

King's flagship raised from watery grave

PORTSMOUTH, England (AP) — The fragile skeleton of King Henry VIII's flagship — the Mary Rose — was lifted from its watery grave Monday, 437 years after it sank in battle with the French.

On July 19, 1545, Henry watched from the battlements of Portsmouth as the pride of the English fleet slipped beneath the waves and carried 660 of its 700 crewmen to the bottom of the English Channel.

More than four centuries later, in a driving rain, Henry's descendent Prince Charles and television viewers across the nation watched intently as the hulk

rose from the deep at the culmination of history's most ambitious underwater archaeological excavation.

As it broke the water's surface, the Mary Rose was welcomed to the 20th century by a cannon salute from nearby Southsea Castle and the toots of fog horns from dozens of pleasure craft. Divers and some 2,000 spectators on shore cheered.

A short time after the Mary Rose appeared, a steel pin in its lifting frame sheared off, snapping a cable and causing the frame to slip and tear away a 10-foot-long chunk of timber.

"I was slightly horrified," said Charles, who has made 10 dives to the wreck, including one on Sunday. "But I thought the best thing to do was to be British and not panic." The prince, chief patron of the Mary Rose Trust, sipped tea and huddled with crewmen on the deck of a diving vessel.

Officials said the damage to the framework would be repaired.

The Tudor warship was placed aboard a barge for transport into Portsmouth harbor where it goes into drydock with the HMS Victory, battleship of Lord Nelson, Britain's greatest sea hero. Even-

tually the Mary Rose and 17,000 artifacts reclaimed from the wreck will be the centerpiece of a new maritime museum in a Portsmouth suburb.

No one knows exactly why the Mary Rose went to the bottom. The 91-gun carrack, named after Henry's sister Mary Tudor, and flagship of the 100-ship fleet, sank during a battle with a French armada of overwhelmingly greater force. The battle was inconclusive.

Three years ago, the Mary Rose Trust was set up to raise funds — \$6.84 million — and oversee the recovery and display of the vessel and contents.

Reagan *faux pas* airs on networks

NEW YORK (AP) — The White House declined comment Monday on whether Pres. Ronald Reagan's remark during a microphone test that Polish officials are "lousy bums" should have been aired by the broadcast networks.

Robin Gray, a White House press aide, said Monday there was "no comment" on the airing, which was first done by NBC News and then repeated by ABC News after Reagan's regular Saturday radio address.

The White House had sought initially to bar the remark from being broadcast, spokesmen for ABC and CBS said.

In a microphone test conducted by White House Signal Corps technicians before the radio address, Reagan called the Polish government "a bunch of no-good lousy bums."

His remark did not go out over the air but was heard in network studios.

Reagan did not repeat the characterization during the telecast address itself, but it was to become the focus of news reports on Reagan's decision to cancel Poland's most-favored trade privileges after Poland banned the Solidarity trade union.

ABC and CBS, which asked for permission to air the remark, say they were denied such permission by the White House on grounds that pre-broadcast comments about sensitive subjects were not to be used.

NBC News went ahead without asking for permission and aired a tape of the Reagan's comment on its Saturday evening newscast.

"We never asked for permission on the theory that not only was it a good statement but also that the Signal Corps had opened the line," said Mary Lou O'Callaghan, NBC's manager of news information. "It was in the public domain as far as we were concerned."

After NBC aired the remark, ABC News, which was initially denied permission, got the go-ahead from Deputy Press Secretary Peter Roussel and used a tape of the remark on its 11 p.m. newscast.

The AP Radio Network, which did not have a tape of the pre-broadcast remark, quoted the Reagan remark in a summary of the president's speech filed by reporter Frank Sesno.

Salvadoran leftists overrun town

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (AP) — Seven hundred leftist guerrillas overran a 100-man army post and occupied a nearby town 50 miles north of San Salvador, killing at least nine troops, officials said Monday.

An army commander said A-37 fighter planes and Huey helicopters bombed and strafed the area, but the rebels apparently still held the town 24 hours later.

A military spokesman said five soldiers, including the base commander, Lt. Vicente Melendez, were killed when the big guerrilla force attacked the army base on a ranch Sunday. He said four national guardsmen were slain when the guerrillas seized Las Vueltas, a nearby town of 5,000 people.

"There were 100 soldiers, and they fought until their munitions gave out," said an army spokesman. Only 30 have reported to their garrison. We don't know whether the rest are dead, captured or fled into the mountains."

He said 15 of the 30 were wounded.

Officials said the guerrillas were equipped with grenade launchers, machine guns and automatic rifles.

Operations to retake the area were delayed by mines blocking the road from Chalatenango, the capital of the province.

Guerrillas also dynamited a power line near Aguilares, 22 miles north of San Salvador, overran a civil defense post in

the town and raided an army post south of the town, a local army commander reported.

No casualties were reported in those attacks, but the explosion blacked out the northern

part of San Salvador province and Chalatenango province, with a total of some 400,000 inhabitants. A power company official said electricity should be restored within 24 hours.

Squatters battle police over housing shortage

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands (AP) — Police battled young demonstrators in the streets of Amsterdam all day Monday after officers cleared out a downtown office building where squatters had been protesting the city's housing shortage.

At one point rioters reached the U.S. Consulate and tore most of the double security fence down, despite the efforts of 100 police deployed around the mission. Police said the demonstrators hurled paint and rocks at the building, which was

closed for Columbus Day, but made no attempt to enter.

Mayor Wim Poлак took unprecedented emergency measures, empowering police to arrest on sight anyone suspected of carrying a weapon or disturbing the peace.

Amsterdam's elegant museum quarter erupted in violence when youths and others protesting the chronic housing shortage swarmed around a three-story building where squatters had held out all year.

Fat GIs losing weight

FORT BRAGG, N.C. (AP) — Fat soldiers at Fort Bragg are winning their battle of the bulge, a base surgeon says.

Maj. Harold Timboe of the Army's 82nd Airborne Division said all but one of 125 soldiers involved in a program called "Lifestyle" have lost weight.

Overweight soldiers were put on 500-calorie meals in March. They must sign in at a special mess hall or face discipline from


commanders. The troops also have been counseled weekly and given daily exercise.

Food at the Lifestyle mess hall consists of fruits and vegetables, a salad bar with more than a dozen ingredients and a selection of baked or boiled meats and steamed or boiled vegetables.

Timboe said about 250 of the base's 16,000 soldiers were identified as overweight.

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