

TOWN AND COUNTRY

Southern Legislators Demand Apology From Hannegan

Republican Split Develops Morse and Stassen Object to Course Charted by GOP

WASHINGTON (AP)—Senator Wayne Morse of Oregon, said today a banquet of the Republican National Committee last night was "a grand flop" and added: "If the program, which its leaders announced at the banquet, is to constitute Republican policy during the next two years, the Republican National Committee will receive a hearty 'thumbs up' from everything he is doing to defeat himself."

STASSEN'S SOUR NOTE
Stassen's sour statement, Harold E. Stassen sounded a discordant note on the GOP Committee's election of Representative Carroll Reece of Tennessee, as the party's new national chairman. The Minnesota legislator, regarded as a contender for the 1948 Republican Presidential nomination, said: "It is well known that I do not approve of Chairman Reece's stand on many issues in the past."

Morse did not mention Reece by name, but the new chairman was one of the speakers at last night's banquet which both he and Stassen attended.

"We listened to the same old cliches and reactionary nostrums and nauseum which have produced Republican defeats since 1932," Morse said.

Article In Magazine Stirs Wrath Party Chairman Under Attack

WASHINGTON (AP)—A group of approximately 50 Irish Southern Democratic legislators called on National Party Chairman Robert Hannegan today to apologize personally to them for a critical article in a Democratic headquarters publication.

The Southerners held a closed meeting and adopted a resolution specifically demanding a retraction of statements made in the April issue of the Democratic Digest, official organ of the Women's Division of the party.

The publication's statement which aroused the Southerners was this: "And let your representatives know that the passage of the restrictive (race labor disputes) bill, which is a vote against the American people."

The case measure was opposed by the Administration, but Rep-

A First-Hand Report Jewish Settlements In Palestine Deeply Rooted

By RALPH MCGILL
(This is the first of five articles on Palestine by one of America's outstanding newspaper men, the editor of The Atlanta Constitution. Mr. McGill has just completed a study of the forces at work in the Palestine situation. He undertook his investigation at the invitation of the Overseas News Agency with no preconceived ideas on the subject, and is at liberty to write.)

JERUSALEM—(ONA)—A chill, raw rain was falling and before we arrived at Jerusalem it had turned to a hard driving hail which attacked us like a frenzy. So, we saw Jerusalem, glorious in her hills, through a curtain of pelting rain which gave to her spires and minarets the color and shading of translucent, as if new, white castles-in-the-air.

The next day I was on the road to Haifa, the port of Haifa, going first to Maale Habakhma, which is called in the height of the hills of the Five. It is named for five men who were ambushed and killed there by Arabs in 1937.

It is on a hill. The earth was all sticky and jumbo-like from the hail and rain of the day before. There were 720 dunams of land, a dunam being one quarter of an acre.

The place was muddy. It was not prepossessing. The buildings were sound. There were a few walks. There was evidence of a tremendous amount of work having been done on the soil of that rocky hill.

It was not a farm. It looked like one. It smelled like one. The persons who came and went about me were, for the most part, young. They were farm workers. They looked it and, yes, they smelled like it. Their hands were hard with work; their faces and bodies were without fat, but hard and healthy-looking. I walked over the place. There were many fruit trees. They told me there were 100 acres of them, cherries, plums, apples and so on. There were twenty acres of vegetables and they told me of their business of selling seed and plants from their fruit tree nursery. They showed me the beginning of their forest. I saw their fields of pteridium, sold to makers of insect-kills.

This was on a hill. The hills of Palestine are not easy to describe, except by poets. They can speak of their beauty and harshness of line; of the great rocky ledges which line each hill in a sharp, white line, as many blue-white in the Southern States in America, I have seen little.

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Backwash Of Disastrous Series Of Quake Waves

**Alentians Area
Shocks Subside**

By ASSOCIATED PRESS
A 40-foot tidal wave swept toward Alaska today in the backwash of a disastrous series of seismic waves that left 93 dead, scores missing, and thousands homeless in a vast Pacific triangle stretching from the Aleutians to Hawaii and the California coast.

