittal rested with Louis Piquett, gray-haired chief of defense counsel, who pleaded that the trial was a "gigantic framework."

Piquett began his closing argument late Wednesday and continued as Judge Joseph Sabath called the session today.

Piquett was to be followed by C. Wayland Brooks, assistant state's attorney, who Wednesday begged the jurors to make Chicago safe from those who come out of the shadows to commit murder. Brooks is making both arguments for the state.

After the closing arguments remained, only Judge Sabath's charge instructing the jury that it could return any one of four possible verdicts as follows:

1, not guilty; 2, guilty, recommending death penalty; 3, guilty, recommending life imprisonment; 4, guilty, recommending a term of years.

Under the last verdict the jury may recommend a sentence of any term not less than fourteen years.

Piquett declared the prosecution reached out "like a spider in his web, when this victim came along."

Argue Hymie's Fate

By United Press

CLEVELAND, April 2.—The trial of "Pittsburgh Hymie" Martin charged with the murder of William E. Potter, former city councilman, was expected to go to the jury late today after opposing counsel appealed in turn for a death sentence and acquittal.

The state's closing argument was presented by Prosecutor Ray T. Miller who characterized the defendant a "most pernicious" type of gangster who was hired to kill the politician because he "knew too much" and had threatened to "squawk."

It was the state's way of advancing a motive—that Potter was killed to prevent his disclosures of city land frauds for which he had stood trial and had been acquitted and two others sent to prison.

Others told that Jordan and Mrs. Cole were together several times before the slaying of Cole and that they "rode around in a car."

"I saw the revolver in Jordan's hand the afternoon of Oct. 31," John Mobley, co-worker of Jordan's, said. "I took it away from him and unloaded it."

Edgar McKinsey, Indianapolis operator of a hardware store, told the jury that last Oct. 31 a youth came to his store, bearing a note signed by Jordan.

"The boy said he was too young to buy the cartridges and gave me Jordan's note approving the purchase," McKinsey said.

Other state witnesses identified the revolver as one found in a field near the scene of the murder. The revolver was inspected by the jury.

John H. Ale, regional manager, believed the veterans will have been paid \$12,000,000 by the time his office is checking on a current basis—April 15.

Approximately 21,000 checks have been mailed out to veterans in the month the loan legislation has been effective.

Checks are being sent at an average of 1,200 daily. Nearby regional banks are slower in payment than the state's office, it is said.

Approximately 30,000 loan applications have been received by the bureau here.

Ale said loans will probably be paid within forty-eight hours after April 15.

MILLIONS MORE FOR VETERANS

Compensation Loan Offices Get \$2,000,000.

Indiana World war veterans have been paid \$7,500,000 in adjusted compensation loans, and today the regional office of the United States veterans' bureau received \$2,000,000 more to be used in paying the former soldiers.

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