

Scientists To Probe Ocean Floor For Sub

ABOARD THE USS HAZELWOOD (UPI) — Four scientists will try to transfer to the marine research vessel Atlantis II to day to map part of the North Atlantic floor where the sunken nuclear-powered submarine Thresher may be lying with 129 men aboard.



ADMIRAL HERBERT L. AUSTIN, U.S. Navy, uses magnifying glass to examine pieces of debris found floating at the location of the sunken submarine Thresher. The debris will be evaluated by a Naval Board of Inquiry at Portsmouth, N. H. (UPI Telephoto).

INQUIRY CONTINUES

Former Skipper Testifies On Previous Dive Trouble

PORTSMOUTH, N. H. (UPI) — A former skipper of the ill-fated submarine Thresher testified today before a Navy court of inquiry that the vessel had "trouble" on the first deep dive shortly after it was commissioned in August 1961.

Winchester Group Asks Assist On Sanitary District

Another step in the slow process of forming a sanitary district was achieved this week when representatives of the Winchester Civic Club asked the County Court for its assistance in forming the district.

The court agreed to investigate the matter. Subsequently, the office of the district attorney consented to draw up the papers needed in connection with a hearing. The office will also make arrangements for an election if the matter reaches that point.

The Weather

AIRPORT RECORDS

Considerable cloudiness with occasional sunny periods and periods of light rain, becoming mostly cloudy with rain Sunday morning. Partly cloudy with showers Sunday afternoon. Little change in temperature except warmer today.

Highest temp. last 24 hours 48
Lowest temp. last 24 hours 44
Highest temp. any April (57) 90
Lowest temp. any April (55) 27
Precip. last 24 hours .28
Precip. from April 1 2.82
Normal April precip. 1.93
Normal precip. 9-1 to 4-1 27.30
Precip. from Sept. 1 26.78
Sunset tonight, 6:54 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow, 5:33 a.m.

lent ocean will be attempted in a canvas sling across 30 yards of rope stretched from this destroyer to the Atlantis.

Five slings of delicate scientific equipment in waterproof containers were moved by this method late Friday. But the sea was too rough for the four men from the Woods Hole, Mass., Oceanographic Institution, needed to operate the sensitive echosounding gear, to make the "high-line" trip.

Sydney Knott, head of the expedition, said they would make the transfer "when the seas are calmer."

Would Mark Spot
Improvement in the weather also would make it possible for the Hazelwood to drop a 1,200-pound anchor on a nylon line more than a mile and a half long. A "sign-post" buoy will be attached to the line as a marker where the Thresher started her ill-fated dive. The buoy will serve as a permanent reference marker for search vessels.

The search continued here as a board of inquiry opened hearings in Portsmouth, N. H., where the Thresher was built.

The Navy Friday brought to Portsmouth a box full of possible evidence scooped from the ocean near where the Thresher sank. It included two rubber gloves, two medicine bottles of sea water containing oil slick, some cork and plastic and one partly squeezed tube with the printing "baker's flavoring" on it.

Bounces Sound Waves
The scientific team planned to bounce echoes off the ocean floor in a sort of "drugging" operation. Should one of these impulses strike the Thresher, the scientists would be able to mark its location.

Once the location of the ship was pinpointed, it was hoped that the bathyscaphe Trieste, due here within two weeks, would be able to descend near the Thresher and take photographs of the wreckage.

Something Wrong
He said it then became necessary "to halt the course of the dive because the instrument gauges indicated something was wrong."

Axene said he did not believe the difficulty was in the hull of the submarine. During the test, he said, there were several civilian technicians aboard, as there were when the Thresher sank.

Others Under Scrutiny
The board, headed by Vice Adm. Bernard L. Austin, president of the Naval War College, also was to board and closely inspect two of the Thresher's sister ships, the Jack and the Tinosa. The Jack is to be commissioned April 24.

Displayed on a piece of white cardboard on a table in the hearing room were sodden articles and bits of wreckage scooped from the turbulent Atlantic near the place where the Thresher began her fateful dive.

