

Hundreds Feared Dead In Philippines Quakes

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RESOLUTION TO BE OFFERED IN ASSEMBLY

Earth Shakes For Nearly Eight Hours

Property Damage Reported Severe

MANILA (AP)—Violent earthquakes rocked the southern Philippines today, causing possibly hundreds of deaths and untold damage.

The Philippine News Service reported "hundreds" dead or missing in the Tugaya district alone of Lanao province. Earlier PNS said there were 164 confirmed deaths in four districts of the province.

For nearly eight hours the earth trembled and shook. The ground split open. Sand and hot water were reported issuing from cracks in the ground. Some houses toppled into Lake Lanao.

The Philippine Red Cross said the provincial secretary of Lanao province reported from Davao, the capital, that 10 persons were dead or missing in two districts bordering Lake Lanao.

Those persons presumably were included in an earlier report by the Philippine News Service that 164 were confirmed dead in four districts of Lanao province. PNS insisted that its figure was correct.

The Manila Times reported the same figures.

MISSING

The news service quoted Capt. Angelo Cruz, public relations officer for the 4th Military Area embracing Mindanao. He said 19 persons were missing.

The news agency dispatch indicated many persons were victims of landslides.

The first heavy shock hit the area—a corn-growing region—at 2 a. m. Then a series of aftershocks jarred Mindanao and the southern and central Philippine islands of Cebu, Panay, Negros, Samar, Bohol and Leyte.

The news service said 19 persons were hurt at Iligan and a waterfront office building there slid into the sea.

From Ozamis City (Misamis), a town of 35,282, an estimate of one million dollars in damage was reported. At least 2,000 were homeless there.

THOUGHT WORLD ENDED

"Everyone in this city and nearby towns thought the world had ended and death had come," a Manila Times correspondent messaged from Ozamis.

The Weather Bureau plotted the epicenter at some 60 miles south and southeast of Manila or a point between Ozamis and Iligan cities in Mindanao.

Ozamis is located in Misamis Occidental province, Iligan, with a population of 25,725, is in Lanao province to the east.

HIGHEST READING

The Weather Bureau said the greatest intensity of the earthquakes was recorded at Dipolog City, population 40,618, on the northern tip of Jambanga province on Mindanao.

The reading at Dipolog was 7 on a scale of 9.

The bureau said it had no recording at Ozamis but believed the intensity was greater there. Readings at other cities ranged from 2 to 7.

Coming in the early morning hours when most people were asleep, the earthquake threw villages, towns and cities into panic.

CHURCH DESTROYED

The stately stone Roman Catholic church at Ozamis, built in Spain's occupation, was reported destroyed. Public buildings trembled and fell.

Water spouted from broken mains. Electric lines snapped. Men, women and children scrambled for safety in the predawn darkness.

A wharf at Ozamis was badly damaged, making it unserviceable.

The government mobilized relief agencies to assist the stricken areas.

Relief kitchens were established by the Red Cross. Dr. Feliciano Cruz said, "It is impossible to estimate the total cost of damage and destruction caused but it's certain to run into millions of pesos. A peso is worth 50 cents."

Employees Can Talk Stassen Backs Away From Fight

By JOHN CHADWICK

WASHINGTON (AP)—Foreign aid chief Harold E. Stassen today backed away from a head-on clash with the Senate investigations subcommittee over rights of its staff to question his employees.

Stassen's Foreign Operations Administration sent three employees to the subcommittee's headquarters with announced orders to "answer all questions" put by the staff although only last night an FOA spokesman had said they would not show up.

The three were half an hour late and brought along a private attorney. They delay in showing up stirred speculations as to whether there had been intervention in the row by the White House or senators close to Stassen.

The subcommittee insisted its staff had the right to question FOA employees in private.

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S. C. WINS 2 AWARDS IN CAPITAL FESTIVAL

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Gov. Hodges Favors Home Rule Proposal

Assembly Would Be Relieved Of Burden

RALEIGH (AP)—Gov. Hodges today strongly endorsed Clifford R. Clyde Shreve's proposed constitutional amendments to relieve the General Assembly of handling local legislation.

