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8 Killed, 52 Injured In Oregon As Dynamite Blast Levels 6 Blocks

Health Reported Good

Queen Elizabeth Expecting Child Early Next Year

By EDDIE GILMORE

LONDON (AP)— Queen Elizabeth II is going to have another baby, her third, probably in January or February.

A Buckingham Palace spokesman announced today that a royal baby is on the way, disclosing the 33-year-old Queen was pregnant during her long and tiring tour of Canada this summer.



QUEEN ELIZABETH

The spokesman said the Queen had rejected suggestions that she call off the tour because "she knew the disappointment it would have caused."

The birth will be the first in more than 100 years to a reigning British sovereign. Queen Victoria gave birth to Princess Beatrice in 1857.

Prince Charles, heir to the throne, was born Nov. 14, 1948, and Princess Anne Aug. 15, 1950. Queen Elizabeth's coronation was June 2, 1953.

The Queen returned to London Sunday from Canada. She called in her doctors, Sir John Weir and Lord Evans, the following day. Only then was her pregnancy confirmed, the spokesman said. Since then she has spent nearly all her time resting.

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Queen's Health Reported Good

FLYING OFF on a vacation this afternoon Lord Evans, an obstetrician, said the Queen's health is good. The British press had expressed deep concern about her health during the North American tour and she seemed tired on her return.

After her doctors confirmed that she was pregnant, the Queen stayed close to home — Buckingham Palace, but yesterday she left for Balmoral Castle, her home in the Scottish highlands, with her husband, Prince Philip, and the children.

The Queen was smiling as she boarded the train for Scotland. She appeared far from exhausted despite the rigors of her 45-day tour of Canada that also took her to Chicago.

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Won't Interfere With Visit

A PALACE SOURCE said that should President Eisenhower visit Britain in the near future as expected the Queen's condition would in no way complicate arrangements for his trip.

The announcement did not say where the baby will be delivered.

Normally in January and February — when a palace source indicated the baby is expected — the Queen is at Sandringham in windy, chilly Norfolk, or at Buckingham Palace in London.

Hurricane Hits Hard At Hawaii

HONOLULU (AP)—A howling hurricane turned the island of Kauai into a mass of devastation today.

It blew down houses, unroofed others, knocked out communications and power, flooded some sections, left roads impassable, cut water supply to some communities.

There were no casualties.

The rare mid-Pacific storm, known as hurricane Dot, swirled up on Kauai from the south, hit it with 75 mile-an-hour winds and torrential rain and moved north out to the open sea where it began to disintegrate.

Damage could run into millions.

Authorities, hampered by knocked out communications, waited for daylight for a full assessment of the havoc, especially to the sugar and pineapple plantations.

The hurricane first struck Kauai head on last night after dealing the rest of the islands of the Hawaiian chain only glancing blows in the previous two days.

WORST IS OVER

By early today, the weather bureau said "the worst is definitely over."

It has 28,000 inhabitants. Defense officials attributed the lack of casualties to advance notice and preparation.

"The people had lots of advance warnings," said Kauai's Civil Defense head, Manuel Medeiros, "and they needed them."

Before the hurricane hit, 500 residents of beachfront homes were evacuated to schools, armories and public buildings. Some 200 guests of the Coco Palms lodge, a tourist hotel, also were removed to quarters inland.

HOUSES DAMAGED

Many houses in Lihue, on the southeast coast, were damaged, a Kress store window was smashed and roads were littered with windbroken tree limbs.

Uprooted trees and debris also blocked highways in many other parts of the island.

There was no accurate count of the number of houses unroofed but almost every community reported some such destruction to civil defense headquarters in Lihue.

Disaster workers reported rivers and streams at high stage and some near flooding.

Offshore, the storm kicked up huge waves which dumped debris on coastal highways.

At Port Allen on the southern coast the waves reached 35 feet and elsewhere 20 to 30 feet.



AP Wirephoto

Firemen Fight Burning Wreckage Of Dynamite Explosion

More Dead Possible In Ruins

ROSEBURG, Ore. (AP) — A dynamite truck parked beside a burning building exploded with mammoth force early today. At least eight persons were known dead.

