

# 38 hurt in Pt. Angeles blast

PORT ANGELES — (AP) — An explosion tore up a street and demolished the main floor of a Port Angeles hotel and restaurant late last night, but, almost miraculously, there were no deaths. Thirty eight persons were injured by the blast and the limited fire that followed, a hospital administrator said. Fifteen of those injured were admitted, and two other persons were sent to Seattle for more extensive treatment, the official said. Workers sifted through the remains of the hotel searching for residents who may have been trapped in the structure caved in following an explosion. The explosion apparently was caused by butane gas leaks in pipe operated by the Natural Gas Corp. of Port Angeles.

Gene Martin, residence unknown, was in critical condition here. Pete Capos, a bartender in the restaurant's cocktail lounge, had just turned away from the bar. "The cocktail lounge just blew up," Capos, 58, said after being treated for cuts. "I thought I was going to fall through to the basement. All around me I heard people screaming, yelling, crying and cussin'." "The whole sidewalk had blown up and demolished everything in the cocktail lounge and restaurant. There were at least 20 people in the cocktail lounge and I don't know how many more in the restaurant. "It's a miracle, though, that nobody was killed because if you look at the place now you wonder how anybody got out alive," Capos exclaimed.



The front of a Port Angeles building was shattered and the sidewalk ripped up by last night's blast (A full page of pictures, A 3; other details and more photos, C 1.) —Staff photo by Greg Gilbert.

**THE BUILDING** housed the Haguewood Restaurant, Olympus Hotel and a Glamour - Ella Health Spa. Estimates of damage ranged up to \$500,000. Four other buildings in the area were damaged. The street in front of the hotel was ripped up along a 50-foot gash about eight feet wide. Flames fed by broken gas mains spat out from the gaping concrete for several hours after the blast. Peter Blanchard, 29 Port Angeles, was flown to University Hospital in Seattle where he was reported in satisfactory condition with a skull fracture and lacerations. George Lawrence Runey, 21, a Coast Guard enlisted man, was taken to the Public Health Service Hospital in Seattle. He suffered a neck injury.

**FIRE CHIEF** Kenneth Cameron said it was almost as miraculous that the building was not engulfed in fire. "We were extremely fortunate that there was no fire in the building, because with the magnitude of the explosion, it would have been very difficult to cope with it." There are about 50 rooms in the hotel, one of the larger in this Olympic Peninsula community of 16,000. The hotel owner, Ken Owen, said he did not know how many rooms were occupied or how many people were in the hotel at the time of the blast. The street was deserted when the explosion occurred shortly before midnight. Two cars parked next to the hotel were rendered into scrap.

## Leslie Bacon to sue U.S. for illegal arrest

Times News Services NEW YORK — Leslie Bacon's lawyer says the 19-year-old anti-war activist will sue the government for arresting her last April 27 on a material-witness detention warrant a federal appeals court has ruled illegal. For three weeks after her arrest, Miss Bacon was kept in custody in Seattle while a federal grand jury questioned her in connection with the March 1 bombing of the United States Capitol. Then she was jailed for refusing to answer some of the questions. Yesterday the Ninth United States Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in San Francisco the government had illegally assumed Miss Bacon would have fled to avoid testifying if she had been subpoenaed.

required evidence Miss Bacon might have failed to appear under subpoena. The appeals court did not rule on whether Miss Bacon must still be punished for contempt because she refused to answer some of the grand jury's questions after turning down an offer of limited immunity. Miss Bacon had been held in contempt of court and sent to jail May 19 for refusing to answer some of the grand jury's questions after turning down an offer of limited immunity. Miss Bacon stayed in jail in Seattle on \$100,000 bail until June 15, when the same appeals court upheld the contempt citation but ordered her released while she appealed to the United States Supreme Court.

On the day of that ruling a federal grand jury here indicted Miss Bacon on a charge of conspiring with six others to fire-bomb a Manhattan branch of the First National City Bank. She was arraigned on June 29 and freed on bail. IN GRANTING Miss Bacon's petition for habeas corpus yesterday, the appeals court ordered her arrest warrant quashed. The court ruled that a proper arrest warrant must be based on probable cause that testimony of the witness is material and that it would be "impractical" to use a subpoena. The first test can be met by assertion by the United States attorney, but the second must be based on sufficient facts, the court said.

"Mere assertion will not do," the appellate court said. "As a basis for Bacon's arrest the warrant was invalid. "The question becomes whether those facts are sufficient in themselves to warrant a man of reasonable caution in the belief that the requirement of impracticality had been met. We hold that they are not," the opinion said. Miss Bacon, the daughter of an Atherton, Calif., lumberyard operator, was arrested at a commune in Washington, D. C., and transported to Seattle to answer questions about the bombing. Mike Rosen, one of Miss Bacon's attorneys, called yesterday's court decision "a great victory for civil liberties in this country."

