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Tremendous Section Of South Japan Devastated

Thousands Flee Into Hills TOKYO—(AP)—A violent earthquake and severe tidal waves ravaged more than 50,000 square miles of southern Japan today.

Incomplete figures listed 500 dead, 612 injured, and 43 missing. The quake destroyed, damaged or flooded, and 500 fish-... many lost. Only one Allied casualty—a missing British soldier—was reported.

Authorities said the quake possibly was the world's most violent. Six tidal waves, erupted from the Pacific Ocean floor, rumbled over Wakayama Peninsula and... many were killed.

Only fragmentary information was available from the two areas that appeared hardest hit—southern coast of Shikoku and western Wakayama, both isolated...

Fire destroyed one-third of Shingu, on the east coast of Honshu, and... about 100 persons were killed. Slight tremors followed about every half hour.

Damage extended from the northern coast of Kyushu through Shikoku and north to... Osaka, Japan's second largest city, reported moderate killing, heavy property damage and water three feet deep in some sections.

The famous and noted Senator Nara, both former Japanese captain and former Japanese aide, has escaped any major damage. Both escaped bomb damage during the war.

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Ruin And Death In Wake Mighty Arm Of Sea Swings Six Times At Tiny Jap City

By RUSSELL BRINES TOKYO—(AP)—A great, dirty arm of water swayed six times at the tiny city of Kashi. When it finally withdrew, there was nothing but whimpering people looking for lost relatives amid smashed homes.

That is the picture for stretched in halting telegraph messages from nearby obliterated Kashi on the smothered Wakayama Peninsula. Kashi was one of dozens of communities lashed by today's tidal wave, which was felt by coastal towns 370 miles apart.

The wall of water which was Japan's worst was ten feet high reached a point 90 miles southwest of Tokyo. There it flooded more than 500 homes in the fishing village of Shimoda on Izu Peninsula—famous as the site of the first American Consulate 90 years ago.

The tidal wave smashed the Kochi area of southern Shikoku at least 370 miles west of Shimoda. Detailed reports may show it reached even beyond that.

"The town bled with a dirty whirlpool," said the first reports from Kashi, in the center of one of the hardest hit areas.

"As the first earth shock hit at 4:20 A. M., residents fled, screaming, into the streets—fearful, as the Japanese are, inexplicable movements of the earth.

Nothing happened for a while, so the people began returning home.

Mr. Smith Narrowly Escapes Death Charlottan Hits The Dirt Just As Plane Shears Off Top Of Car

By TOM FESPERRMAN Charlotte News Staff Writer Bill Smith, who is with the Charlotte office of the U. S. Casualty Co. since he got out of the Navy Air Force, almost can't seem to get far enough away from Navy planes.

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Atom-Veto Issue Still Hangs Fire Baruch 'Victory' Incomplete

By MAX HARBELSON NEW YORK — (AP) — Delegates to the United Nations Atomic Energy Commission disagreed today over whether they had approved a United States proposal to eliminate the big power veto on punishment for violations of atomic energy control.

There was a major point in the American atomic control plan which was approved "in principle" yesterday by the Commission and it appeared at first that the controversial issue had been decided finally — although without the approval of Soviet Russia.

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Georgia's Governor-Elect Dead At Age Of 62

Atlanta May Stay In Office Awhile ATLANTA — (AP) — Eugene Talmadge, who four times was elected Governor of Georgia, died today less than a month before his scheduled fourth inauguration.

The 62-year-old champion of white supremacy was suddenly stricken at Piedmont Hospital where he had lain in a coma since last night.

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Ban Against Explosives Fireworks Appeal Is Made By Police

By DICK YOUNG Charlotte News Staff Writer Official appeal to the public to refrain from the use of dangerous fireworks during the Christmas season was voiced today by Chief Frank N. Littlejohn of the City Police Department and Chief Stanhope Lineberry of Mecklenburg County Police.

Both police officers decried the setting off of explosives and called upon parents to protect their children and others, too, by denying their own children the dangerous explosives.

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"The use of fireworks is prohibited in Mecklenburg County. Parents should be cautioned not to use fireworks in this county. Parents should protect their children by denying them the use of weapons and injurious fireworks of all types.

"The Board of County Commissioners recently requested the department to which legal distribution of fireworks is made to be limited in order that the explosive material would be made available on a peace treaty for Australia.

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Cold Hits Europeans

LONDON (AP)—Bitter cold brought his winter season and homeless today and snowed mountain peaks and hillsides in Western Europe.

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