The blast shattered buildings and spread a raging fire over the downtown area.

Hospitals held 52 persons, at least three of them critically hurt. Physicians and blood plasma were flown from nearby Grants Pass.

The hospitals reported three bodies and the mortuary said it had four bodies and fragments of at least one and perhaps two others.

Only two, Asst. Fire Chief Roy McFarland and Harry Carmichael, about 50, were identified.

The blast and fire virtually leveled six blocks of warehouses, small businesses and residences.

Debris was spread through another six blocks, including the heart of the business district.

FIRE CONTROLLED

The fire, fought by men and equipment from as far away as Eugene, 75 miles north, was controlled some four hours after the blast came at 1:20 a.m.

There was a crater 50 feet wide and 20 feet deep where the truck, from Pacific Powder Co., Tenino, Wash., had stood.

The truck blew up moments after the fire siren had sounded the alarm for a blaze at the Gerresten Building Supply Co. building, beside which the driver had parked it while he got a cup of coffee.

The driver, George Rutherford, Chehalis, Wash., said he was walking back toward it and was knocked down by the blast. He was hospitalized, with injuries believed not critical.

Volunteer Fireman Tony Shukle said he was knocked down too, blocks away. He got up, he said, and "the sky was red with embers." Then, he said, fire began to spread.

"There was fire all over," he said, "the big one and probably four or five small ones."

For a time there was fear a propane gas storage tank might explode but firemen cooled it with water.

At the height of the fire, the six-story Umpqua Hotel's 65 guests and employes were evacuated.

The manager, Dick Smith, said that at his home, two miles away, windows were blown out.

Mrs. Bill Unrath, wife of a volunteer fireman, said she saw her husband walk into the burning Gerresten building just before the explosion. The force of the blast knocked her down.

STAIRS BLOCKED

At the Unrath home, a block away, their daughter Mary Elise and two guests from Bremerton, Wash., were unable to get down shattered stairs and escaped by way of a second-story window. They were hospitalized with undetermined injuries, believed noncritical.

There were numerous blasts from widely separated points as flames reached small stores of explosive material.

2 'Watermelon Boys' Try City Life On $1.15

By JOHN KILGO
News Staff Writer

A couple of 15-year-old boys left the Pageland, S. C., watermelon patches yesterday and decided to head for Charlotte and paint the town red — on $1.15.

"We got tired of loading those heavy watermelons," one of the boys told a reporter this morning. His name is Bobby, and his buddy is Billy.

City Police picked them up at 6 a.m. today and plans were made to take them back home.

The boys had their trip planned down to the penny. "We had to," Billy said.

They hitchhiked to Charlotte, getting here around 6 last night. They walked the streets and decided to take in a show.

"We saw a cowboy picture," Bobby said. "It wasn't too good, and it cost us a quarter apiece to get in; and that was all I had."

When the boys got out of the movie they decided they'd get their dollar's worth out of Charlotte.

"We were getting hungry," Billy said, "and food seemed like a pretty good investment.

"We bought us some supper. Not much, just knick knacks. Spiced ham and saltine crackers and a couple of drinks.

"You get used to eating anything when you work in a watermelon patch."

The boys found a little shed in which to spend the night. "We slept pretty good," Bobby said. "Then the policeman saw us and we told him we ran away. That's how we got here."

Bobby said his parents might be a little rough on him when he gets home.

"I got a big geography book at home," he says, "and I'll put that in the seat of my pants before my Pa sees me.

"Maybe it won't sting as bad."

Lighter Side

Police Find Hard Boiled 'Prowlers'

(From AP Reports)

Gussie Simmons telephoned Boston police Thursday that there was a prowler in her kitchen — she heard a "loud, rattling noise."

Two patrolmen went to the house and found two hard boiled eggs rattling around in a waterless, red hot pan.

Mrs. Simmons forgot she had put the eggs on to boil.

Claim Challenged

Christine Kimble may be nimble to catch 8,140 lightning bugs, but David Wilt of Oak Ridge, Tenn., has gone to the hilt and caught 8,500.

