

# 2,000 KILLED AS BLAST LEVELS TEXAS PORT

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### Fire, Poison Gases Boost Ruin Totals; 150 Mile Area Hit

TEXAS CITY, Tex., April 16 (AP) — A chain of blasts set off by the explosion of a nitrate-laden ship smote this Gulf port today, killing an estimated 1,200 persons and injuring more than 3,500.

It was the worst American disaster in the past 10 years. Much of the boom industrial city of 15,000 population was destroyed or damaged. Property loss will run into millions of dollars.

Fire, followed the blast. Poisonous gas from exploding chemicals was reported to be filtering through the area.

Galveston Is Also Heavily Damaged

The first blast rocked the surrounding region for 150 miles, inflicting heavy damage in Galveston. All aboard the ship, the French freighter Grandcamp were killed.

Midwestern headquarters of the Red Cross at St. Louis reported that 500 bodies had been brought out of the explosion area late today and that more bodies were being found constantly.

The estimate of dead was reported by G. B. Finley, state highway commission maintenance engineer, on information from the disaster area.

Rescue parties bringing out bodies from the blast area estimated that about 1,000 persons were killed and 1,200 dead.

He referred to the dock area, where principal damage occurred and where there were some 3,400 persons at the time of the major blast.

Like Atom Bombing Of Hiroshima

A reporter flying over the scene likened it to bomb destruction of European cities in the recent war. The mushrooming cloud of smoke that arose was described as resembling the aftermath of the atom bombing of Hiroshima.

First eye witness to the explosion said that the explosion saw workers stream from buildings in great gushing from noses and ears, the result of concussion.

"Bodies were tossed about like playing cards," said a reporter for the Houston Chronicle.

This is a city of flames, torn steel and smoking rubble, a city where the dead are uncounted and the living are too dazed and weary to cry.

Tonight scores of bodies of explosion and fire dead are stacked on benches and tables in a brick mid-town garage and in the nearby high school gymnasium. Outside these places the people gather in silent, expressionless groups.

Dozens of embalmers are at work in the garage and there the slow process of identification goes on.

When identification and embalming are completed a body is wrapped in a rough brown blanket and a numbered ticket is wired to a toe.

Flames Billow High In Air

An ambulance is then called out of the long line in front of the garage and the body is tossed out on a stretcher and taken to the gymnasium.

A mile away black smoke from six roaring fires billows 5,000 feet into the air and drifts southward out over the Gulf.

A 50-acre area of devastation marks the scene where the twin explosions of a ship and a chemical works wrought the greatest tragedy this area has ever known.

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## Council Election Area Changes Hit Bar

### District Alteration Would Add Eight To Lansing Quota

Proposals to increase the representation of the Lansing district in the coming Student Council election hit a snag last night.

Plans call for four council members from Lansing, four from East Lansing.

Enlargement would give eight seats to Lansing residents.

Even to East Lansing.

Proposals of the change rests on the newly appointed chair of the election committee.

Cox, whose future as a council member is much in doubt.

Rachman, Jr., resigned as committee chairman.

Room for the appointment of a new council member.

His position as a council member rests on his office of vice president.

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### Registration Has Interest Over Nation

Michigan State's registration procedure has attracted national attention.

Robert S. Linton, college registrar, announced yesterday.

Linton said that the American Association of Collegiate Registrars has asked him to compile a report on the MSC system for presentation at their national conference being held in Denver, Colo., next week.

Commenting on the report, Linton said that the particular aspect of the system that has attracted attention is the use of business machines in registration.

Through the use of machines the registrar's office has been able to take the heavy load from the deans and departments.

Under the system each student is required to fill out several registration cards which are used by the machines for making rapid tabulations.

Eighty-two items of information are included on the cards.

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### College Pays School Fees For Kiddies

Committee Looks Into Possibilities Of New Buildings

Professors of children of married students living on the campus of MSC and attending East Lansing public schools are being paid by the college, it was revealed yesterday by President John A. Hannah.

Because the parents are living on state property for which no school taxes are assessed the tuition is necessary, Hannah said.

The East Lansing school board is not responsible for the education of the children, the president said, and the college is considering the possibility of building a school for this purpose.

A committee headed by Lloyd C. Emmons, dean of the school of science and arts, and composed of representatives from the college, Public School Board No. 8, and the State Department of Public Instruction, is investigating the new school building problem, Hannah said.