"This is most essential," Hodges told his news conference, "because the problems of the state are getting so vast that it just doesn't make good sense for the Legislature to come here and take up its time worrying about local problems."

Shreve introduced two bills yesterday which would submit to voters in the 1956 general election constitutional amendments to allow counties and municipalities to vote on adoption of "home rule charters."

Hodges said work has already begun on a study of the feasibility of separating the Highway Commission and the Prisons Department. The study was authorized by the General Assembly two weeks ago.

"We are urging that the study be completed as close to the middle of 1956 as possible," Hodges said. "In my opinion, the key to the whole thing is what to do with the 10,000 prisoners."

The governor said he was "still hopeful" that this session of the Legislature would call for a statewide liquor referendum.

SHOULD HAVE VOTE

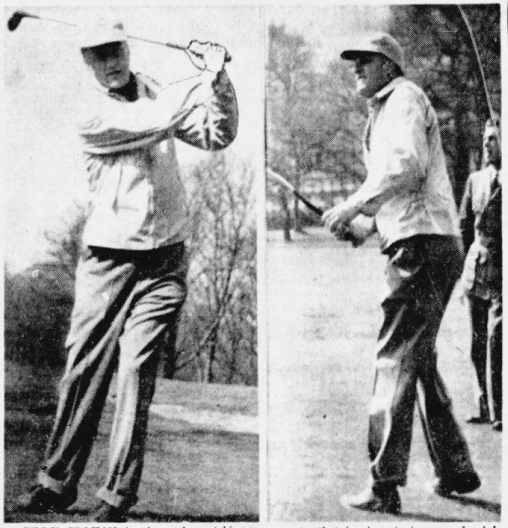
"I think the people should have a vote on it," he said, "and I say this because so many times people say that governors just pay lip service to this business. I think the right of the people to vote on it is fundamental."

The subject of the cold wave which recently destroyed the state peach crop brought a warm compliment from the governor on the attitude of the peach growers.

He said he has been "very pleased" with the spirit of the people involved in all the disasters which have hit the state in recent months, such as Hurricane Hazel and the freeze.

Hodges said he was "anxious to see the state look forward on a unified basis," concerning the development of the ports at Wilmington and Morehead City, as a criticism of the work of the State Ports Authority.

"We've got a good board of fine citizens appointed by my predecessor," he said, "and they are doing a good job."



BILLY GRAHAM is shown here taking time off from his pulpit duties to engage in a round of golf at Glasgow, Scotland. Golf players may note that he is swinging cross-handed. (AP Wirephoto)

Add High Cost Of Misbehavior: City Court Costs Increase

W. DONALD MACDONALD, Charlotte News Staff Writer

When no April Fool's joke was court costs took a five-dollar increase in City Recorder's Court today.

In accordance with a bill ratified by the General Assembly last Friday, court costs moved this morning from \$5 to \$10.

Any appearance bonds formerly in the amount of \$5 have been increased to \$10, which means there will be no more \$5 bonds.

RESOLUTION OKAYED

The \$5 increase resulted after City Councilmen agreed last Feb. 2 to prepare a resolution, calling for a raise in court costs from \$5 to \$10, as a means of producing more city revenue and, at the same time, act as a greater deterrent to law violators.

Prepared by City Attorney John Shaw, the resolution was sent to the Mecklenburg Delegation in the General Assembly for passage.

When the resolution was prepared, Mayor Van Every said that, in his opinion, "the people who are violating the law ought to bear more of the costs of enforcement."

It was brought out that several North Carolina cities have for a long time been charging more for law violations than Charlotte's Court demanded.

MAY BE DETERRED

Ed A. M. White, clerk of City Recorder's Court, said that, although the increased revenue factor is to be considered, it is not the primary object of the move. He said that he believes the increase will act as a better deterrent to habitual offenders.

