

17 quake and 2,800 more were injured. Hundreds of buildings collapsed or sustained significant damage, leaving thousands homeless in the area just north of the city and in the San Fernando Valley. A reported 20,000 others, who feared further damage from multiple aftershocks, were sleeping in city parks, playing fields and shelters.

As of Wednesday, some 80,000 people were still without electric power and 40,000 had no water. Sections of major freeways that collapsed are blocked off, creating transportation slowdowns. Total damages are estimated to be as high as \$7 billion — the cost of the 1989 San Francisco earthquake.

Dick O'Linn, governor of hard-hit Rotary District 5260, told News Basket Tuesday morning that he was awaiting word from all of his club presidents before proceeding with relief efforts. As the day wore on, however, he received a number of calls from other concerned Rotarians, and based on new reports about the intensity of the quake and widespread damage, he made arrangements to set up a relief fund.

"Even though I hadn't been able to get through to all of my club presidents, I decided we better get something going," said O'Linn. "In my office alone, I know a number of people who have no place to go home

to. Their houses have been condemned." O'Linn has contacted John Nugent, governor of District 5280, who reports devastation in his area as well. The two governors will share funds and work together to provide food and emergency aid to those who need it.

Rotarians who wish to help victims of the earthquake may send contributions to Rotary District 5260 Earthquake Relief Fund, c/o Highland Federal Savings and Loan, 5939 Canoga Avenue, Woodland Hills, CA 91367; Attn: Sheila Cook; Account No. 009-3700090.

A little bit of Hawaii . . .

The Clerk of the Works

There was a time when the title of "clerk" was important. I guess like a lot of other job titles, like "garbage man" though, it sounds a little demeaning to this generation.

Kawaihae Harbor was dredged out

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so that Kohala and the Theo H. Davies plantations, Honokaa and Hamakua, could store and ship their bulk sugar and molasses more cheaply there than shipping it through Hilo. The terminal was built by Castle & Cooke and Davies, who were agents for these sugar companies at the time. Union Oil Company also built a petroleum tank farm at Kawaihae which we managed.

Early in 1959, I was named "Manager" of the facility and so visited the area frequently during construction. When the facility was about three fifths completed, our Clerk of the Works died and Castle & Cooke decided I should take over as Clerk of the Works managing the work of the contractors building the facility.

Fred Simpich, Jr. was my boss at Castle & Cooke, and when I said, "but I am not an Engineer", he replied, "we know that, but your father is."

When the plant was completed a dedication ceremony was held with many big shots in attendance. Governor Bill Quinn, U.S. Representative Mike Kerwan, chairman of the House Ways & Means Committee, Castle & Cooke and Davies V.I.P.s etc., etc. The conveyor belts all worked perfectly when I pressed the "start" button. Whew!

GEORGE COLLINS

President's Corner

Dear Fellow-Kona Rotarians,

What a week this (January 17 - 21) has been for the USA! — Record highs on the Stock Market; record lows on the thermometers in much of the East; and perhaps the world's most expensive disaster ever, in southern California.

This is being written while flying home from Los Angeles as a survivor of the third event, southern California's big 6.6 (Richter Scale) earthquake — and the hundreds of after-shocks (including the largest, a 5.4 rocker on Wednesday, while I was attending my former Rotary Club's regular meeting in Costa Mesa).

Our sleep was shockingly interrupted early on January 17, the day before my Mother's funeral and less than 12 hours after driving on several of the very freeways which were wrecked by the earthquake.

The news media reports the quake's toll to be 51 people dead, 4500 injured, 20,000 homeless (with rain expected soon), and damage in excess of 30 billion. Many of us have relatives/friends included in these sobering statistics.

But, what has been the reaction of the people most seriously affected — the hurt, the homeless and the

bereaved — in this devastating event? One might expect that their reaction would be that of anger, bitterness, frustration and/or fear. Some may react in such a fashion. But it appears that virtually all of those suffering loss from the earthquake instead are indicating thanksgiving, praise, and generosity. They are thankful to God that, even though suffering much material loss, they and their loved ones are alive. They are praising the work of others who have provided prompt (and often heroic) rescues and other assistance. Although in hardship themselves, these people (and their neighbors) are generously volunteering to help others suffering from this major catastrophe.

It is estimated that tens of billions of dollars will be needed to repair/replace buildings, freeway overpasses and other structures, to grant food/housing help, and to meet other basic human needs.

But almost without exception, the hard-hit people claim that the most important and most appreciated service being provided initially is that of personal care/help — people, people praying for others, people giving to people, and people giving of themselves to those in need. That sounds like "Service Above Self"!

At today's Club meeting, we will learn how we also can participate in providing prompt assistance to these needy earthquake victims and join

them in further demonstration of "Service Above Self".
Cordially yours,
Ken

CLUB CALENDAR

Jan 27 Team B, Bert Turner - JFK's Funeral

Jan 29 Super Kids participation

FEBRUARY -

WORLD UNDERSTANDING MONTH

Feb 03 Team C, Jay Kimura (County Prosecuting Attorney)

Feb 08 Board of Directors meeting

Feb 10 Team D (Club Anniversary/ Valentines Day)

Feb 17 Team E

Feb 24 Team F - World Understanding program

Feb 26 International Festival

Mar 03 Team G

Mar 08 Board of Directors meeting

Mar 10 Team H

Mar 17 Team I

Mar 24 Team J

Mar 31 Team K

APRIL -

ROTARY MAGAZINE MONTH

Apr 07 Team L

Apr 08 Board of Directors meeting

Apr 14 Team A



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