University of Washington seismographers said from 40 to 50 quakes, five of them major ones, had been recorded in the past 24 hours, but that the mighty turbulence on the ocean floor off the Aleutians was subsiding.

LITTLE DAMAGE FEARED
They predicted that the wave, reported by the Coast Guard at Ketchikan, Alaska, to be heading toward southeastern Alaska at 35 miles an hour, would do little damage.

The 10 to 100-foot, strike-slip Pacific yesterday, striking the Hawaiian Islands, with maximum force of about 800 miles an hour, at a speed of from 400 to 500 miles an hour.

The Great waves, created by a tremendous earthquake beneath the ocean, spent their fury in the distant Pacific triangle. The Aleutians, however, were taking the brunt of the damage as far west as Midway Island and as far south as Johnston Island, 800 miles southwest of Honolulu.

Reports of tidal wave damage to naval installations in the Pacific have caused the Navy Department, but initial information indicated it was not of major proportions.

Messages from Pacific Fleet headquarters and commands at Hawaii were Alaska reported no loss of life among naval personnel.

So far, the Navy said at noon no further occurrences of the tidal wave had demolished Scotch Cap Island in the Aleutians had been reported since the Navy Department stations in the area were ordered on the alert.

It Comdr. W. D. Patterson, supervisor of the Pacific district of the Geodetic Survey, said the first tide wave struck the island when the water rushed into his beach home.

He said that there was no one on duty at his office at night, when the seismic disturbance was recorded.

Ejection Threatened Taft Walks Out After Row With Murray In Committee

WASHINGTON (AP)—Senator Taft, Republican, Ohio, stalked angrily from a Senate committee hearing today after Committee Chairman Murray, Democrat, Montana, threatened to have him ejected.

The row broke out and quickly reached the shouting stage as the Senate Labor Committee began consideration of legislation to set up a national compulsory health insurance plan.

Taft broke into a statement by Murray to assert that he was the most Socialist in Congress ever had before him.

In the exchange, Murray told Taft: "I want you to subside, to shut up or I'll have you out of here called and put you out of this hearing room."

Murray opened the hearing by commending the Washington Post for its editorial on the health insurance plan.

"I tell you this measure is the most Socialistic one Congress ever had before it," Taft interrupted.

TAFT SHOUTS
Taft insisted on making a statement. He threatened to shout above the loud protests of Murray that he himself would introduce a health bill.

Murray, standing almost shoulder to shoulder with Taft, snapped that he did not intend to be "bluffed by grandstand plays."

"You have so much gall," cried Murray, "that you would not let me, the chairman of this committee, conclude my statement."

Then, he made his threat to have Taft put out of the committee room.

"The chairman," Taft retorted, "your attitude is not very hopeful. You've shown your intentions to sponsor this purely propaganda measure."

Murray: "It is not propaganda."

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High Waves Hit Chile

TIQUIQUE, Chile (AP)—High waves struck some sections of the Chilean coast, and the sea receded temporarily before the normal shore line in other regions, causing tidal disturbances early today.

Slight damage was reported at some summer resorts of some areas along the rugged coast from the nitrate deserts in the north to the ice-bordered Southern Straits.

A 30-foot tidal wave struck Juan Fernandez Island, the historic Robinson Crusoe Island, 600 miles off Valparaiso. Residents of the island fled to the hills. No casualties have as yet been reported, and no estimate of damage given.

SEA RECEDES
At Iquique, the sea receded more than 50 yards from the normal shoreline.

More than 200 persons were immediately evacuated, with the aid of taxis, from the Cavanca Peninsula off Iquique, and next morning stripped the area for a time, although police sounded an alarm no tidal wave actually struck the area as first reported. Later, residents of the Colorado and Morro districts also fled, many in their night clothes.

Boats left anchored off shore were carried out to sea from the coast, and damage was reported.

Normal conditions returned in about two hours, although the alert continued along the entire coast.

