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'Mild' Shocks Stir People In Asheville

Tremors Described As 'Rather Large' For This Section

By JULIAN SCHEER
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Two mild earthquakes—"rather large for this area"—shook parts of east Tennessee and Western North Carolina today.

The disturbances, reported at 8:36 a.m. and 8:51 a.m., excited some residents of Knoxville and started telephones ringing in the Asheville area.

RECORDED AT UNC

The University of North Carolina's seismograph recorded the earthquakes and Charles Davenport of Newland, a geology student manning the instrument, said the tremors were "about 200 miles west or south of west of Chapel Hill."

He told The News the Chapel Hill findings will be correlated with reports from Columbia, S. C., and Washington, D. C., later today to pinpoint the earthquakes.

He said the earthquakes were "rather large for this area," although they must be considered low intensity disturbances.

There were no reports in the Charlotte area of the earth movements and the U. S. Weather Bureau in Asheville said no employees there felt the earthquakes.

They have reports of some citizens who telephoned the Weather Bureau for information.

BUILDINGS SHAKE

In downtown Knoxville, many persons raced into the streets when office buildings and shops began to shake.

A Chapel Hill report from Knoxville said some students had been knocked from classroom seats onto floors in the large Tennessee city.

There were no reports of damage or injuries.

The first tremor was felt at 8:36 a.m., Eastern Standard Time, and the second followed 15 minutes later. The first was of about five seconds duration.

Berlin Moneymaker, Tennessee Valley Authority geologist, described the shocks as "earth tremors" of low intensity.

The tremors were the first felt in this area since Jan. 25, 1954.

Moneymaker said the quakes were caused by slight "movements in rock formations" in this area.

FIRST STRONGER
"The first shock was the stronger one," the TVA geologist continued. "I'd say it had an intensity of four on the Mercalli scale."

Observations "based on non-instrumental observations." The maximum degree on this scale is 12. This represents total destruction.

At Oak Ridge, Mrs. Carl Weeks said: "Some dishes were shaken out of my china cabinet and broken."

One housewife in suburban Beaverton said she was knocked off her feet.

Davenport explained the earthquakes were probably from the slipping or movement of earth faults. The area is non-volcanic and earthquakes come from the movement of faults on the crust of the earth.

An earth fault is a deformity on the crust of the earth.

Lawyers Enter Innocent Plea

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two Western lawyers pleaded innocent today on charges of conspiring to violate the federal labor laws and unlawfully attempting to influence the vote of Sen. Francis Case (R-S.D.).

The trial of the two lawyers, John M. Neff of Lexington, Neb., and Elmer Patman of Austin, Tex., together with the Superior Oil Co. of California for whom they worked, was set by Chief Judge Bolitha Laws for Nov. 19 in the U. S. District Court here.

Superior Oil was named as a defendant in the conspiracy. It also pleaded innocent through counsel Roger Robb of Washington.

Neff and Patman each were released under \$500 bond.

A grand jury returned the indictments last July 24 after an investigation of lobbying on the natural gas bill which Congress passed and President Eisenhower killed with a veto.

The grand jury returned a six count indictment charging that Neff, Patman and Superior Oil had conspired to violate the lobbying laws. Another count of the indictment charged that Neff and Patman had unlawfully offered the \$2,500 to Case in an effort to influence the vote on the gas bill.

Evening Prayer

Our Father, deliver us from a complacent satisfaction with ourselves. Warm our hearts with Thy Spirit that we may hear and heed Thy voice and do Thy will every moment. In Christ's name we ask it. Amen.



Tragedy In Mother's Eyes: Mrs. Ruitolo

Martial Law Threat Looms In Race Issue

By GEORGE BACKETT

STURGIS, Ky., (AP)—Nine Negro students stayed home today as officials stood ready to declare martial law if necessary to control angry crowds threatening the Negro students who enrolled in previously all-white Sturgis High School.

National Guard and State Police officials said they had the papers necessary for declaring martial law but at the moment thought it was not necessary.

Adj. Gen. J. B. Williams said the governor instructed him to use martial law if it becomes necessary but "that is one of the last things I want to do."