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## Dock strike hits Gulf, East ports

NEW YORK — (AP) — Dock workers from Maine to Texas struck today, confronting the government with the nation's first coast-to-coast shipping strike. However, some ports were operating in Texas. Last-ditch talks to settle a guaranteed-income dispute between the 45,000-member International Longshoremen's Association and the New York Shipping Association broke up a few hours after a midnight contract expiration. Longshoremen at Great Lake ports were not affected by the strike and remained on the job. OTHER I. L. A. locals were pledged to follow New York's lead, but four of Texas' six ports were reported working as usual. Only Beaumont was struck. Port Arthur had no ships in port. West Coast ports have been struck since July 1 by the International Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union. "We offered to continue working under the President's wage-price freeze, but this was turned down by the shippers, so you can say we're being locked out or on strike," said the I. L. A. president, Thomas W. Gleason. The Florida White House in Key Biscayne said President Nixon has been told many major issues in the West Coast dock strike have been settled and does not contemplate invoking Taft-Hartley provisions to halt coast-to-coast dock walk-outs. Mr. Nixon is spending a long weekend in Florida. GLEASON SAID another negotiating session had been set for Monday. He said management men would present a list of the abuses that it charges have occurred under the guaranteed-annual-income plan.

## Sports highlights

HUSKIES—Sonny Sixkiller's first Midwest appearance is expected to lure 45,000 fans to Illinois' Memorial Stadium tomorrow. B 1. TOP BATTER — Joe Torre of the St. Louis Cardinals led the major-league batters with a .363 mark this season. B 3. FORFEIT—Washington, D. C., baseball fans poured onto the field to grab souvenirs before the final out and umpires forfeited the game to the New York Yankees. B 1. PENNANT WINNER — San Francisco's Giants, stumbling through a miserable September in the National League race, held on to win the pennant by one game. B 1.

## State to get \$50 million in highway-aid funds

By LYLE BURT Times Olympia Bureau OLYMPIA — Washington will receive between \$50 million and \$100 million in federal highway-aid funds to help stimulate the state's economy and improve highway safety, Gov. Dan Evans announced today. The governor said the money will be part of \$400 million frozen by presidential order which the President now has released. Additional funds may become available to the state later, Evans stated. Evans said he received word of the fund release from Transportation Secretary John Volpe in Washington, D. C. President Nixon froze the vast amounts of highway money some time ago as an anti-inflation measure. For the past several months Evans and other governors have urged the President to free the highway funds as a means of providing more jobs in economically depressed areas. Release of the money was one of the major requests made by the governor July 28 in a personal appeal to the White House for federal economic aid. Exactly how much money the state will receive from the initial \$400 million will depend on the state's readiness to get highway projects underway, the governor said. More detailed estimates should be available next week, he added.

## United Way ahead of '70 collections

The United Way, formerly United Good Neighbors, today reported collections during the first week of the campaign totaled \$1,289,566, well ahead of last year's collections at the same time. John Myrick, director of the fund-raising division, reported at a United Way luncheon today that the collections represent 16.1 per cent of the \$8,021,000 goal. "All divisions but one are ahead of last year," Myrick said. "We're very encouraged." Division reports and the percentage of their goals were: Industrial, \$51,752, 2.3 per cent; commercial, \$188,819, 21 per cent; public service, \$53,422, 7.9 per cent; professional, \$81,469, 20.5 per cent; local government, \$18,775, 6.9 per cent; district business, \$6,441, 5 per cent; south county, \$91,643, 31.6 per cent; north county, \$17,503, 6.1 per cent; and special gifts, \$780,741, 36 per cent.

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## Airport-weather data now basis of reports

Weather data from the Seattle-Tacoma Airport hereafter will be used by The Times as the primary source of information about Seattle's weather. The reason: Airport readings are more representative of the Seattle metropolitan area than data obtained at the downtown observatory atop the Federal Office Building, 909 First Ave. Illustrating the difference in temperatures, the high yesterday at the Seattle-Tacoma Airport was 57 degrees, compared with 63 downtown. This morning's lows were 47 at the airport and 51 downtown. Weather instruments at the airport are well exposed according to Weather Service standards. The rooftop instruments downtown are affected by the mass of heated and sun-reflecting buildings and by Elliott Bay breezes. Norman A. Matson, meteorologist in charge of the Seattle Forecast Office, said the high and low temperatures in Seattle-area forecasts are keyed to the airport—not downtown Seattle.

Matson noted that temperatures can vary widely over short distances in the metropolitan area, especially on clear, cold nights. On such nights, temperatures in some low-lying places in the Seattle area may be as much as 15 degrees under the low temperature forecast for the airport. The main reason is that cool air drains into low places on clear windless nights. The airport, 400 feet above sea level, is not affected appreciably by such drainage of cold air. Forecasts covering such nights usually call for lower temperatures in "outlying" or "usually colder" areas. DURING CLOUDY, windy weather, the air is well mixed and there will be little difference in the temperatures in the area. Matson suggested that residents adjust the temperature forecast to their specific area by comparing their temperatures with those observed at the airport under various weather conditions.

Weather Service 11 a. m. forecast: Considerable cloudiness. Increasing chance of rain. High, 60; low tonight, 46. South winds to 20. Chance of rain, 20% tonight; 40% tomorrow. Airport high yesterday, 57; low overnight, 47. (Report, E 5.)

HER LAWYER, William H. Schaap, said there that the decision was "in a sense... a vindication." He said that because Miss Bacon had spent two months in jail, the suit "may involve substantial damages." Miss Bacon, in New York, hailed the decision as "a case of the court's doing something right." The warrant for Miss Bacon's arrest was issued by United States District Court Judge George Boldt in Seattle April 22. The appeals court said the government attorneys failed to provide

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