

Tugs Secure Heavy Tow Lines To Stricken Tanker Floundering in Pacific

Rayburn Points To Lack of Progress Made in Defense

Washington - (UPI) - Speaker Sam Rayburn said today "we have not made anywhere near the progress we should have" in military defense against Russia. He said he is not at all satisfied with what has been done.

The veteran Democrat told reporters he does not know what has gone wrong.

But he commended to every American a warning Tuesday night by Rep. Carl Vinson (D-Ga.) that more money must be spent for defense and "drastic sacrifices" must be made now to overcome Russia's lead in missiles.

Argument Over 'Leaks'

Rayburn commented as an angry new political controversy flared over Republican charges that Senate Democrats had "leaked" national defense secrets in the current debate over whether U. S. military strength is adequate.

Vinson is chairman of the House Armed Services Committee.

Rayburn continued: "He indicated - as I believe - that we have not made anywhere near the progress we should have in our defense. I don't know why. I don't know whether our engineers and scientists have not been turned loose or what."

FDR JR. BACKS KENNEDY

Washington - (UPI) - Sen. John F. Kennedy (D-Mass.) won a declaration of presidential support Monday from Franklin D. Roosevelt Jr., son of the late president. Roosevelt, a former congressman, said Kennedy "is a winner."

Vivian is the Latin word for an animated, lively girl.

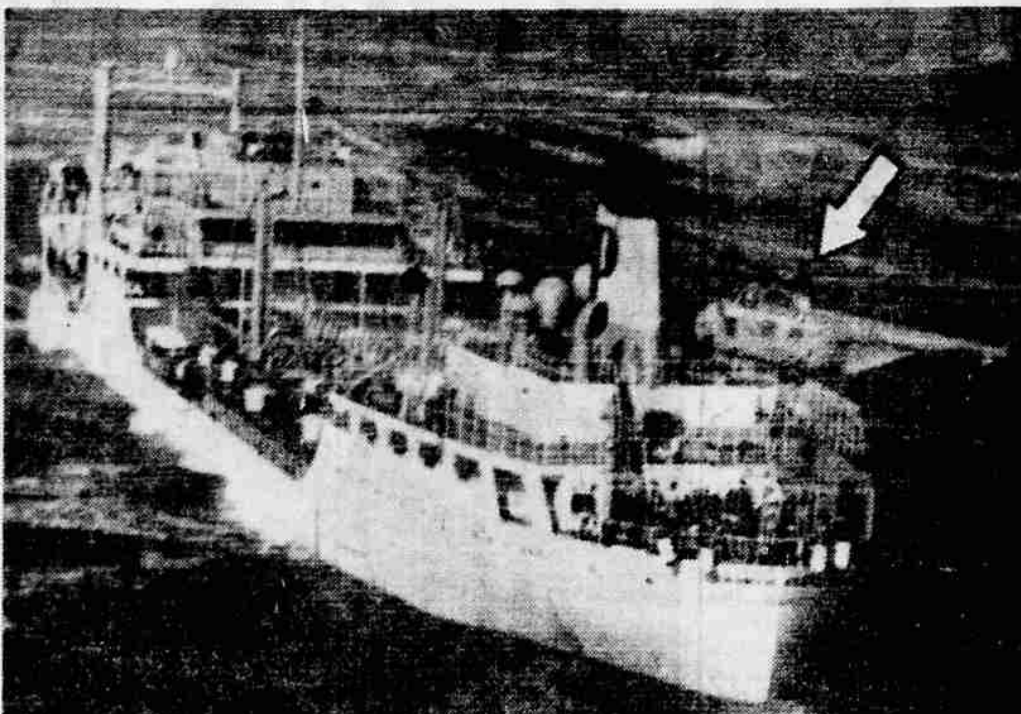
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TANKER DISABLED—A Coast Guard helicopter, arrow, hovers over the fantail of the disabled wine-tanker Angelo Petri as she wallows in heavy seas near San Francisco. The whirlybirds took 20 of the ship's 40-man crew to land and safely before the Petri's anchors caught and held, preventing her from drifting inshore to the beach. Tugs are en route to aid the vessel. —(UPI Telephoto)

Finch Story of Shooting Target Of Prosecution

Los Angeles - (UPI) - The prosecution climaxes its cross-examination of Dr. R. Bernard Finch today when it tries to break down his story that he accidentally shot his wife in the back in a struggle over the death gun.

The crew-cut surgeon will wind up one week on the witness stand after prosecutor Fred N. Whichello tried to prove the "improbable odds" of Finch's tale that the gun went off as he threw it away.

Finch, 42, and his red-haired mistress, Carole Tregoff, 23, are charged with murdering Mrs. Barbara Jean Finch, 36, at the West Covina, Calif., home last July 18.

Bills Mentioned

The state, which contends Finch killed his wife to prevent her from getting \$750,000 in community property in a divorce settlement, sought to show Tuesday that the doctor was having a tough time paying his bills.

Whichello brought out that Finch allotted \$2,000 monthly to cover general expenses, including the following items:

-\$395 for child support and house payments to his first wife, \$82 for a maid, \$250 for a new Chrysler, \$171 for a new Cadillac, \$250 for general household expenses, \$171 for mortgage payments on his home and at least \$34 for a slip in which to dock his boat.

-Also country club and tennis club dues, legal fees and expenses for trips to play in tennis tournaments.

Market Rally of Tuesday Extended

New York - (UPI) - The stock market extended Tuesday's rally during the first hour in generally routine trading today.

Fractional gains predominated in the list, with industrials picking up well over a point in their average. Rails also firmed, while utilities favored the downside.