The \$5 increase will mean that the city will get \$10 instead of \$5 for each case handled in the lower court. The remaining \$5 from the \$10 will go to the police retirement and police emergency funds.

Fines and forfeitures which are collected in City Recorder's Court are used in the school.

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Col. Robt. R. McCormick Famed Chicago Publisher Dies

CHICAGO (AP)—Col. Robert Rutherford McCormick, 74, color, editor and publisher of the Chicago Tribune, died early today.

He had been in failing health for several years but remained active in his work until early last month.

Death came at his farm home west of Chicago at 2:47 a. m.

McCormick, who gained the title of "colored" from World War I service, was the key man in a publishing organization which owns the newspapers with the largest circulations in the United States—the Chicago Tribune and the New York Daily News.

CIRCULATION ROSE

He stepped into an executive post at the Tribune in 1931, when it had a daily circulation of about 200,000. Last September the Tribune had a daily circulation of 392,658 and a Sunday circulation of 1,292,384.

McCormick had been hospitalized several times in recent years. He had pneumonia in April 1953 after returning from a trip to Europe. Later the same year he was troubled by erysipelas.

On Jan. 19 he underwent an abdominal operation to correct adhesions and a bladder and liver condition. He left the hospital seven days later and went to Florida.

He returned to Chicago March 10, spent 10 days under observation in a hospital and then went to his home.

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Committee Action Truck Fuel Tax Change Approved

RALEIGH (AP)—House Senate roads committees today approved bills to change the method of collecting taxes on Diesel motor fuel and to tax big trucks crossing the state.

Several House members, meanwhile, Rep. David Clark of Lincoln in sponsoring a bill calling for annual sessions of the general Assembly.

Four House members joined Rep. Jones of Pine Bluff in sponsoring a measure to slap a 10 per cent "luxury tax" in place of the 3 per cent sales tax on jewelry, fur, toilet preparations, luggage and other similar items. The proposed tax would raise approximately 2 1/2 million dollars a year.

Rep. William W. Taylor of Warren tossed in a bill to make out-of-state students who attend college in North Carolina pay tuition rates about double what North Carolina residents pay. Warren's bill would not affect out-of-state students already enrolled in state institutions.

White Pupils Barred From Negro Schools

JACKSON, Miss.—The Mississippi Legislature, anxious to keep Negroes out of white schools, has passed a bill that does the reverse.

The Senate yesterday approved a House-passed bill that prohibits white students from attending state-supported schools with Negroes.

Sentencing Set For April 28

NEW YORK (AP)—Mist F. (Mick) Jelke, handsome young neo-margarine heir, was convicted today for the second time on cafe society vice charges.

He could draw up to 40 years in prison. Sentencing was set for April 28. Two years ago he was sentenced to three to six years on his first conviction, which was reversed on appeal.

Jelke was confined there in \$45,000 bail after the jury of 10 men and two women reported its guilty verdict at 1:16 a. m. after more than 10 hours of deliberation.

ON TWO COUNTS

He was convicted on two counts of compulsory prostitution—the legal term for the offense. The charges consisted of:

1. "Enticing, inducing and procuring" Pat Ward, now 21, to lead the life of a prostitute.

2. Attempting to do the same with Marguerite Cordova, 36, former night club hoochey girl.

Chief defense counsel George Washington Herz told newsmen he would not discuss possibility of an appeal at this time.

Jelke, who had paced the court corridors during the jury's deliberation, paled as the verdict was

Jury Finds Mickey Jelke Guilty

twisted. He was far from the debauched life he had led. He had spent hundreds a week in night clubs and kept lavish living quarters.

SUPPLEMENT GIFTS

The prosecution contended he got into the vice racket—taking \$10,000 to \$15,000 from Miss Ward while living with her for five months in 1951 and 1952—to supplement gifts from her family and help tide him over until he came into his millions.

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MAN LOSES 14TH BID TO BECOME LAWYER

BOSTON (AP)—David Pollard, 60-year-old steamfitter, has lost his 14th bid to become a lawyer.

