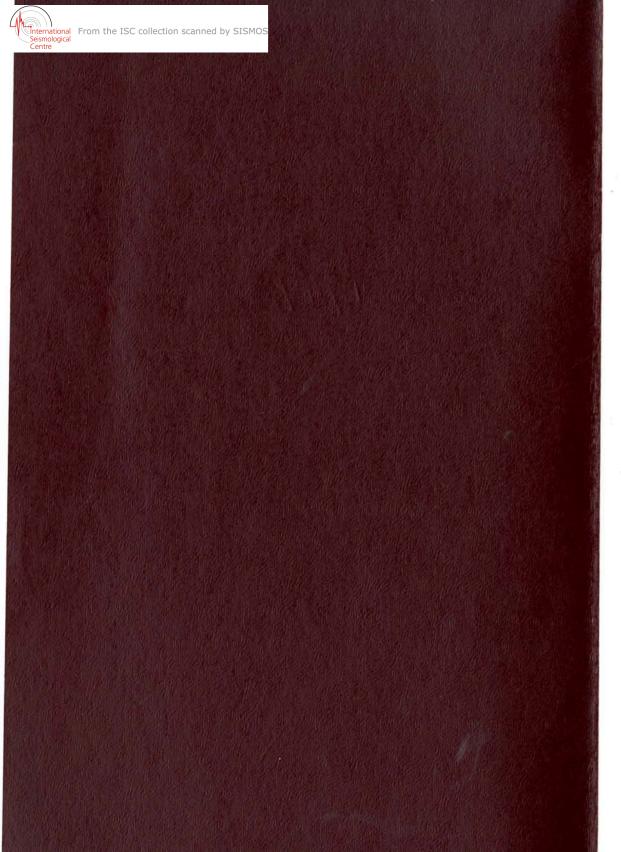
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STATION CONSTANTS AND INSTRUMENTS

Latitude-40° 26.7' North.

Longitude-79° 57.2' West.

Lithological foundation—Birmingham Shale—Pennsylvania age.

Elevation-273 meters above sea level.

Instruments

Two Wenner horizontal seismographs (Orientation N 30° W and N 60° E)

One Benioff vertical seismograph (long-period recording only)

(The above instruments operate with photographic recording.)

Time Service and Control

Time marks are given by two Observatory master clocks. One is a special astronomical type (used as stand-by), while the other is a Frodsham astronomical clock (used for routine work).

Time signals are recorded automatically (or manually, depending on weather conditions) several times daily. These signals are transmitted from Washington, D. C. via Stations NSS and WWV, and from Ottawa via Station CHU.

The average clock drift is one-half second per day.

Instrument Constants

Magnification curves for the Wenner seismographs were given in No. 1, Vol. 1 of this Bulletin. The magnification curve for the Benioff is not yet completed. The "nominal" magnification for this instrument is approximately 24,000.

New Instrument Vault

A new instrument vault has been built in the Cathedral of Learning to house the mechanically recording pendula. Included in this vault will be an interferometer-type tiltmeter and a well-gage recorder.

Visual Recorder

A visual recorder, adapted to the Wenner seismometer, is being used currently on an experimental basis.

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MICROSEISMIC ACTIVITY

These data have been evaluated according to the following scale:

| | HORIZONTAL AMPLITUDE | DESIGNATION |
|----------|-------------------------|---|
| | Less than 2 microns | Below normal |
| | Between 2 and 3 microns | Normal |
| | More than 3 microns | Above normal |
| | DATE | EVALUATION |
| January | 1 - 5 5 - 15 | Considerably above normal Slightly above normal |
| | 15 - 16 | Above normal |
| | 16 - 17 | Slightly above normal |
| | 17 - 18 | Considerably above normal |
| | 18 - 21 | Slightly above normal |
| | 21 - 22 | Above normal |
| | 22 - 30 | Slightly above normal |
| | 30 - 31 | Above normal |
| February | | Above normal |
| | 3 - 7 | Slightly above normal |
| | 7 - 10 | Above normal |
| | 10 - 13 | Considerably above normal |
| | 13 – 14 | Slightly above normal |
| | 14 - 15 | Normal |
| | 15 - 18 | Above normal |
| | 18 - 19 | Considerably above normal |
| | 19 - 23 | Above normal |
| | 23 - 28 | Slightly above normal |
| March | 1 - 3 | Above normal |
| | 3 - 4 | Slightly above normal |
| | 4 - 5 | Above normal |
| | 5 - 9 | Slightly above normal |
| | 9 - 10 | Normal |
| | 10 - 21 | Slightly above normal |
| | 21 - 23 | Normal |
| | 23 - 31 | Slightly above normal |

