

Survivors of Andrea Doria Count Blessings; Nearly Everything Gone

Ship Collision Survivors Tell Of Experiences, Feelings at Sea

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Quotes from survivors of Andrea Doria-Stockholm collision:

Ann Burrows, University of Wisconsin student: "It was sheer panic. It was hell."

Max Passant, Denver professor: "The few instructions given were given in Italian and most people couldn't understand them."

Mayor Richardson Dilworth of Philadelphia: "The slanting decks were like ski slides and lots of passengers got badly bruised."

Actress Ruth Roman: "All of a sudden, there was an explosion like a firecracker. I knew something had happened but I didn't know what."

Jerome Heinerl, Brooklyn engineer: "Everybody had to get down the side by some ladders. Some of us carried women and some carried babies down the ladders."

Morris Novik, president of radio station WOV, New York: "There was no large-scale panic, and everybody seemed to help one another."

Dr. Franco A. Fusco, Genoa, Italy, a Fulbright scholar: "It was like a thunderclap. There was a great shock. We stood in the dark, waiting for news. We never got it."

Paola Sergio of South Bend, Ind.: "We were going to bed. I ran out of the cabin and saw smoke in the corridors. We heard somebody shouting, 'Abandon ship!'"

Betsy Drake, actress wife of Cary Grant: "I was just getting ready for bed when all of a sudden there was a big bang. Everything flew across the room."

Stanley Senger of Baltimore: "There are more people dead than they say. Don't let them fool you. A lot died in the cabins where the Stockholm hit the boat under the bridge."

Sidney G. Ellis of Sacramento, Calif., construction company official: "There seemed to be confusion between the officers of the Andrea Doria and the crewmen."

Mrs. Dolores Seida of Chester, Pa.: "We never did see any crewmen. Nobody ever told us to put on our life preservers. We didn't even know the ship was sinking."

Julia Strelitz of Boston, Ohio: "There was a double crush at the Stockholm, hit us on the starboard side. It was like bumping into a dock."

Mrs. Alexander Mackorell of Merchantville, N.J.: "Suddenly it (the fog) cleared. I don't know what we would have done if that hadn't happened."

Gay Barton of New Orleans: "Four of us were in the cocktail lounge when he heard a terrific crash. We ran outside and then waited two hours until we were rescued."

Purser Antonio Comichi: "Passengers behaved heroically."

Mrs. Rosa Adragna of Pittsburgh, Pa.: "I was sure that I was going to die, that everything was all over."

Lena Scianninovic of New York: "I was afraid, all right, but not panicky."

Conrad Mangels of Jacksonville, Fla.: "We prayed and we're thankful we were spared."

Kenneth F. Merlin of Darien, Conn.: "The officers of the Doria did a good job."

Frances Ajinovic of Cleveland: "Naturally we thought about the Titanic."

Charles Annino of Chicago: "It was panic out there and the crew acted awful."

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Passports, Money, Clothes and Other Valuables Missing

New York—(U.P.)—A thousand survivors of the sunken Andrea Doria came ashore here in the last 24 hours with a single thing in common—they had lost everything.

There were burly Mike Rutigliano and gentle Sister Maria Collistis, suave Lucio Vizzini and vivacious young Dolores Seida. None of them owned more when they set foot ashore than they could carry in their hands.

Mike Rutigliano carried a dirty bundle wrapped in newspapers.

"My shirt and pants," he said holding them high in his hand. He wore a pair of dungarees and a sweatshirt borrowed from a crewman of the Ile de France.

Lost Clothes, Money: "I saved my passport," he said. "But I don't have one dollar or one suit of clothes. I don't even know where I'll sleep tonight."

Sister Collistis clung to a handful of letters and a rosary. Her hair was in disarray. But she was happy and cheerful.

"We prayed aloud on this rosary while we waited for the lifeboats," she said. "I remember we prayed the Glorious Mysteries. It was Wednesday, you know. That is the day for the Glorious Mysteries."

Has Sister To Stay: Sister Collistis said she felt lucky. We don't have any money but we have a place to stay. We have a reservation in the Martha Washington Hotel. I'm going there now."

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The first Colonial Congress met in New York City Oct. 7, 1765.

Sea Rescue Operations Praised by Captain

New York—(U.P.)—The man who directed rescue operations at the Andrea Doria for almost six hours said today it was a "miracle" so many were saved.

Capt. John S. Shea, commander of the USNS Pvt. William H. Thomas, said that in his 30 years at sea he had never seen a rescue operation proceed so smoothly.

"It is certainly unusual to get so many survivors off a sinking ship safely," he said. "If this happened four months from now it would be a different story. In cold weather there would be lives lost. You could bet on it."

Shea said visibility was dead zero when his ship received an SOS message from the Doria. By the time we got to the ship (at 1:23 a.m. EDT) the visibility had cleared to three miles.

"A thing like that would happen once in a lifetime," he said. "If the fog hadn't lifted when it did it would have been bad . . . very bad."

The rescue ship Thomas sent two motor launch lifeboats to the Doria twice each and took off 158 survivors. Some they fished out of the water. Many

Experimental Car Lost in Sinking

Detroit—(U.P.)—A \$100,000 "idea" car went down in the Atlantic ocean with the Italian luxury liner Andrea Doria. Chrysler Corp. announced Thursday.

The car, named the "Norsman," was more than two years in the making. It was on Chrysler drawing boards for a year and it took another 15 months to hand-build it in Italy.

The car was in the hold of the Italian liner 200 feet underwater off Nantucket Island, Mass. Chrysler said the car, a complete loss, was covered by insurance.

Designed by Chrysler Corp. engineering division, the car was built by Spica of Turin, Italy, classic sports car designers and builders.

