

Summary of Newspaper Articles

Daily Bulletin – Blackfoot, ID (last date searched 02/17/1945)

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Daily Idahoan – Moscow, ID (last date searched 02/20/1945)

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Idaho Daily Statesman – Boise, ID (last date searched 02/19/1945)

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Salt Lake Tribune – Salt Lake City, UT (last date searched 02/17/1945)

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Information Categories

A -- Aid:

provide medical services, shelter, donations, loans, advice, encouragement, implement safety measures

B -- Building Damage:

structure itself plus windows and chimneys (typically damage visible from outside the building)

E -- Earthquake Description:

where, when, duration, direction, sound, motion, number and timing of aftershocks

G -- Geologic Effects:

changes at the Earth's surface, fault scarps, rockfalls, landslides, ground cracks, ground subsidence, sand boils, water spouts; effects on springs, lakes, wells

H -- Humor:

I -- Impact:

changes in daily routine; rumors; influx of reporters, politicians, cost in dollars

L -- Lifelines:

effects on transportation: roads, bridges, railroads, airports

effects on communications: telephone, telegraph

effects on power, gas, water, and sewer lines

effects on dams

N -- Nonstructural Effects:

effects on plaster, furnishings (typically damage or rearrangement of furnishings visible inside a building)

P -- People:

effects on and responses to, during and after; deaths, injuries, near misses

R -- Recovery:

clean up, rebuild

S -- Scientific:

explanation of the day

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QUAKE FELT IN THIS AREA

by the Associated Press

Tremors were felt throughout southeastern Washington and northern and western Idaho shortly after 8 p.m. Tuesday, but damage is believed to have been negligible.

A seismograph at Mount St. Michael's scholasticate at Spokane recorded tremors of moderate intensity at 8:01 p.m. The epicenter of the quake was believed to be not far from Spokane. Householders in the city felt the shocks. In Boise police and fire departments were flooded with calls from residents of the surrounding area reporting rattling dishes and swaying buildings. The shock there was reported to be of two or three seconds duration.

Estimates in Lewiston were that the tremors lasted 15 seconds. Lights in office buildings in that north Idaho city shook. The disturbance seemed strongest at the railroad stations there.

The tremors were also noticed by residents of Star, Eagle and Cascade.

There was no report from any Moscow residents noting the earth tremors last evening.

[Daily Idahonian (Moscow, ID); February 14, 1945]

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MANY FELT QUAKE HERE

The Daily Idahonian before press time yesterday didn't know of a Moscow resident who had felt the mild earthquake at 8:01 o'clock the night before. But right after Wednesday's Idahonians hit the front porches of subscribers it knew all about the temblor.

Scores of Moscow residents felt the quake, they telephoned staff members. The quake was felt from Boise to Seattle. It centered near Spokane, seismologists said.

[Daily Idahonian (Moscow, ID); February 15, 1945]

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EARTH TREMORS ROCK BOISE AND VICINITY

Dishes rattled, window shades creaked and buildings swayed slightly in Boise and vicinity last night shortly after 9 p.m. as earth tremors sent ground currents through the area disrupting momentarily the normal flow of life in downtown and residential sections.

No damage had been reported last night in the Boise vicinity, although the newspaper offices, police department and fire department switchboards were jammed with calls between 9 and 10 p.m.

An Associated Press dispatch from Spokane said that Mount St. Michael's Scholasticate reported earth tremors of moderate intensity were recorded on its seismograph at 9:01 p.m. (MWT). Observers expressed doubt there that damage had resulted.

Distance and direction could not be determined but the Scholasticate said the epicenter was not far from Spokane. Washington residents called Spokane offices to report that chandeliers in homes were seen to sway and that slight shocks were felt.

Boise police reported calls from Star and Eagle reporting the tremor, and C. L. Schoenhut of Cascade called The Statesman to report the quake had rattled dishes and jiggled shades in that Idaho town. No damage was known of there, he said.

Peter Scherer, Boise accountant, who was working on the fourth floor of the First National bank building, said the quake jerked venetian blinds in the building and that he felt the structure sway slightly with a creaking sound. Hundreds of Boiseans who called downtown offices to report the disturbance said that the quake seemed to be of "three or four seconds" duration, but no residents had reported damage. One Boisean, sitting in her living room, said she felt the tremor tug at her chair with short, quick jerks but that there was no swaying motion.

The switchboard at radio station KIDO was flooded with calls for an hour and station officials said it appeared that the tremor in Boise had been strongest in the northern section of town.

Helen Motzko, who lives in an apartment house at 100 Warm Springs avenue in Boise, said all residents of the building reported feeling the quake and that the chair she was sitting in "shook" a few times.

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FELT AT LEWISTON

LEWISTON (AP)–An earthquake estimated to have lasted 15 seconds, shook buildings, rattled dishes and caused chandeliers to sway here Tuesday night. Most communities in central Idaho and southeastern Washington reported feeling the tremor.

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MAYBE IT WAS STALIN

Experts on earthquakes would probably say that the tremors which rattled dishes in Boise and its valley, and jiggled the window shades up in Cascade, were caused by some kind of gastric pains deep in the bowels of Mother Earth; but we think there are more plausible explanations.

Our first thought is that the tremors were caused by the recent convocation of Republican big-wigs in the capital, and all the plottings and connivings which ensued.

But of all possible explanations, we favor Mr. Stalin. What he has been telling Roosevelt and Churchill has been enough to send tremors throughout the world, and what Boise felt might have been the end of one like the tail of a comet. As for the window shades jiggling up in Cascade, we don't take Courtney Schoenhut seriously at all because when we saw him last in Boise he was seeing things. He was demanding, for instance, a bill for the extermination of the Extraordinary Purple Beetle which he says is infesting his area. Anybody who takes "Shoney" seriously is going to get his leg pulled and his window shades jiggled plenty.

[Idaho Daily Statesman; February 17, 1945]

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