| April | DATE 1 - 9 | EVALUATION Above normal |
|----------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| npm | 9 - 23 | Slightly above normal |
| | 23 - 27 | Normal |
| | 27 - 30 | Slightly above normal |
| | Interior sense | |
| May | 1 - 2 | Slightly above normal |
| 11243 | 2 - 6 | Normal |
| | 6 - 8 | Slightly above normal |
| | 8 - 20 | Normal |
| | 20 - 21 | Slightly above normal |
| | 21 - 23 | Above normal |
| | 23 - 31 | Normal |
| | | |
| June | 1 - 8 | Normal |
| | 8 - 9 | Slightly above normal |
| | 9 - 30 | Below normal |
| | | |
| July | 1 - 31 | Below normal |
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| | Instrum svodA | |
| August | 1 - 8 | Below normal |
| | 8 - 9 | Normal |
| | 9 - 11 | Above normal |
| | 11 - 12 | Normal |
| | 12 - 18 18 - 19 | Below normal Normal |
| | 19 - 28 | Above normal |
| | 28 - 31 | Normal |
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| Gamt 1 | . 1 0 | Del. 1 |
| Septembe | er 1 – 8 8 – 9 | Below normal |
| | 8 - 9 9 - 13 | Normal Above normal |
| | $\frac{9-13}{13-30}$ | Normal |
| | 19 - 90 | Ivorinal |

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| DATE | EVALUATION |
|----------------|---------------------------|
| October 1 - 6 | Normal |
| 6 - 8 | Slightly above normal |
| 8 - 11 | Normal |
| 11 - 19 | Above normal |
| 19 - 21 | Slightly above normal |
| 21 - 22 | Normal |
| 22 - 25 | Above normal |
| 25 - 27 | Normal |
| 27 - 29 | Above normal |
| 29 - 31 | Slightly above normal |
| November 1 - 3 | Above normal |
| 3 - 10 | Slightly above normal |
| 10 - 12 | Above normal |
| 12 - 14 | Slightly above normal |
| 14 - 18 | Above normal |
| 18 - 22 | Slightly above normal |
| 22 - 24 | Above normal |
| 24 - 27 | Considerably above normal |
| 27 - 29 | Above normal |
| 29 - 30 | Slightly above normal |
| December 1 - 9 | Above normal |
| 9 - 10 | Considerably above normal |
| 10 - 11 | Above normal |
| 11 - 26 | Slightly above normal |
| 26 - 28 | Above normal |
| 28 - 30 | Considerably above normal |

SECTION ON SEISMIC DATA

Earthquakes for which preliminary phases have been identified or for which preliminary epicenters have been worked out are numbered in the left-hand column as of No. 1, September 8, 1939. It was on this date that our new station was placed in operation.

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| | GNWCH DATE | COMPNT. | PHASE | GMT | SERVE SERVED STAG |
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| | Jan. 19 | Seismic | activity c | entering abou | nt 16h 15m (GCT) |
| | Jan. 23 | Z H | iP? | 06-50-59 07-14-02 | He a MN |
| | Jan. 24 | Seismic a | ctivity ce | ntering abou | t 09h 56m (GCT) |
| | Jan. 27 | Seismic a | ctivity ce | ntering abou | t 08h 30m (GCT) |
| 310 | Feb. 2 | Z H H | iP iS i | 17-51-21 17-59-20 18-01-51 | Δ (S-P) = 56.8° = 6310 km H=17-41-40 (GCT) U.S.C.G.S. gives H = 17h41 .5m GCT Lat. 53° N Long. 172½° W |
| | Feb. 13 | H | 20 00 20 00 21 44 | 18-54-02 | U.S.C.G.S. gives H = 18h 24.3m GCT Lat. 33½° S Long. 177½° W |
| | Feb. 14 | NW NW NW | i i i | 18-19-12 18-24-22 18-25-23 | U.S.C.G.S. gives H = 18h 0.75m GCT Lat. 18½° N Long. 105° W |
| | Mar. 4 | Z (other p | i i hases indi microseisn | | U.S.C.G.S. gives H = 10h 19.4m GCT Lat. 37° N Long. 70° E |
| | Mar. 16 | Seismic | activity c | entering abou | ut 22h 28m (GCT) U.S.C.G.S. gives H=22h 15.1m GCT Lat. 6 ° S Long. 151½° E |
| | Mar. 17 | Seismic | activity ce | entering abou | t 21h 40m (GCT) |
| 311 | Mar. 24 | Z H | ip iS | 21-33-43 21-09-10 | Δ (S-P) = 33.1° = 3680 km H = 20h 57m 03s GCT U.S.C.G.S. gives H = 20h 56.8 m GCT Lat. 42° N Long. 126½° W |

