

## Diver Tries Again To Locate Bodies On Sunken Barge

New Orleans —(U.P.)— A skin diver tried again today to reach six men entombed in cramped sleeping quarters of a capsized oil drilling barge. Authorities expressed little hope of finding the victims alive.

Towering ground swells foiled repeated attempts of diver Don Inman to reach the submerged deck of the floodlighted "Mister K" with his rubber suit and aqua lung before he abandoned the effort shortly before midnight.

Three crewmen were believed to have drowned immediately when the barge carrying a 100-foot drilling rig on its deck suddenly turned turtle during a storm before noon Wednesday in the mouth of the Mississippi river.

**Six Survive Ordeal**  
Six others were saved, five of them without injury. One was hospitalized.

Inman decided "raps" that appeared to come earlier from inside the hull "were just imagination" and not signals from survivors as previously believed. Inman said no divers could reach the barge in Wednesday night's heavy weather.

"Every time I got near the barge I was washed away by the current," he said.

The Coast Guard finally fixed warning lights on the hull and abandoned it until daybreak.

Some 30 relatives and friends of the missing crewmen maintained a nightlong vigil at rescue headquarters in Venice, La., about 30 miles from the scene.

The nearly new derrick barge, valued at \$1,250,000, was being towed out of the storm-tossed Gulf of Mexico into the calmer mouth of the Mississippi when it suddenly turned bottom up.

The survivors said they had little time to get out, it all happened so fast.

**Saw Two Drown**  
"I was in the pump room," M. E. Flowers of Houston, Tex., said. "We went over and I got out, but I was swept out 100 feet. That may have saved me. I can only swim a little."

Flowers said he saw two of his shipmates floundering and "I don't think they were picked up."

Plez Ballard of Buras, La., said he saw three fellow workmen drown. He identified them as W. J. Davis, 42, Silver Creek, Miss.; James Harvey Jr., Jayess, Miss.; and Lewis Hightower, also of Jayess.

**POLICE TRAVEL**  
East Detroit, Mich. —(U.P.)— Police Chief Lyman Eckhardt said this community's scout cars traveled 262,475 miles in 1956—or about 10 times around the world.

## Gold Hill Garden Club Schedules Meeting

Gold Hill—The Gold Hill Garden club will meet at the home of Mrs. Frank Carter on the Upper River rd., Friday, April 19, at 1 p.m. Mrs. William Fields, president, will be cohostess.

Mrs. Ernest Gregory and Mrs. Roy Cameron will be in charge of the program.

## 4-Year Terms for Representatives Beaten in House

Salem —(U.P.)— A move to make representatives in the Oregon House elective for four year terms instead of two failed in the Oregon Senate by a 15-11 vote late Wednesday, but Sen. Jean Lewis, Portland Democrat, served notice she would move for reconsideration.

The arguments of those in favor of Senate bill 300 was that it would mean that at least half the members of the House in each legislative session would have had experience, as they now do in the Senate whose members are elected for four years.

Those who argued against it expressed belief that the House in Oregon, like the House in Congress, should continue to be accountable to the voters every two years.

Republicans and Democrats were about evenly split on both sides.

**Vote Reconsidered**  
A bill directing the governor to remove from office any public official under indictment wound up back in the hands of the Multnomah county delegation.

At first the Senate voted 15-14 along party lines—Republicans favoring and Democrats against—to take the bill from the delegation to assign to another committee.

Republicans later moved for reconsideration after learning that Sen. Andrew Naterlin, Newport Democrat, had been excused to attend a funeral. Sen. Warren Gill said the Republicans did not want to take advantage of the situation and wanted the bill brought back to the Multnomah county delegation until a motion could be made to recall it when no senators were excused. The Multnomah delegation earlier had tabled the bill.

The Senate voted unanimously in favor of House bill 297, which would appropriate up to \$100,000 as Oregon's share in a cooperative survey with the state of Washington of the feasibility of a bridge across the Columbia river from Astoria to Megler.

## Suggestion for Amendment To School Bill Made

Salem —(U.P.)— A suggestion was made Wednesday night that the so-called "key district" school bill be amended so that no district would receive less money from the state than it is getting in the present fiscal year.