Death Toll At 93 Tidal Waves Tear At Hilo, Hawaii

HILO, Hawaii—(AP)—This once-beautiful city of 25,000, exposed to the full fury of the tidal waves which yesterday lashed vast areas of the eastern Pacific and left at least 93 dead, was on short rations today as rescue squads dug through ruins on its once busy waterfront district.

Scores are missing, and in the city of Hilo alone at least 6,000 are homeless.

A naval officer expressed fears the death toll in Hilo might reach 300, but there were indications the final figure would be considerably short of this estimate.

DAMAGE GREAT
Damage throughout the disaster zone, stretching from the Aleutians westward to Midway, eastward to California and southward to Hawaii and Johnston Island, ran into millions of dollars.

A submarine earthquake, which geologists called water-shaking sent giant swells fanning out from the North Pacific at 400 to 500 miles an hour early yesterday. Beaches on Hawaii, the Aleutians and California were lashed by 10 to 100-foot waves.

The death toll:
Hawaiian Islands—60 bodies recovered at Hilo, nine on Oahu, seven on Maui and six on Kauai Islands.

Chinak, the Aleutians—ten bodies from the Santa Cruz Beach.

California—One man swept into the sea from the Santa Cruz Beach.

Many were missing in Hilo and in rural Lanipouhoo, but the number is not known.

REFUGEE AID
At Honolulu, William W. Monahan, chairman of the Hawaiian Red Cross, estimated that not more than 4,000 refugees asked for shelter in all of the Hawaiian Islands. Of these, 1,800 were on Oahu and 800 on Hawaii Islands.

Monahan added that Switzerland would do all possible to facilitate use of the League of Nations facilities in Geneva by the UNO.

How Waves Struck Hilo

By DOUGLAS LOVELAKE
HILO, Hawaii—(AP)—Hilo's seismic wave death toll might have been cut in two if the tsunami had struck two or three hours later, it is said.

The swells engulfed Hilo's waterfront business district while the city slowly was waking to life yesterday morning. Later, employees and shoppers would have thronged warehouses and stores in the ravaged area, but the north-toward waves.

The warning given by the smaller of Hilo's three waves saved hundreds, who had time to flee from the water.

This is how the waves struck:
The first inundated 50 feet along the waterfront—much of it park area—before the sea from the coast of warning sounded and people bolted into the streets in a mad rush for higher ground.

A few merchants remained to tidy their stores, which were barely touched by the water.

Ten minutes later, a second, larger wave struck, driving 100 yards deeper into the city, smashing through buildings and tearing down volunteers and debris through stores. Volunteers poured into the area, routing looters.

A few minutes later the third wave struck—a towering, angry twenty-foot wall of water rushing into Hilo from the north, irredeemably.

It smashed buildings to smithereens as it rolled and whiplashed two blocks deep into the city in a wave of destruction.

William Hana, who rescued his mother and two other women from the Hana Hotel, described the "We heard the water crash into buildings. Screams of people, the crunching of wood and the shattering of glass filled the air."

"Our hotel was shaking so fiercely we couldn't move. There were about 25 women and children inside. Then the waters receded and men started helping the women and children out. Everyone in the hotel was saved, but we found two children underneath—dead."

Today's fearful grim-faced families wandered about in this once beautiful city of 25,000, searching for their missing loved ones.

STREET IN RUINS
Kamehameha, a street of warehouses, many of them frame houses and little shops, was reduced to a tangled, muddled, jumbled mass of wreckage. Entire buildings were missing; the fate of their occupants unknown.

Streets were blocked by rubble, and many frame houses were down. Power lines were down. Rail tracks were broken.

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Work Stoppage On Miners Settle Down To Wait

PITTSBURGH—(AP)—The nation's soft coal miners, who have invoked their "no contract, no work" principle, apparently settled down today to a period of waiting until the leaders of the industry and the AFL-United Mine Workers can agree on collective bargaining terms.

Nobody could say how long it would take.