Williams, in charge of National Guardsmen in this western Kentucky mining and farming community, announced the Negro students would not attend school today.

Williams and Don Sturgill, Kentucky's deputy public safety commissioner, said they had received reports that parents of the students had been "subjected to heavy economic pressure."

"Parents of some of the youths work in nearby coal mines," Williams said, "and it is reported some were told they would lose their jobs if the Negro children remained in Sturgis High School."

FBI TO CHECK
"These rumors and reports have been turned over to the Federal Bureau of Investigation to check any possible violation of civil rights," the commander said.

Williams estimated only 300 persons gathered in front of the school this morning. The crowd was mostly quiet and orderly. One man was arrested on a breach

William said the Negro youths' parents reported they would be back in school Monday but they were "too afraid to have them in school today."

Williams returned from a conference at Frankfort with Gov. A. B. Chandler this morning.

He said the governor prepared a martial law proclamation "and instructed me to use it if it becomes necessary. As of now, it isn't necessary."

Buses bringing white children to the school were less than half filled. Less than 100 children were in classes.

TANKS MOVE IN
A National Guard tank was parked in front of the school entrance. Other tanks were stationed at each end of the block.

Williams said the martial law papers needed only his signature to put this community of approximately 5,000 under military rule.

The Guardsmen and State Police stepped an angry crowd yesterday, escorting the nine Negroes into and out of the school.

The students later vowed they had "enrolled to stay."

Don Sturgill, Kentucky's deputy safety commissioner, said the governor had given Gen. Williams authority to call in all the National Guardsmen necessary to preserve order and keep them in Sturgis until "spring if necessary."

Sturgill also increased the number of State Police on duty here to 36. Eighteen police cars were parked in front of the school building.

Court Upholds 20-Year Term For Turncoat

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States Court of Military Appeals today upheld the Army court-martial conviction of Claude J. Batchelor of Kernell, Tex., on charges of helping the Communists while a prisoner of war in Korea.

The court, acting unanimously, said, "the evidence supporting the findings of guilty" is overwhelming.

Batchelor was sentenced to life imprisonment but his later was reduced to 20 years.

He was convicted in fact on two counts of informing against fellow prisoners and three counts of giving aid to Communist propaganda, through leading discussion groups, making pre-recorded tapes and agreeing to take part in subversive activities after the war.

The court rejected a defense contention that it is no violation of law for a prisoner of war to inform on a comrade for the purpose of bettering the conditions of all other prisoners.

The majority opinion written by Judge George W. Lathimer and concurred in by Judge Homer Ferguson said the defense contention "is not and cannot be good law."

Chief Judge Robert E. Quinn wrote a brief separate opinion in which he concurred in upholding the conviction.

Batchelor was one of 23 Allied soldiers who refused repatriation when the Korean armistice was signed. He was the second one of these soldiers to change his mind and decide to come home.

Col. Edward S. Dickenson of Cracker's Neck, Va., preceded him back.

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Report Says Tot's Head Has Bruise

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP)—State's Atty. Abraham S. Ullman said that his plans "are in a state of flux" today as police processed their investigation in the Ruotolo baby case.

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ROBERT HARRISON RICHARD WELDY GEENE COURTNEY

Confidentially, He Ain't Mad

CIUDAD TRUJILLO, Dominican Republic (AP)—Police have released Richard Weldy, 35, a jungle trapper questioned in the shooting of Robert Harrison, 50, publisher of Confidential Magazine.

Weldy was turned loose last night. The police acted after Harrison told newsmen the shooting was an accident and he did not plan to file charges, and "Weldy is a nice person."

Weldy had been jailed on a holding charge.

Harrison backed up Weldy's story that he dropped his shotgun by accident and it discharged. The shot wounded Harrison slightly in the shoulder.

The shooting took place Tuesday in a mountain jungle near Jarabacoa about 70 miles northwest of here. Weldy had ac-

knowledged that at the time he and Harrison were quarreling over an article in Confidential about Weldy, his Peruvian actress wife and her present husband, Hollywood star John Wayne.