The Massachusetts Supreme Court turned down his plea to be allowed to take an oral examination only to practice law. He contended his poor handwriting had handicapped him in the written tests.

In the past 30 years, he has failed 13 times in the bar examiners' written examination. During that time he read 30,000 court cases and read every word of a law dictionary.

He told the court: "My life is your hands. I believe I could pass the bar if the court gave me permission to take an oral examination."

The court gave no reason for dismissing the plea.

Grunewald Gets 5 Years

NEW YORK (AP)—Federal Judge Archie O. Dawson today sentenced Henry W. (The Dutchman) Grunewald, Washington influence peddler, to five years in prison and fined him \$10,000 for conspiracy in a \$100,000 tax fix case.

Judge Dawson passed the maximum penalty on Grunewald after comparing him and two codefendants with "termites which could undermine a structure until it collapses."

He imposed a five-year jail term and an \$8,000 fine on Max Halperin, 70, of New York, an attorney, who was convicted on four counts of the indictment.

Judge Dawson adjourned until April 14 the sentencing of another defendant, Daniel A. Bolich, 54-year-old assistant commissioner of internal revenue, who is ill in a Brooklyn hospital of a heart attack.

Convicted Jelke (L), Losing Attorney Herz. (AP)

announced. The 25-year-old play-actress stand at either trial, her was visibly shaken as he. He sighed deeply and bit his stood at the defense table facing lips after the verdict was announced. He did not take the bench. It is a neck muscle.

Resolution To Be Offered In Assembly

Would Declare State's Policy

RALEIGH (AP)—Gov. Hodges told his news conference today he is backing a resolution to be presented in the General Assembly to declare North Carolina's policy on the school segregation issue.

Rep. Gordon Madfrey of Bertie, chairman of the House Education Committee, read a copy of the proposed resolution at a meeting of the committee today. He said it likely will be introduced next week but language of the resolution is subject to change.

The copy presented to the Education Committee recites the report of the governor's Advisory Committee on education to declare that "mixing of the races forthwith in the public schools throughout the state cannot be accomplished and should not be attempted."

POLICY DECLARATION

It declares that the report of the Advisory Committee and the brief filed with the U. S. Supreme Court are hereby approved as a declaration of policy "of the state" with respect to the serious problems in public education "created by the decision of the Supreme Court that school segregation is unconstitutional."

The governor said Atty. Gen. Harry McMillan had advised him he thought a resolution "would help him" when the Supreme Court is asked to review the state's ruling in effect. North Carolina will take part in the hearings which began April 11 although it is not directly involved in the specific cases before the court.

HOPES FOR APPROVAL

"We are going to sponsor a resolution," the governor told his news conference. "I hope it will meet with approval of almost everybody."

The resolution also provides for the creation of a seven-member committee recommended by the advisory group "to make a continuing study of the problems which may arise as a result of the court's decision."

The resolution recites from the advisory committee report that, "The mixing of the races forthwith in the public schools throughout the state cannot be accomplished and should not be attempted."

"The committee feels that the compulsory mixing of the races in our schools, on a statewide basis and without regard to local conditions and assignment factors other than race, would alienate public support of the schools to such an extent that they could not be operated successfully."

The resolution also recites from the attorney general's brief that the people of North Carolina "are determined if possible to educate all the children of the state" and "they are also determined to maintain their society as it now exists and to sponsor a distinct racial groups in the North Carolina community."

Madfrey presented the proposed resolution and invited members who wished to join in sponsoring it.

Rep. B. J. Satterfield of Person was the first to sponsor a stronger resolution on the subject said he had been consulted on the new resolution. He said, "I heartily concur in it and I think it is as far as we can go at this time."

Satterfield's statement he had attended conferences of leaders in

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Our Weather

Sunny and a little warmer today. Some cloudiness and warmer tonight. Tomorrow, partly cloudy and mild with scattered showers.

Low this morning, 36.

Low tonight, 47.

High today, 71.

High today, 76.

High tomorrow, 76.

Sunrise, 6:10 a. m.; sunset, 6:44 p. m.

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