The car had no door posts but cantilever arches on each side held the top from the rear with the same strength of present cars with front posts. Rear body panels were made of aluminum to reduce weight. The body was streamlined along aerodynamic principles.

The United States drinks as much coffee as the rest of the world combined.

Soybean prices have gone up about one-third since the 1955 harvest.

The Pilgrims landed in Massachusetts Dec. 22, 1620.

News caster Doesn't Tell All in Describing Disaster

New York—(U.P.)—Edward P. Morgan left something out of his ABC news broadcast Thursday night.

Morgan, broadcasting from New York instead of Washington, told how relatives and newsmen waited anxiously for word of survivors taken from the stricken Andrea Doria.

He told of how newsmen boarded the Ile de France off New York harbor. And how they were able to spot the survivors among the persons standing on the deck by seeing "here a shirt-tail sticking out, here a banaged hand."

He saw a friend, Morris Novik, who had been on the Andrea Doria and "threw my arms around him." Then he went to the liner's infirmary to see Mrs. Jane Cianfarra, wife of Camille Cianfarra, the New York Times correspondent in Madrid.

Mrs. Cianfarra told him how the Stockholm had smashed into their cabin, splitting it in half. Mrs. Cianfarra's husband and two daughters were cut off in the other half and have not been seen since. They are presumed to be dead.

Then he told of how Ile de France passengers donated shoes, clothing and money to the survivors. And the eyewitness accounts of the tragedy.

"It's a horrible thing but an inspiring thing to see how people react in a time of tragedy," Morgan concluded.

He did not say on his broadcast that Mrs. Cianfarra is his former wife, and that one of the two girls believed to be dead is his 14-year-old daughter, Linda.

But the story had still another unexpected development. When the Stockholm arrived in New York carrying survivors from the Andrea Doria, it was discovered that Linda was aboard and had miraculously escaped death. She had been injured and was taken immediately to a hospital for emergency treatment.

New Mount Rainier Measurement Slated

Seattle—(U.P.)—A new survey will be made of Mount Rainier to more accurately measure the height of the great volcanic cone in the Cascade mountains of the Pacific northwest. Mount Rainier National Park Superintendent Preston P. Macy announced today.

The present accepted height of Columbia crest, highest of the mountain's three summit peaks is 14,408 feet above mean sea level, Macy said. The elevation was determined by the geological survey in 1913.

However, it is believed that the employment of modern instruments and improved methods of survey will result in a more precise measurement, Macy added.

Children Asked Not To Play Along Creek Bank

Children playing along the banks of Bear creek near the Main st. bridge have been asked to stay clear of the creek and prevent the recent rash of window breaking.

Police Chief Charles Champin said youngsters playing near the creek apparently had broken several windows in the Walker building nearby. The chief explained that the children themselves are in danger both from the chance of drowning and from the unhealthy effects of the polluted water.

It takes 10 coffee trees to produce a year's supply of coffee for one person.

Sight of Small Boy Ends Actress' Ordeal

New York—(U.P.)—Movie actress Ruth Roman saw a small, brown-haired, bewildered little boy at the rail of the damaged liner Stockholm and knew her ordeal was over.

"Dickie," she shouted from the pier where she had waited with a mother's fear and anxiety.

A shy smile broke over the tear-streaked face of her son, Richard Hall, 3½. He waved hesitantly, a little frightened by the crowds of relatives who greeted the last group of survivors from the sunken liner Andrea Doria.

Miss Roman and her son were separated when they scrambled from the sinking liner. She handed her boy to a crewman in a lifeboat and it pulled away, leaving her hanging on a ladder on the side of the listing ship.

She got in another lifeboat, but it went to a different rescue ship than that of her son.

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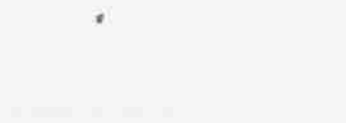
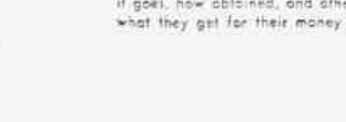
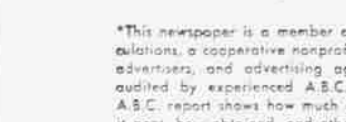
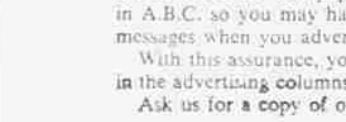
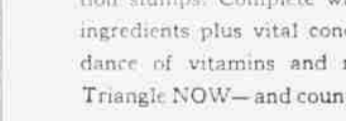
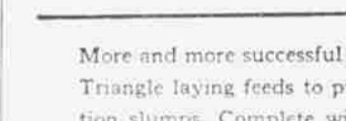
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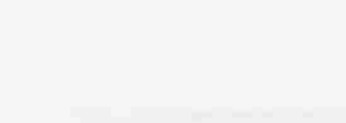
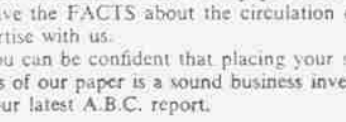
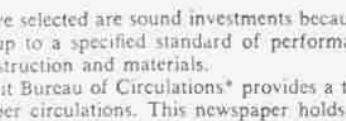
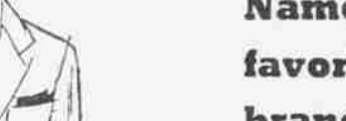
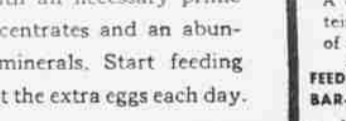
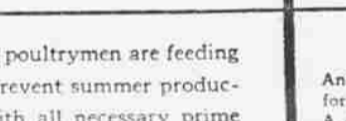
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