Weldy was in the Dominican Republic to catch a rare species of ferret for a customer in Miami, Fla. He had come upon Harrison hunting with A. P. Gomez, managing editor of Confidential, and a friend Geene Courtney, a pretty New York woman currently singing at El Embajador Hotel in Ciudad Trujillo.

After the shooting, Weldy and Gomez left to get help and Harrison and Miss Courtney remained in the woods. They were brought to the hospital suffering from exhaustion, nervousness and exposure.

Doctors said Harrison would be well enough in a few days to go back to the United States.

The New York Journal American said Harrison's wife, who stayed behind in their New York hotel apartment, was angered to hear that Miss Courtney had been with him.

"Why that old hag?" Courtney let say, "I just don't like her. Are you sure she was with him?"

The paper said Mrs. Harrison later expressed regret that she had made this remark and added that Miss Courtney was an old friend of the family.

She was quoted as saying she was sure her "involvement in the incident was harmless."

S. C. Beauty To Be Married

COLUMBIA (AP)—Miriam Stevens, 23, the most beautiful girl in the world, two years ago, became a housewife tomorrow.

The transition from "Miss Universe" to Mrs. Donald Upott will be relatively gradual, however — domestically speaking.

She intends to continue her television work at Columbia station WIS-TV where her husband-to-be is chief announcer.

Don's hours being what they are, Miriam figures they'll see about as much of each other while her working at the studio as they would if she remained home.

The advent of children, of course, would change all that.

After winning "Miss Universe" honors in 1954, Miriam tried a summer in Hollywood, but returned home in the fall to finish college.

SUDDEN SWITCH
Her sudden switch from the world's reigning beauty to a South Carolina college girl made headlines at the time. But those who knew Miriam best weren't too surprised.

Charm and beauty, like tobacco and cotton, seem to grow with unusual profusion in the state.

Betty Lane Cherry, of Orangeburg, was runner-up in the Miss U.S.A. contest this year, and the Iowa lovely who edged out Betty Lane went on to win the Universe title.

Our Weather

Generally cloudy with scattered showers or thundershowers today. Early cloudy and a little cooler tonight. Saturday considerable cloudiness and cool.

Low this morning .. 69
Low tomorrow morning .. 65
High today .. 72
High yesterday .. 82
High tomorrow .. 78
Sunrise today 5:59 a.m.; sunset today 6:43 p.m.

More Weather Data on Page 4-A
Select FOREMOST Milk Products at your favorite store. — Adv.

Voters To Decide Amendment's Fate

BY CHARLES KURALT
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Mecklenburg voters go to the polls with other North Carolinians tomorrow to decide whether they should have the power to close their public schools in the face of integration.

Most political observers expect this week will approve the Pearsall Plan overwhelmingly.

It would permit local officials to suspend schools if intolerable situations arise from attempted integration and provide for private education.

A Charlotte News poll earlier this week indicated a light vote in Mecklenburg—but support for the Pearsall Plan was voiced by four of every five people who had an opinion on the subject.

About 85,000 Mecklenburg citizens are registered to vote in the special election.

HODGES TALKS
Gov. Luther Hodges will make a last minute appeal for the Pearsall Plan over TV and radio stations in Charlotte, Greenville, Winston-Salem, Asheville, Greensboro, Washington, Fayetteville, Wilmington, Raleigh and Norfolk Va., at 8 p.m. today.

The Associated Press quoted the head of Gov. Hodges' committee as predicting a vote of at least a half million persons.

Holt McPherson, High Point Enterprise editor and committee chairman, said the vote would be "highly favorable" to the Pearsall plan as well as three

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What's Inside — With Singing & Dancing, Styles Need Not Be Bore

SOMETHING NEW in the way of fashion shows is planned for Ovens Auditorium on Sept. 25. The scoop on this one is splashed on Page 8A.

THE GRANDFATHER that is a mountain will probably be the most photographed background in the country this weekend as camera bugs from all over gather for their annual clinic. A word picture of this event is on Page 2B.

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Troopers Go For Pistols As Unruly Sturgis, Ky., Mob Gets Out Of Hand (AP)