An accumulation of buy orders delayed the opening in Electric Autolite, following news the company has invited tenders of its stock at \$54 a share. The issue closed Tuesday at 50 7/8 up 1 3/8.

DOW - JONES AVERAGES

New York - (UPI) - Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 628.45, up 9.02; 20 railroads 150.80, up 1.06; 15 utilities 85.94, up 0.45, and 65 stocks 207.50, up 2.30. Sales Tuesday were about 2,860,000 shares compared with 3,350,000 shares Monday.

Tuesday's prices on selected stocks:

Allied Chemical	49 1/2
Alum. Co. Am.	95 3/4
American Can	40 3/4
American Motors	81 1/2
A. T. & T.	82 1/2
Anaconda Copper	60 3/4
Armco Steel	62 1/2
Bendix Aviation	70 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	50 1/2
Boeing Air	29 1/2
Caterpillar Corp.	30 3/4
Chrysler Corp.	61 1/2
Continental Can	45 1/2
Crown Zellerbach	47 1/2
Curtis Wright	26 1/2
Dow Chemical	80 1/2
Du Pont	23 1/2

Winter Pear Crop Almost Cleaned Up, Bureau Report Shows

The 1959 crop of D'Anjou, Bosc and Comice pears from the Rogue River valley and other winter pear growing districts of the West Coast will be pretty well cleaned up by April, since 74.6 per cent of the crop was sold Jan. 1.

This would be considerably earlier than last year and reflects the success of two concentrated advertising and sales promotion campaigns directed by the Oregon-Washington-California Pear Bureau, according to R. A. (Dick) Patterson, general manager of the bureau at Portland.

He said an equally important factor was the cooperation of Medford area shippers and those in other growing districts. He pointed out that it was the desire of the industry this year to move the entire crop when pears had their top eating quality. This meant, then, that a majority had to be sold and delivered before Jan. 1.

The bureau reported that

Efforts To Save Vessel Resumed At Daybreak

San Francisco - (UPI) - Two tugs secured heavy tow lines to the stricken Angelo Petri today, raising hopes that the world's largest wine tanker would be saved from destruction by pounding waves.

A fleet of three tugs and the Coast Guard cutter Taney resumed at daybreak the grim fight to save the 21,800-ton vessel anchored within sight of San Francisco.

The operation had been temporarily called off several hours earlier today to rest the crew of the stricken vessel, which is carrying a cargo of 2,500,000 gallons of wine, 1,500,000 gallons of cottonseed oil and 1,500 tons of missile fuel.

Visibility in the area was good and the waves were reported slightly smaller than the 25-foot waves that hampered operations thus far.

Twenty six men of the Petri's 40-man crew remained aboard in an attempt to save her, although only one anchor kept the tanker from being pounded to pieces in the surf.

The tanker left San Francisco Tuesday en route for the East Coast. As it pushed through heavy seas outside the Golden Gate, a high wave suddenly smashed over the bow, flooding the engine room and disabling the rudder.

The vessel, drifting without power, flashed an "S-O-S" and dropped two anchors with the hope that at least one would catch and hold.

The Petri drifted helplessly for two miles toward destruction before the anchors caught. Coast Guard helicopters then picked up 20 of the crewmen and flew them to Ocean Beach, just 3 1/3 miles to the east.

Tugs were able to get two lines aboard the tanker Tuesday night, but both were snapped by the force of the sea.

The Petri raised enough power to pull one of its anchors up part way, but the captain, Edward A. Lehm Jr., of San Mateo, Calif., kept the other anchor fast because he had feared that the lines might not hold.

Time was an important factor in the battle. Although the heavy seas continued, a break was expected in the violent storm that ripped the coastal areas during the past three days.

Highway Funds From Pentagon Hinted

Washington - (UPI) - House highway investigators, critical of added defense costs in the inter-state road-building program, might recommend that the Pentagon pick up part of the tab.

Rep. Gordon H. Scherer (R-Ohio), a member of the subcommittee investigating the superhighway program, told United Press International today that he believed such a recommendation was one of the major aims of the inquiry.

Scherer said he would be "inclined to go along with" any proposal that the Defense Department pay at least a portion of the cost of the planned 41,000-mile interstate road network.

Scherer made the statement as the subcommittee recalled D. K. Chacey, assistant chief of Army transportation, for further questioning. He was the first witness at the opening of the investigation Tuesday.

The subcommittee also heard Armlon Leonard, vice president of the Heavy Specialized Truckers Conference of the American Trucking association, state Tuesday that the 16-foot underpass clearance recommended by the Defense Department was not adequate.

Thousands of bridges on the superhighway system were built with clearances between 13 and 15 feet. Some lawmakers have charged that this happened because the Defense Department took two years to come up with its recommendations.

Meanwhile a group of House Democrats planned to introduce their "Brannan Plan" farm proposal under which farmers could vote for production curbs designed to keep supply in line with demand and for direct government subsidies if prices fell below a certain level.

Frogmen May Seek Sub in Argentina

Buenos Aires - (UPI) - The Argentine navy was reported preparing today to send "frogmen" into the Neuvo Gulf off southeastern Argentina to determine once and for all whether a foreign submarine is lurking in its depths.

Skin-diver suits whose wearers could plunge as deep as 200 feet beneath the surfaceless half the estimated 450-foot maximum depth of the gulf were said to be on the way to the naval task force in the area.

The navy closed the approaches to the gulf to commercial shipping Tuesday for unexplained "tactical reasons."

The only other official word about the sub which has been reported in or near the gulf intermittently for the past 10 days was that seven Argentine warships and half a dozen planes are "continuing patrols in the area."

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