The Portland school board made the proposal at a House Education committee meeting. It also proposed that no district in Oregon get less than 35 per cent of its basic education costs from the state funds.

**Portland Sees Loss**  
Portland officials claim they would lose about \$4 million a year in state money if the measure which passed the Senate becomes law. The bill would change the formula for distributing school support funds.

The House committee is considering possible amendments to the measure.

Vic Dougherty, chief statistician of the Portland school board said the amendment to provide districts with as much state money as received in the 1956-57 fiscal year would allow richer districts to come under the key district distribution without as much disruption of the school program.

## Teenage Road-e-o Slated by Jaycees

Central Point—The Teen Age Road-e-o for Eagle Point and Central Point teenagers will be held at Crater High school, starting at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 20.

The contest, including both written and driving tests, is sponsored by the Central Point Junior Chamber of Commerce. Similar community level contests are being held throughout the United States in April and May under sponsorship of Jaycee organizations.

Winner of the Saturday contest will compete in the state contest, and the state winner will enter the national contest. The three winners of the national contest will receive scholarships totaling \$4,500 and an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D. C.

Contestants in the community level Teen Age Road-e-o will be required to complete a written test and to drive in a four-obstacle type exercise. A road check for in-traffic performance will be added for the state contest.

The national contest will include a written test, a performance and driver attitude scale as well as a psycho-physical examination and a personal interview.

**Anthony Eden Refuses Financial Aid Offers**  
Boston —(U.P.)— Sir Anthony Eden, recuperating from a bile duct operation at the New England Baptist hospital here, politely refused offers of financial aid to help pay for his surgery.

In a statement issued Wednesday through British Consul General Robert H. K. Marett, Eden said he was "most grateful for the various offers made by friends in both the United Kingdom and in the United States" to raise funds for his medical expenses.

While deeply touched by this kindness, he, Eden wishes it to be known that he does not desire any such collection to be made on his behalf.

Eden's medical expenses have been estimated at between \$7,000 and \$8,400. It is believed that Eden's sole source of income from government now is a pension of about \$5,570.

**Eisenhower Calls for Holy Week Sacrifice**  
Washington —(U.P.)— President Eisenhower has called for "unceasing sacrifice and prayer" during Holy Week.

The President sent a special Easter message to his own pastor, the Rev. E. L. R. Elson, chairman of the Good Friday Observance Committee and pastor of the National Presbyterian church.

Eisenhower wrote that the "price of peace, our ultimate objective, is unceasing sacrifice and prayer."

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## Lake County Man Gets Game Post

Salem —(U.P.)— Rancher Ralph Ralph W. Renner, active Lake and Klamath county sportsman, was named late Wednesday to the State Game Commission by Gov. Robert D. Holmes.

With the appointment of Renner, who operates 27,000 acres of ranch and farm land in the two counties, Gov. Holmes withdrew his appointment of M. E. Norton of Phoenix for the commission post.

The law calling for two members of the commission to be residents of Eastern Oregon made Norton ineligible to serve.

The new commissioner, who succeeds the late Elmer Balsiger of Klamath Falls, is a native of nearby Modoc county, Calif. He is an active angler, hunter and conservationist and has been an Oregon game warden, sheepman, timberman and rancher for 18 years.

Appointment of Norton was blocked by a law requiring at least two members of the five-man commission to be from east of the Cascades and two from the west. The fifth member represents the state at large.

**Cairo Reaffirms Israel Ship Ban**  
Cairo —(U.P.)— The state controlled Cairo Radio said today there will be no internationalization of Suez Canal navigation control and reaffirmed Egypt's decision to bar Israeli shipping.

The broadcast said internationalization would be "an infringement of Egypt's sovereignty over Egyptian territorial waters."

As for Israel, it said, "Israel is at war with Egypt and therefore its ships shall not transit the canal."

Diplomatic sources said the talks between U.S. Ambassador Raymond Hare and Egyptian Foreign Minister Mahmoud Fawzi were making some progress, if slow progress, on points of detail and that there may be some changes.