David, 13, challenged the 11-year-old Chesterton, Md., girl's claim to glowworm catching fame.

Glowworms are used by scientists in various experiments.

Crunch, Crunch

The corn squeezings got caught in a farmer's hay baler in Edmond, Okla.

The farmer said his baler bit off several half gallon jugs filled with moonshine. Agents of the Alcohol Tax Unit, alerted by the farmer, found 72 more half gallons of whisky hidden in the hayfield.

Our Weather

Considerable cloudiness, continued warm today, tonight and Saturday with scattered mostly afternoon and evening thundershowers.

Low this morning	71
Low tomorrow morning	72
High today	90
High yesterday	92
High tomorrow	90

Sunrise today 5:37 a.m.; sunset today 7:20 p.m.

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Evening Prayer

We thank Thee, our Father, for Christ, the good Shepherd. Lead us through Him into Thy fold. Save us and enrich our lives. Lead us to fuller freedom and joy. In His name we pray. Amen.

Meany In Rebuttal

Ike Urges Bill To Halt Rackets

WASHINGTON (AP) — Criticizing Congress' actions on a labor bill thus far, President Eisenhower called Thursday night for a new law strong enough to end racketeering in labor-management relations.

Speaking out as the House headed toward a bitter battle over the issue next week, Eisenhower addressed a nationwide radio-television audience.

"I am talking about a reform law—a law to protect the American people from the gangsters, racketeers and other corrupt elements that have invaded the labor-management field," he declared.

A bill the Senate passed last April "is not effective," Eisenhower said, and a revised bill prepared by the House Labor Committee is even less so.

BACKS SUBSTITUTE

He put his prestige behind a substitute sponsored by Reps. Phil M. Landrum (D-Ga) and Robert P. Griffin (R-Mich), and said that bill offers "a good start toward a real labor reform law."

A few hours later AFL-CIO President George Meany said in a radio broadcast that the bill Eisenhower backed is a "blunderbuss that would inflict grievous harm on all unions," whether they are corrupt or clean.

Most labor unions are opposing even the bills Eisenhower described as ineffective and are backing still another bill which Meany said is aimed at "getting rid of crooks, instead of getting rid of unions." It is sponsored by Rep. John F. Shelley (D-Calif).

Eisenhower emphasized the legislation he asks has nothing to do with wages or strikes or a new approach to collective bargaining.

A cleanup of crookedness and corruption "is not a partisan or political issue," Eisenhower said.

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Jonas To Back 'Strongest' Bill

By JULIAN SCHEER
News Staff Writer

People in this section of the state are interested in the passage of a strong labor reform bill.

Tenth District Rep. Charles Raper Jonas said today that his mail has been heavy and has been one-sided in its recommendations for the passage of a stiff reform bill.

Rep. Jonas said he personally agrees with the majority of the mail and will support the strongest possible bill.

Last night President Eisenhower also urged passage of a strong bill and suggested that television viewers get in touch with their members of Congress. Local Western Union officials said "a number of wires" were sent from here last night "both pro and con."

Rep. Jonas said he has received about 1,000 messages this week and there may have been a slight increase this morning. At least 100 letters arrive in his Washington office daily.

"Disclosures made by the McClellan committee have shocked people and I feel the vast majority of people feel something must be done to stamp out abuses within labor unions. I think it would be a mistake not to make an effort to do it. Some union officials are making a mistake in fighting so hard against a bill," he said.

Rep. Jonas said of the three bills now being discussed — the House Committee bill, the administration-backed Landrum-Griffin bill and the AFL-CIO-endorsed Shelley bill — he favors the Landrum-Griffin bill. This bill is considered the toughest.

"I believe that most people in our section favor the Landrum-Griffin bill. The mail is heaviest from Charlotte and Mecklenburg, but it comes from all over the Tenth District. I am getting mail from Gaston County and from other parts of the state," the Republican congressman said.

CHILD SMOTHERS

LOCKPORT, N. Y. (AP) — A 9-month-old girl caught her head between the mattress and side of her crib yesterday and was strangled. She was Debra Carol Gold, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Gold, who live near this western New York city.