The union's contract expired Sunday midnight, and the work stoppage by nearly 400,000 began yesterday in holiday mood, the occasion being the miners' traditional annual celebration in honor of one-time president John Mitchell and their president of today, John L. Lewis. The miners paraded and held speeches in some communities.

NEGOTIATIONS CONTINUED
Negotiations looking toward the new contract continued in Washington. The chief stumbling block was the dispute over Lewis demand for a health and welfare fund to be paid for in tonnage royalties by the operators and be administered by the union.

The Government's special mediator, Paul Fuller, sat in on the conferences between miner and operator representatives.

Charles O'Neill, spokesman for the operators, said there was "no progress of any kind. We are exactly where we have been for weeks."

"We found the operators in their usual mood, declining to do anything. I think we passed up a pretty good opportunity at 9:30 A. M. when we inquired why they were a little vague about it."

There were no reports from the strike field of any picketing. Apparently the miners look President Lewis at his word when he told them just to go home and rest.

Key Housing Items Back

WASHINGTON (AP)—A Senate Banking subcommittee today approved \$600,000,000 of building materials subsidies and price ceilings to help home builders.

It restored these two key provisions, rejected by the House yesterday in holiday mood, to the housing bill. President Truman called the subsidies the "very heart" of the legislation, which is aimed at promoting construction of 2,700,000 new homes in 1946 and next year.

Chairman Barkley, Democrat, Kentucky, said there was no formal vote by the seven-member subcommittee.

Senator Taft, Republican, Ohio, a member, said the three Republicans had reserved all rights to oppose any parts of the bill but agreed to report the measure to the full committee with the controversial proposals included.

Aside from subsidies and ceilings, an increase of \$1,000,000,000 in Government authority to insure loans for home building.

Extension for a year beyond June 30 of power for housing expedient to secure building materials. Through that it is intended to force use of scarce items in construction of low and medium priced homes.

Preference for veterans in the purchase or rental of new houses.

Price ceilings on the new houses.

Hal Boyle AMFOGE Means One Thing To Members, Another To Greeks

By HAL BOYLE
ATHENS—(AP)—Members of AMFOGE—The Allied Mission For Observing the Greek Elections—were a bit and white. They themselves call it "the big eyed club," but it is leaving Greece who boycotted the election at the slightest of the slightest complimentary interpretation.

One concern two Inebriated American soldiers who approached the Italian boy bootlegger late at night accustomed to the native propensity for black market operations on soldier junkie's reputation at his wobbling buddy, who was out on his feet, and asked: "How much will you give me for my friend here?"

"Ten dollars," the boy answered unexpectedly. He peeled off the money and the first drunk pocketbook and staggered off into the darkness.

The bootlegger then led the soldier to the "bought into" the nearest park and stripped him of his uniform, shoes, watch and underclothing. He abandoned his bare purchase to the cold breeze. He appeared to have made about \$200 profit on his investment.

Another story illustrates the Italian attitude for car theft in the early days of the Allied occupation when American jeep drivers were afraid to stop up for traffic signals for fear their tires would be stolen.

One Italian driver whose car was halted by a flat got out and indignantly began jacking up the front wheel. He looked up at his labors and saw a stranger.

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Protect Warning Could Have Saved Many Lives

HONOLULU—(AP)—An informed source said the Army and Navy were protesting to the Alaska and Geodetic Survey, saying that official warning of the tidal wave which struck Hawaii yesterday could have saved many lives.

The great submarine shock which caused the tidal wave had been recorded five hours earlier at Pasadena, Calif.

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WEATHER

Official Weather Bureau Forecast
Partly cloudy and warmer today. Light rain or drizzle in the afternoon. Partly cloudy and continued warm.

Temperature at 2:30 today 64. High and low last 24 hours 61, 41. Sunset today 7:45. Sunrise tomorrow 6:15.

Professor Maxwell's Advance Prediction
The news service Maxwell's advance prediction says that the weather will be partly cloudy and continued warm.

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