The independent weekly newspaper Akher Saa also warned that if Arab nationalism enters in a direct showdown with the United States it would be difficult for Egypt to maintain neutrality towards Russia.

## Night News Editor At Montreal Succumbs

Montreal —(U.P.)— Funeral services will be held Saturday for Paul McCaffery, 29, night news editor of the United Press in Montreal.

McCaffery died of a heart attack Wednesday at his home.

## OTI Students Tour Rogue Valley Firms

Twenty-six students from Oregon Technical Institute, Klamath Falls, arrived in Medford this morning for a tour of air conditioning and perishable fruit storage installations in the Rogue Valley.

The students, who will graduate June 2, started their tour at the Modern Plumbing and Sheet Metal company's office here. They are accompanied by Raymond Woods, instructor and Ralph Fuller, assistant instructor.

Among plants scheduled to be visited are the Myron Root company, Nye and Naumes, Southern Oregon Sales, Associated Fruit company, Medford branch of the First National Bank of Portland, and the United States National bank's Ashland branch.

Host for the group is Paul Larsen of the Modern Plumbing and Sheet Metal company.

Assisting on the tour was Al len Welch, representing the Carrier corporation through Western Engineers, Inc., Portland, and Harry Gould, manager of the air conditioning and refrigeration department of Modern Plumbing.

The group had lunch at the Medford hotel.

## Holmes, Knight Sign Klamath River Pact

Salem —(U.P.)— Gov. Robert D. Holmes of Oregon and Gov. Goodwin Knight of California simultaneously signed the Klamath Basin compact at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday.

The two states have been negotiating nearly four years through their Klamath River Commissions to complete the water use plan.

The compact affects primarily the Upper Klamath River Basin on both sides of the border and gives upstream irrigation needs priority over downstream navigation and power use.

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—THREE

## Heavy Fog, Rain Blanket Midwest

By UNITED PRESS  
Heavy fog and light rain blanketed much of the Midwest Wednesday night and early today, closing airports, slowing traffic and touching off a plane-in-distress alarm.

Thick fog shrouded most of the Great Lakes region and extended into portions of the Ohio and central Mississippi valleys.

Airports closed Wednesday night by the fog included those in Chicago and the surrounding area, Detroit and Jackson, Mich., and Toledo, Ohio.

Meanwhile, weathermen issued a warning of severe thunderstorms of possible tornadoes in southeastern Kansas and extreme northeastern and north central Oklahoma today.

A crippled United Air Lines DC-7 airliner with 58 persons aboard was advised against landing at fog bound Chicago and instead went on to Omaha, Neb., where it made a safe emergency landing.

Rain was widespread during the night and light snow powdered western North Dakota.

The rain belt extended from the Gulf coast along the mid-Mississippi and Ohio valleys and the east coast. Showers also were reported in eastern Colorado, Kansas and from California and Nevada through Washington and western Montana.

Forecasters said rain will over-spread most of the nation today, with the only dry spot expected to be Florida, northern New England and the far northwest.

## VA Officials Tour Camp White Facility

Camp White—Two Veterans Administration central office officials toured the Camp White domiciliary Wednesday before going to Portland for conferences this week.

William McCoy, director of the medical administrative service, and Robert Wise, budget service official, stopped over en route from Washington, D. C., for the tour.

They were accompanied by Harold Dahlen, director of administrative service, of the area office in San Francisco.

## Old-Timers Recall Earthquake in S. F.

San Francisco —(U.P.)— A thinning group of old-timers met today to recall the morning 51 years ago when an earthquake jolted San Francisco, touching off a fire that destroyed most of the city.

The major observance was the lunch meeting of the 1906 Club, with attorney John P. Doran presiding. The program included a special tribute to East Bay cities for the aid they gave to San Francisco.

A group known as the South of Market Boys laid a wreath at Lotta's Fountain at a downtown intersection at 5:13 a.m., the exact hour at which the earth trembled on April 18, 1906.

Oldsters who recalled the

1906 earthquake said the one of last March 22 which rocked the southwestern part of the city could not even be compared.

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