U. S. Hurls Satellite Into Space

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)— A powerful Thor-Able rocket carrying a 142-pound "paddlewheel" satellite roared aloft today in an apparently successful launching. The Air Force said all three stages ignited properly.

A brief Air Force announcement 15 minutes after the spectacular blast-off said:

"The second and third stages of the United States' three-stage Thor-Able satellite launching vehicle launched at the Atlantic missile range have been fired."

NEW ERA

If successful, the satellite could open a new era of larger, more advanced space research vehicles.

Launching time was 9:23 a.m. EST. Four minutes later the International Telephone & Telegraph-MacKay monitoring station at Southampton, N. Y., picked up signals from the space traveler. The station classified the signals as good.

A small five-pound "kicker" rocket rode at the base of the satellite. If needed, this was designed to be fired by a ground signal. Scientists planned to use it only if they determined that the satellite would come closer than 100 miles to earth. On such a low pass, the satellite would burn up in the earth's atmosphere.

The kicker would add 50 to 100 miles to the payload's perigee or low point. It would be triggered at the greatest height—apogee—achieved on the first swirl about the earth.

The satellite was expected to make only one orbit every 12 hours because of the long journey into space. This compares with an average of two hours for most earlier satellites.

—UP AND DOWN LIKE A YO-YO—

Parachutist Rode Storm 40 Minutes

BEAUFORT, S. C. (AP)—The Marine pilot bailed out of his crippled jet nine miles above the earth at 500 miles an hour. He did not reach the earth in his parachute for 40 minutes, and received a buffeting from a raging thunderstorm that made him feel like "I was playing the whole Notre Dame football team."

Lt. Col. William H. Rankin, 39, the pilot, recounted his story today to the Associated Press from the Beaufort Auxiliary Air Station.

On the night of July 26 Col. Rankin was on his way back to Beaufort from Boston Naval Air Station on a high altitude navigation flight. His F8U Crusader fighter's engine suddenly stopped, for unknown reasons, while he was in a gentle climb at 47,000 feet.

NO POWER OR RADIO

"I had no power, radio, instruments or control over the plane," he said. "I had to get out fast."

Rankin pulled the ejection curtain over his face and triggered the capsule that hurtled him from the plane.

"I felt a violent decompression," he said. "My whole body expanded. It was freezing cold. It had been 75 degrees in the cockpit; outside it was 5 below zero. I couldn't keep my eyes open and my nose was bleeding freely. My hands got numb and one wrist and ankle got frostbitten.

"The chute is set by barometric pressure to open at 10,000 feet. After a fall of about two minutes I felt a sharp jerk. I was in the overcast and couldn't see my parachute, but I tested the riders and knew I was in good shape now."

Then he entered the thunderstorm.

"The air currents carried me up and down. There was hail and severe lightning. I was afraid I wouldn't make it. It seemed like an eternity."

After more than a half hour of bobbing up and down, yo-yo-like in the storm, Rankin realized the air was warmer and calmer. Suddenly, he broke out of the overcast about 300 feet above the ground, and spotted trees.

By his watch, he knew it was 40 minutes since he bailed out.

Rankin looked around, decided he had fallen into a logging camp and finally found a road that took him to a paved highway.

MOST FRUSTRATING

"Then was the most frustrating thing of all. Cars kept passing me by. I was on the point of lying down in the road, but I was afraid they might run over me.

"Finally a little boy in one of the cars recognized my flight helmet and his father stopped. The man — his name was Judson Dunning — took me to a hospital in Ahoskie, N. C. They were awfully nice to me there."

—WHAT'S INSIDE—

Hornets And Gastonia Battle For Loop Lead

SHADES OF 1952, when the Charlotte Hornets and Gastonia (then) Rockets staged a down-to-the-wire battle for the old Tri-State League pennant. At Griffith Park here tonight the same towns are at it again—after a lapse of six seasons. Only a half-game separates the two for the Sally League's top spot. Turn to Page 2B and see what's in store for you fans tonight.

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A DEFINITE LINK between smoking and lung cancer is hard to prove, according to Dr. Joseph G. Molner. The News' popular medical writer discusses this controversial subject in his column on Page 12B today.

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