"Parents who are students of MSC need have no cause for alarm concerning the education of their children," President Hannah added, "because, although the college has no legal responsibility in the matter, it has a definite moral responsibility."

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Secretary of Labor Louis Brownell (center) is surrounded by aides in Washington as he outlines a plan to arbitrate a settlement of the telephone strike.

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### Flood Damage Hits \$12,000; Repairs Heavy

Flood damages estimates are being compiled by department heads on an approximate basis in the wake of one of the worst floods in history.

Prof. H. W. Lantner, of land architecture, states that the cost to repair the grounds will cost approximately \$12,000. He said that 63 and a half acres of college land was flooded excluding the normal river area.

Tons of dirt will be needed to fill sections which the waters washed away by soil erosion. A shortage of man power will delay the repair jobs on almost everything damaged, Lantner said.

Henry L. R. Chapman, superintendent of local gardens, announced that damage in the gardens to flowers and plants is not heavy. However an extensive amount of rubbish and debris must be cleared to restore the gardens to a normal state.

Float Entries Meet Today

All organizations interested in entering a float in the Water Carnival should send a representative to a general meeting to be held in room 103 Union annex at 7:30 tonight.

Chapman, Chairman, Monday night session, announced today.

Representatives will draw for the float themes on which each float will be based.

It is suggested that smaller organizations continue in making a float.

Union Will Offer Matinee Dances Starting Today

A Matinee dance will be held this afternoon in the Union Ballroom from 2-5 p.m. All college students may dance to recorded music at the informal stag or drag affair.

Sponsored by Union Board, it is the first of a series of matinee dances that will be held throughout spring term. The next dance will be held Tuesday afternoon. The dances were held frequently before the war, and have been held occasionally since.

Because of the recent revision of rules by the social committee and popular request, Union Board will again sponsor the dances this term. Bill Page, Muskegon sophomore, announced.

Page also announced that the University of Illinois won the intercollegiate bridge tournament for the zone in which State entered in the recent bridge contest that was sponsored by Union Board. Illinois will participate with the other zone winners in the final contest which will be held in Chicago this weekend.

The Greater Lansing Rose society, Detroit Rose society, and the Traverse City Rose society are co-operating with State in the tests

(dropping their "it's"), the girls had a hard time keeping the rules of debate etiquette.

Jean Smith and Floyd Clark had the judges guessing with ambiguous titles to their orations.

Jean's had to do with traffic accidents and was titled "Too Soon the Night". Floyd headed his "America Aches" and challenged the audience with facts on carbon fire bugs. Both were convincing though, for they took superior ratings.

Even during month Bob Carson wasn't quit extemporizing about atomic control.

The best diplomat of the group was Howard Clark. During the discussion contents on how to better our relations with Russia, one speaker said that our foreign policy should be firm, another offered a "reasonable" course. North summed it up with, "why not be 'reasonably firm'."

The intellectual work was lightened with a dance on Thursday and a banquet on Friday. Since the debate question was on the need for labor's share in management, affirmative minded teams didn't look happy when Congressman Case of the anti-strike bill was introduced as principal speaker. Some of them wanted to take out their cards and begin quoting Philip Murray.

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### Engineers Select Leaders For AIEE

Michigan State's electrically minded students have elected officers to head chapters of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers and the Institute of Radio Engineers.

Harvey Power, East Lansing senior, will serve as chairman of the group for the coming year. Carroll Chapman, Rochester junior, was selected vice chairman.

Secretary of the AIEE will be Bill Staples, Jackson sophomore, while Gill Fuller, East Lansing sophomore, will serve in that spot for the IRE. Bill Carlson, East Lansing sophomore, will be the treasurer.

Snow Slows Spring Work

Dean Anthony Declares

Snow has slowed spring planting, according to E. L. Anthony, dean of the school of agriculture. The crops already in the ground were protected from thawing and night freezing by the snow covering.

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# Spartan Nine Works Out Despite Cold

By BUD LAWSON

Coach John Kobs expressed yesterday that Old Forge field, home of the varsity baseball squad, would be ready for Saturday's home game with Detroit.

Yesterday night's snowfall apparently did little but retard the start of the infield, and by last morning the diamond was in as good condition as it has been this season.

The field can have the benefit of three days of dry weather, sun and wind, then it will be in good condition and it is possible that the team can hold its first practice on the diamond this morning.