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| | GNWCH DATE | COMPNT. | PHASE | GMT | BANK THREE STAN |
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| | Mar. 27 | Z NW NW Z NW | e i i i i | 06-53-10 06-55-34 06-56-33 06-57-02 07-05-26 | U.S.C.G.S. gives H = 06h 34.1m GCT Lat. 4° N Long. 127½° E |
| 312 | Apr. 13 | Z Z H | iP iPP iS | 20-01-26 20-02-16 20-06-28 | Δ(S-P) = 29.5° = 3,280 km H = 19h 55m 18s GCT U.S.C.G.S. gives H = 19h 55m 41s GCT Lat. 47.1° N Long. 122.7° W |
| 313 | Apr. 20 | Z Z H H | iP i is | 03-41-00 03-41-03 03-44-09 03-50-44 | Δ(S-P) = 75.5° = 8390 km H = 03h 29m 11s GCT U.S.C.G.S. gives H = 03h 29.0m GCT Lat. 38° S Long. 72.5° W |
| | Apr. 23 | Seismic a | ctivity c | entering about | : 12h 01m GCT |
| | Apr. 25 | Timing e | | t out of order | U.S.C.G.S. gives H = 13h55.0m GCT Lat. 20° S Long. 69½° W |
| | Apr. 30 | | i i i i i | 01-42-26 01-42-30 01-45-40 01-51-13 01-52-08 02-01-28 | U.S.C.G.S. gives H = 01h 23.4m GCT Lat. 6° N Long. 126° E |
| | May 2 | NW | i | 11-41-26 | |
| 314 | TOD 8 | Z H | iP iS | 06-09-26 06-19-17 | Δ (S-P) = 76.8° = 8,535 km H = 05h 57m 37s GCT U.S.C.G.S. gives H = 05h 56.7m GCT Lat. 48° N Long. 153 $\frac{1}{2}$ ° E |

| | GNWCH DATE | COMPNT. | PHASE | GMT | |
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| | May 9 | Z | iP | 13-59-13 | U.S.C.G.S. gives H = 13h 36.3m GCT Lat. 5° N Long. 95° E |
| | May 10 | NW | е | 00-36-13 | U.S.C.G.S. gives H = 00h 24.7m GCT Lat. 19° N Long. 106½° W |
| | May 24 | Seismic a | ctivity c | entering about | t 16h 50m GCT |
| 315 | May 30 | Z H | ip iS | 01-42-59 01-51-14 | Δ(S-P) = 59.4° = 6,600 km H = 01h 33m 0.05 GCT U.S.C.G.S. gives H = 01h 32.9m GCT Lat. 20° S Long. 69½° W |
| | June 12 | Seismic a | ctivity o | entering about | t 18h 13m (GCT) |
| | June 19 | Seismic a | ctivity c | entering about | t 13h 06m (GCT) |
| | July 8 | Seismic a | ctivity c | entering about | : 13h 02m (GCT) |
| | July 9 | Z NW NW | e i i | 18-47-21 18-49-15 18-49-28 | U.S.C.G.S. gives H = 18h 44m 50s Lat. 33° N Long. 71° W |
| 316 | July 10 | Z H H | eP eS iS | 04-17-05 04-17-19 04-17-23 | Δ (S-P) = 82.4° = 9155 km H = 03-54-45 GCT U.S.C.G.S. gives H = 03h 53m 36s GCT Lat. 39° N Long. 71° E |
| | July 21 | Z | i | 08-11-06 | U.S.C.G.S. gives H = 08h01m 34s GCT Lat. 16° S Long. 74° N |
| | July 23 | Z | e | 09-12-06 | |
| | | H | i | 09-12-20 | |
| | | H | i | 09-14-33 | |