"It looks like material used in the construction of our submarine. A scientific analysis will be made here to determine if this is so," Austin said Friday.

The articles included two rubber gloves, two medicine bottles of sea water containing oil, some cork and plastic and one partly squeezed tube with the printing "Baker's Flavoring" on it. The gloves were the type used in the nuclear reactor section of submarines.

County To Get Ticket-Vending Device In Forest

One forest camp in Douglas County is included in a new schedule for operation of ticket-vending machines for collection of a service fee in national forests.

Outlook Dims On Receiving Sewer Money

Roseburg's chances of getting accelerated public works funds to install storm sewers in the blast area near the South Umpqua River appear to be going aglimmering.

U. S. Rep. Robert B. Duncan reports the full House Committee on Appropriations has denied a request for an appropriation of \$450 million more for the APW program in the nation. He calls it "a serious mistake."

Oakland Principal Resigns Position

Darrell Langevin has resigned his position as principal of Oakland High School, reports Mrs. E. M. Dunn, correspondent.

According to Cecil Barnett, superintendent of schools at Oakland, Langevin is leaving the teaching post to pursue his studies for a doctor's degree at University of Oregon.

Jet Reported Missing
NELLIS AFB, Nev. (UPI) — An F100D Super Sabre Jet was reported missing Friday night near Peach Springs, Ariz., after it failed to return from a four-plane night training mission.

A spokesman at Nellis AFB, ten miles north of Las Vegas, said a search for the craft would begin at dawn.

Joint Service Set
In Winston, churches will combine for a joint service at the Winston Community Park, at 6:30 a.m. The choir from the Winston Christian Church will furnish Easter music.

The Cloverleaf Drive-In Theater in Sutherland will be the site of services for that area, beginning at 6 a.m. The Lutheran Layman's League is sponsor. Small good crosses will be presented to those attending.

Budget Cut Query Brings Threat Of 'Drastic Steps'

SALEM (UPI) — The State Board of Higher Education told the legislature Friday it will take drastic steps to preserve "quality" education if its budget is cut by \$5 million.

Ways and Means Committee members replied they were "shocked."

The board's letter was issued in response to a request from the legislative committee on where \$5 million might be cut from higher education's proposed \$81 million budget.

The board said if there are extensive cutbacks it will "increase tuition rates sharply and raise admission standards for all students."

"We remain convinced," the letter said, "that, if a choice must be made, a high quality education for a few number would be preferable to a watered-down education for a greater number."

The board said it desires to keep "the able teachers now on Oregon campuses."

It said Oregon has achieved "a high level of educational quality."

It is the clear duty of the board to protect this quality," it said.

It said budget cuts also would bring cutbacks in auxiliary service programs such as agricultural research, the teaching hospital and clinics, the federal cooperative extension service, and the crippled children's division.

Ways and Means co-chairman Ward Cook, D-Portland, said the board sounded like "a spoiled child that just takes up his marbles and goes home."

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Pastor Arrested With 54 Others In Protest Walk

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (UPI) — The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. was arrested for the 13th time in eight years of anti-segregation work Friday at the head of a protest march followed by about 1,000 Negroes.

King and 54 other demonstrators, including several of his top aides, were jailed for defying a court order.

The arrests brought to more than 200 jailings in 10 days of racial protests and drastically cut the leadership in the current campaign.

Say Campaign Continues
Remaining racial leaders were quiet about future plans, including whether King plans to remain in jail, but vowed that the campaign would continue.

At a mass meeting Friday night, the Rev. James Bevel told the crowds "If you go to Negro churches Sunday, wear blue jeans. If you go to white churches, wear last Easter's clothes."

He referred to planned Easter Sunday "kneel-ins" and a boycott campaign in which King has urged Negroes to buy only food and wear only old clothes. King himself wore a work shirt and blue jeans in leading the march Friday.