## Out Per Inning

Coach Kobs and assistant coach Al Kobs were out with the squad for an improvised practice field today evening, while the team was out in the morning method of practice in the workout.

Coach Kobs, heavy hitting, showed no ill effects from yesterday's practice, when he was on the wrist in a pinch.

Six balls were the only ones used with Ed Barbarito, Mike Papp, Pat Peppier and Dick Kobs, who were out in the morning.

## Miss O'Neil

State's scheduled home debut is expected to be a difficult one for the home opener with Michigan. Yesterday's rain was a factor in the decision of wet grounds.

Coach Kobs, however, said that the team would be in good condition to play the game, and that the team would be in good condition to play the game, and that the team would be in good condition to play the game.

# MAJOR LEAGUES BASEBALL SCORES

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# Enison Nears Final Activity

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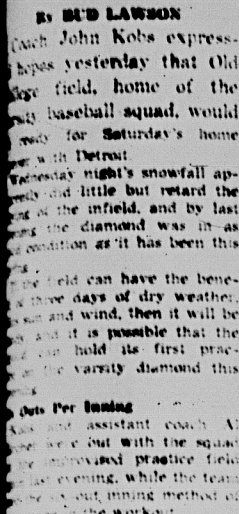
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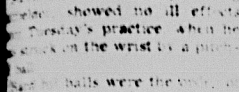
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## DOWN THE SIDELINES

By CHUCK STRATTARD

AFTER becoming sufficiently awake yesterday morning, some observers observed what was going on inside his wigwag, took a look at the early delivery edition of this paper, then seemed to avoid the subject of discussing two quarters for public consumption in the future.

It is obvious that the team should stay away from the sidelines about the weather, at least in Michigan, and attempting to pick winners in the future seasons' open.

## Baksi Refuses To Fight Louis In June Bout

NEW YORK, April 16 (AP) — Joe Baksi refused to sign for a fight with Joe Louis this year following his impressive seventh-round knockout of Bruce Woodcock in London last night.

## WOMEN'S SPORTS

By ROSE SARNA

Spring term sports activities for women will include softball, golf, tennis, archery, and fencing. When these sports will get underway depends on the weather and available playing facilities.

Softball, under the new rules, which in former years has had twenty to thirty girls participating, will be limited by the loss of

## JVs Defeat Hope

spread to the State News

HOLLAND, April 15 — The Spartan JV nine took the measure of Hope college's varsity 11-1 at Holland yesterday on a cold wind-swept field.

## Babe Meets Tough

FORBES, N. C., April 16 (AP) — Mrs. Babe Ruth, Zola, of Detroit, looking for a consecutive tournament victory tomorrow with the girl who defeated Grace Lebeck of Washington, Conn., as the 4th National South Women's Golf tournament enters its second round, following postponement of today's play because of rain.

## Have a Coke

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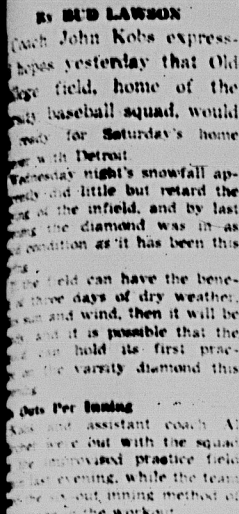
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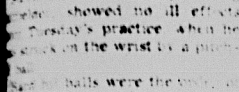
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## Cardinals Nip Cincinnati Reds

CINCINNATI, April 16 (AP) — The vaunted sluggers of the World Champion St. Louis Cardinals came to life in the eighth inning today to push over four fast runs and defeat the Cincinnati Reds, 4-1, before a chilly crowd of 3,410.

## Speedway Deadline

INDIANAPOLIS, April 16 (AP) — The field for the Memorial Day 500 mile race at the Indianapolis motor speedway began to fill up today despite the holdout of a group of owners and drivers demanding a larger purse, now \$25,000 or a share of the gate.

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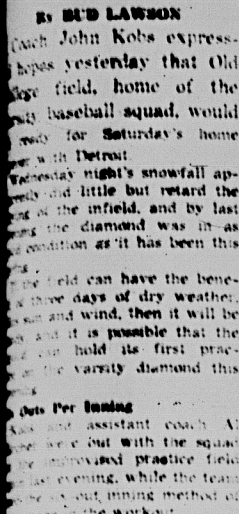
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