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| | NWCH | COMPNT. | PHASE | GMT | many regions Press |
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| Ju | ly 23 | H | in sta | 10-56-09 | U.S.C.G.S. gives H = 10h 26m 49s GCT Lat. 18½°S Long. 169° E |
| July | y 23 | H H | eP iP | 15-15-25 15-25-10 | $\Delta = 75.6^{\circ} = 8,400 \text{km} \text{ calc.}$ $H = 15 \text{h} 03 \text{m} 43 \text{s} \text{ GCT}$ U.S.C.G.S. gives $H = 15 \text{h} 03 \text{m} 30 \text{s} \text{ GCT}$ Lat. $38\frac{1}{2}^{\circ} \text{ N}$ Long. $26\frac{1}{2}^{\circ} \text{ E}$ |
| 317 Au | ıg. 5 | Z H H | iP iPP iS | 19-16-35 19-18-17 19-22-26 | Δ(S-P) = 36.5° = 4,055 km H = 19h 09m 28s GCT U.S.C.G.S. gives H = 19h 08m 47s GCT Lat. 1°S Long. 78° W |
| 318 A | ug. 6 | H H H iS: H | eP iPP iSKPKS? KPKPKS? iS i | | ∆(Calc.) = 106.9° = 11,880 km H = 00h35m 25s GCT U.S.C.G.S. gives H = 00h 35m 27s GCT Lat. 19° S Long. 174½° W |
| A | ug. 17 | Seismic a | activity cen | tering abou | tt 19h 05m G.C.T. U.S.C.G.S. gives H = 18h 34m 07s GCT Lat. 43° N Long. 146° E |
| Aı | ag. 18 | Seismic : | activity cent | ering abou | t 14h 15m (GCT) U.S.C.G.S. gives H = 13h 33m 25s GCT Lat. 8½° N Long. 82½° W |
| 319 A | ug. 22 | | iP iS nases indisce verlapping t | | Δ(S-P) = 35.5° = 3945 Km H = 04h 01m 32s GCT U.S.C.G.S. gives H = 04h olm 12s GCT Lat. 54° N Long. 133° W |

| | GNWCH DATE | COMPNT. | PHASE | GMT | |
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| 320 | Aug. 23 | H H | iP iS | 20-31-49 20-37-24 | Δ (S-P) = 34.2° = 3800 Km H = 20h25m 00s GCT U.S.C.G.S. gives H = 20h 24m 32s GCT |
| | | | | | Lat. 53° N Long. 132° W |
| | Sept. 14 | Z H H H | i i i i | 20-09-28 20-11-58 20-12-24 20-12-54 20-22-00 | U.S.C.G.S. gives H = 19h 50m 15s GCT Lat. 1° N Long. 126° E |
| 321 | Sept. 21 | Z H | iP iPP | 13-01-11? 13-02-02? | (Station timing equipment functioning improperly) U.S.C.G.S. gives |
| | | H H | iS iSS | 13-05-51? 13-06-03? | H = 12h 55m 05s GCT Lat. 17° N Long. 94½° W |
| | Sept. 24 | Seismic ac | ctivity cen | tering about | 05h 10m GCT |
| 322 | Sept. 27 | Z H | iP iS | 15-39-21 15-45-53 | Δ(S-P) = 43° = 4,780 km H = 15h 31m 22s GCT U.S.C.G.S. gives H = 15h 30m 43s GCT Lat. 60° N Long. 149° W |
| | Sept. 30 | Seismic ad | ctivity cen | tering about | 04h 10m GCT |
| 323 | Oct. 4 | Z H | iP iS | 10-31-24 10-40-19 | Δ(S-P) = 66.2° = 7,355 km H = 10h 20m 41s GCT U.S.C.G.S. gives H = 10h 20m 23s GCT Lat. 1° S Long. 21°W |
| 324 | Oct. 7 | Z H H i H | iP'(1) iPP SKPKP? ePPe iSS | 12-21-59 12-25-24 12-25-40 12-38-12 12-44-24 | Δ = 16,100 km (Calc.) H = 12h 02m 24s GCT U.S.C.G.S. gives H = 12h 02m 19s GCT Lat. 33° S Long. 56½° E |

