

President Pledges To Give Attention To Sea Mysteries

Washington—UPI—President Kennedy pledged today that his administration would give "concerted attention" to unfolding the mysteries of the sea.

He said the United States has "redoubled" efforts to find the best way to de-salt ocean water and will share its know-how with all nations.

"Such a breakthrough would end bitter struggles between neighbors, states, and nations," Kennedy said.

To Submit Program

He told Congress in his special message on natural resources that he would send the House and Senate "a national program for oceanography" for use in consideration of the 1962 budget.

Kennedy, who has a love for the sea, said the ocean is one of science's least understood subjects.

He said this country would need an additional three billion pounds of fish and shellfish annually by 1980 and many other countries could benefit by extensive use of sea life for food.

Increased Efforts

"But all this will require increased efforts, under federal leadership, for rehabilitation of depleted stocks of salmon and sardines in the Pacific, groundfish and oysters in the Atlantic, lake trout and other desirable species in the Great Lakes, and many others through biological research, development of methods for passing fish over dams and control of pollution," Kennedy said.

The President also noted that "continental shelves bordering the United States contain roughly 20 per cent of our remaining reserves of crude oil and natural gas."

Aircraft Carrier Joins Search for Four Men on Raft

San Nicholas Island, Calif.—UPI—The aircraft carrier Ticonderoga and smaller ships and planes searched today for four Navy men, including a would-be rescuer, blown out to sea in a rubber raft.

The search during the pre-dawn hours was conducted with flares and search lights, but heavy seas and mist kicked up by strong winds hampered rescuers.

Three off-duty Navy men were skimming from the raft about 200 yards off shore late Wednesday when wind gusts up to 35 miles an hour prevented them from rowing back.

Rope Too Short

Two men on the beach swam out to the men with a rope anchored to shore. The rope proved too short by about 50 feet, and one of the two rescuers swam onto the raft in hopes of helping the stranded skindivers row the short distance to the rope.

When the men lifted the raft's anchor, strong winds slowly shoved them out to sea despite their frantic efforts at rowing. The would-be rescuer was hauled on board.

The raft was estimated to be bobbing along the ocean in a southwesterly direction at a rate of about two miles an hour under the impact of the winds and currents.

Men Identified

The Navy identified the four men as Ens. Chester E. Flint, 23, Whittier, Calif.; Airman Donald D. Bush, 19, Rolla, N.D.; Seaman Appren, Ronald L. McCoy, 19, Marshalltown, Iowa; and Seaman Appren, Robert H. King, 19, Elkhart, Ind.

All were stationed on this Navy missile tracking facility island about 75 miles southwest of the coast at Los Angeles.

'Pastures' Offered For New Stadium

Portland—UPI—City Commissioner Mark (Buck) Grayson said today he had been offered "every cow pasture and gravel pit in the tri-county area" as a potential site for a new stadium.

Grayson's remark was in reference to studies now being made for a new stadium here. Among possibilities is one backed by Multnomah, Clackamas, and Washington Counties.

He emphasized no commitments could be made at this time.

Washington—UPI—President Kennedy braved raw, damp weather Wednesday to play golf at the Chevy Chase Country Club in nearby Maryland. The Chief Executive played with Sen. George Smathers (D-Fla.).

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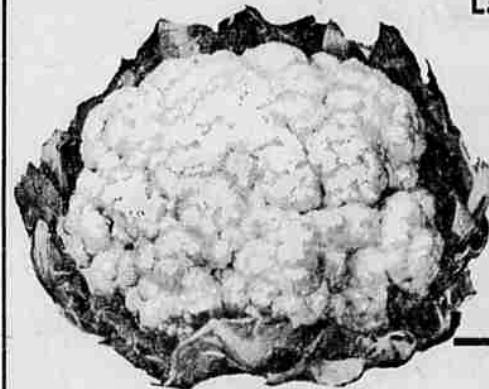
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