He walked from the Sixth Avenue Zion Hill Church followed by a vanguard group of about 40 marchers and raised his voice in a "freedom hymn." About 700 spectators who were waiting outside fell to their knees as King marched through.

Gives Final Word
He had a last word to his followers: "Keep the movement going."

Honor Pupil Says He Killed Two Men On Charter Vessel

KEY WEST, Fla. (UPI) — Authorities waited at the Coast Guard docks today to question a Georgia high school honor student who said he killed the father-son crew of a charter boat and dumped the bodies overboard.

The youth, Roger Foster, 17, of Griffin, Ga., was expected to arrive at mid morning aboard a Coast Guard patrol boat which also had the fishing cruiser Dream Girl in tow.

The patrol boat located Foster, son of a physician, and the 32-foot Dream Girl Friday night about 20 miles off the Cuban coast.

The Coast Guard base here received a radio report from the cutter saying "there is blood all over the man and the boat."

Reedsport Voters Approve Budgets

Voters of the Reedsport Union High School District U-13 and Reedsport Elementary District 105-C approved by solid majorities the 1963-64 proposed budgets in elections this week.

Voters in the elementary district voted on \$209,011 outside the 6 per cent limitation. The amount outside the 6 per cent limitation for the high school district was \$324,442.34.

The vote in the high school district was 125 yes and 36 no. That in the elementary district was 126 yes and 19 no.

Suicide Attempt

A Coast Guard spokesman said the report did not elaborate on the nature of the wounds, but police here said there was strong evidence the "boy of the month" student attempted to take his life at a local motel before chartering the boat Thursday.

The youth's father, Dr. H. A. Foster, flew here Friday night to await his son's arrival.

The boy's mother said in Griffin there was no trouble at home. "What it was (that caused him to kill) came from inside himself," she said.

"He was violently anti-Communist. I think that may be the reason he ran away—so he could join forces against Castro," Mrs. Foster said.

She said her son spent much of his time reading books on nazism, fascism and communism and tried to form an anti-Communist league in Griffin but failed for lack of support.

The Coast Guard said it will convene a board of investigation to look into the case, as it does in any case of loss of life and or property on the high seas. The youth will be turned over to Monroe County police.

Blood Over Room

Police said Foster checked into a motel here Tuesday night and paid for a two-day stay. When he failed to show up at checkout time Thursday, a motel clerk checked his room and found it splattered with blood.

Piccard Offers To Man Trieste

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (UPI) — Veteran underwater explorer Dr. Jacques Piccard said Friday he would be "ready and willing" if asked, to man the bathyscaphe Trieste in a search for the wreckage of the submarine Thresher.

"There is no question but that I would drop everything and go to help man the Trieste for this search, if the U.S. Navy asked me," Piccard told UPI in an interview. "So far, however, I have received no such invitation."

"In any case the Navy has several fully qualified pilots who are perfectly able to handle the Trieste without me."

Piccard said he felt the bathyscaphe, in which he set a world depth diving record in the Pacific last year, would be "invaluable" in the search for the Thresher, which disappeared off Cape Cod Wednesday with 129 men aboard.

Camp Creek Road Bid Opening Set

The Bureau of Public Roads in Portland will open bids at 2 p.m. May 3 in Portland for applying bituminous surfacing to the Camp Creek Road in Douglas County.

The job requires reconditioning of 15.355 miles of road. The westerly end of the project is located four miles south along the Mill Creek drainage basin from Highway 38. Work will extend easterly and southerly along the Camp Creek drainage basin in the Loon Lake area.

The improvement is being financed with Bureau of Land Management timber access road funds under the accelerated public works act.

Star, Harmon Girl Wed

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (UPI) — Ricky Nelson, the singer, took out a marriage license Friday to marry Kristin Harmon, 18, daughter of sportscaster Tom Harmon.

Harmon, former all-American football star at Michigan University, and his wife, former actress Elyse Knox, accompanied the young couple to the courthouse Friday. A spokesman said Nelson, 22, and Miss Harmon would be married in St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church in Brentwood on April 20.