| GNWCH DATE | COMPNT. | PHASE | GMT | |
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| Oct. 19 | Z | е | 21-20-01 | U.S.C.G.S. gives |
| | H | e | 21-21-22 | H=21h 00m 11s GCT |
| | Н | i | 21-27-33 | Lat. 5½° S Long. 154° E |
| Oct. 20 | Seismic a | ctivity ce | ntering about | 13h 16m GCT |
| Oct. 21 | Н | е | 22-04-45 | |
| Oct. 27 | Seismic a | ctivity ce | ntering about | 10h 40m (GCT) |
| Oct. 31 | н | е | 01-48-09 | U.S.C.G.S. gives |
| | H | e | 01-54-15 | H = 01h 39m 32s (GCT) |
| | | | | Lat. 56° N |
| | | | | Long. 135° W |
| Nov. 4 | Seismic a | ctivity ce | ntering about | 21h 07m GCT U.S.C.G.S. gives |
| | | | | H = 20h 42m 38s GCT |
| | | | | Lat. 32° N |
| | | | | Long. 116½° W |
| Nov. 7 | Soismie | etivity c | entering ahou | t 07h 10m GCT |
| 1404. | Delanie a | activity c | entering abou | U.S.C.G.S. gives |
| | | | | H = 05h 59m 35s GCT |
| | | | | Lat. 14° S |
| 13 0 | | | | Long. 166½° E |
| Nov. 13 | Seismic | activity o | centering abou | at 05h 06m GCT |
| 1101. 10 | Colonia | | | U.S.C.G.S. gives |
| | | | | H = 04h 42m 35s GCT |
| | | | | Lat. 11° N |
| | | | | Long. 86° W |
| Nov. 20 | н | e | 07-15-55 | Δ (S-P) = 28.1° = 3,120 km |
| | NW | i | 07-20-47 | |
| | NE | i | 07-30-43 | U.S.C.G.S. gives |
| | H | i | 07-35-22 | |
| | | | | Lat. 28½° N |
| | | | | Long. 112° W |
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| NE NE NE Seismic ac NE NW NW NW | i i i ctivity cer e e e i | 09-06-57 06-06-54 06-10-44 | H = 00h 51m 32s GCT Lat. 29° S |
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| NE Seismic ac NE NE NW NW | i i etivity cer e e e | 01-17-52 01-22-09 ntering abou 09-06-57 06-06-54 06-10-44 | Lat. 29° S Long. 178° W t 05h 58m GCT U.S.C.G.S. gives H=06h 14m 39s GCT Lat. 19° N |
| NE Seismic ac NE NW NW | i ctivity cer e e e | 01-22-09 ntering abou 09-06-57 06-06-54 06-10-44 | Long. 178° W t 05h 58m GCT U.S.C.G.S. gives H=06h 14m 39s GCT Lat. 19° N |
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| NW NW | e · | 06-06-54 06-10-44 | |
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| ie activity | centering | g about 16h | 40m GCT U.S.C.G.S. gives H = 15h 07m 53s GCT Lat. 54° S Long. 71° W |
| Z | e | 12-36-49 | Δ (S-P) = 54.7° = 6,080 km |
| NE | e | 12-40-53 | |
| Z | iP | 19-42-26 | U.S.C.G.S. gives |
| H | iPPP | 19-45-28 | H = 19h 33m 00s GCT |
| H | iS | 19-50-11 | Lat. 20°S |
| | | | Long. 64° W |
| Z | eP? | 09-36-25 | Δ (S-P) = 32.9° = 3,665 km |
| Z | i | 09-36-58 | H = 09h 29m 46s |
| | iS | 09-41-51 | |
| 1 | H Z | H iS Z eP? Z i H iS | H iS 19-50-11 Z eP? 09-36-25 Z i 09-36-58 |