

# HOPE FOR SUBMARINE ABANDONED



**SUB WRITTEN OFF** - The U.S. nuclear-powered submarine Thresher is shown during commissioning ceremonies in this file photo. The Navy Department said today the Thresher has been abandoned as lost following a dive in the Atlantic Ocean Wednesday with 129 men aboard. Inset is Lt. Cmdr. John W. Harvey, skipper of the sub. (UPI)

## SECOND SLICK, DEBRIS FOUND IN DIVE AREA

Washington - (UPI) - The nuclear powered submarine Thresher with 129 men aboard "has indeed been lost," Adm. George W. Anderson said today.

Anderson, chief of naval operations, made the announcement with deep regret in disclosing that a second oil slick and materials possibly from the interior of the submarine had been found in the area where it made a test dive Wednesday in the North Atlantic.

The materials were described as cork and plastic of types used "in the internal construction of submarines."

The second oil slick was found at 10:20 a.m. (EST) today, Anderson told a news conference. The first was spotted shortly before dark Wednesday.

Although Anderson wrote off any chance for recovery of the submarine or that any of the 129 men might be alive, he said search efforts would continue to try to fix the exact spot of the disaster and recover materials or bodies that might come to the surface.

The disaster is the U.S. Navy's worst submarine tragedy in peace or war. It is the worst single ship tragedy in peacetime for any kind of U.S. naval vessel.

Anderson said he had ordered the deep diving bathysphere "Trieste," now at San Diego, brought across the country on flat cars to aid in the search.

The Trieste has dived as deep as seven miles, whereas the Thresher apparently went down in a mile and a half of water at a point about 220 miles east of Cape Cod.

Anderson said that even if the Trieste were able to locate the Thresher, there was "absolutely no possibility" that a line could be attached for salvage from such a depth. He described as "very remote" the possibility that any bodies would float to the surface.

Anderson said he abandoned hope for the Thresher for two reasons. In addition to the fact that materials were recovered, he said he could see no possibility that all communications would have been blacked out if the vessel had not met disaster.

Anderson's desolate report that hope had been abandoned for the sub and the men was given to newsmen about 25 hours after the last contact from the vessel was received.

**Near Test Depth**  
The Thresher, Anderson said, was the "deepest diving submarine in the world" and was "approaching its maximum test depth" when communication with the sub was lost at 9:17 a.m. (EST) Wednesday.

Anderson announced that he had issued an order requiring the two other submarines in the Thresher class, the Permit and the Plunger, to limit the depth of their investigations to 1,000 feet.

Anderson said there were two factors to indicate that a leak rather than pressure of water may have caused the disaster:

"Before it went into the Portsmouth, N.H., Naval Shipyard for overhaul last July, the Thresher had dived many times to the depth at which it was last heard from."

**Recent Overhaul**  
"During overhaul of the sub it was necessary to cut a hole about a yard wide in its hull, in order to get at some machinery. The hole was welded back in place, and the weld was examined by X-ray for flaws."

"To the best of our knowledge and belief there were no defects in the work," he said. "Whether or not there were in fact defects remains to be seen."

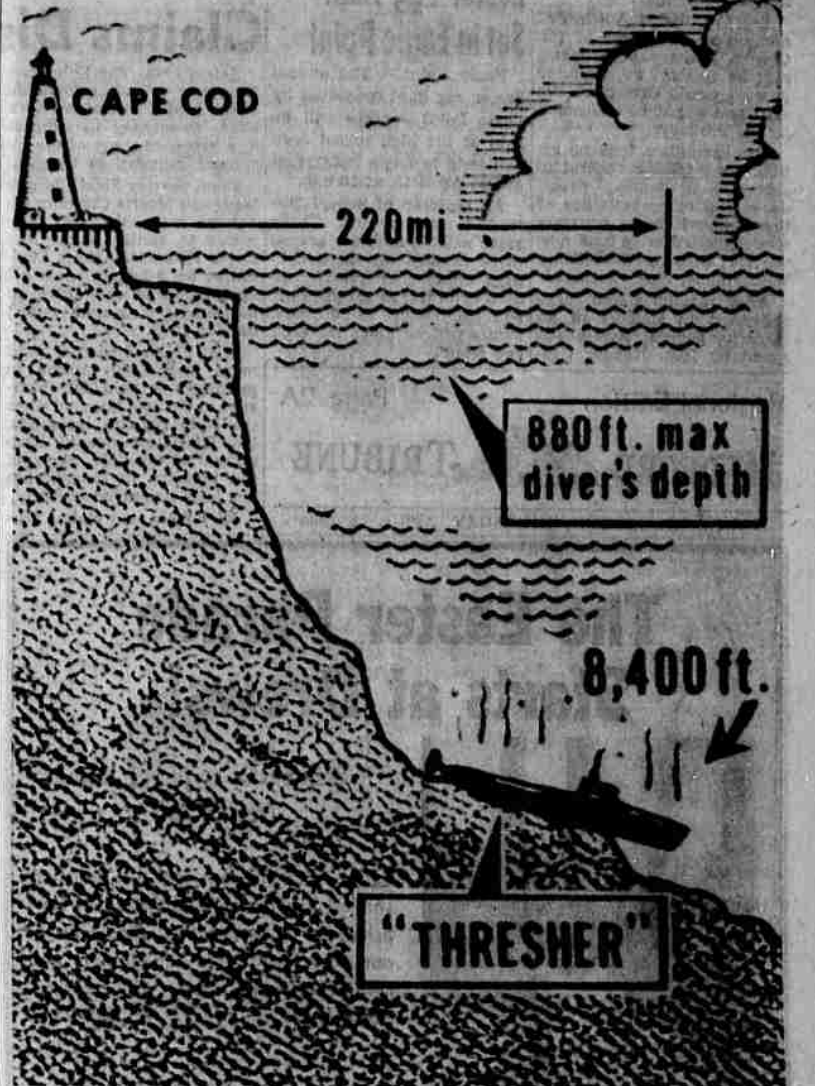
Anderson said that "of course" the possibilities of sabotage or enemy action in connection with the tragedy would be investigated. But he said there was no evidence of either, and the main investigative effort would be to determine whether the vessel collapsed or sprang a leak.

**TO DIVORCE DOUGLAS**  
Washington - (UPI) - The wife of Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas said today that she plans to file for a divorce.

**Sniper Misses Ex-Gen. Walker**  
Dallas - (UPI) - A bullet from a high-powered rifle whizzed through a window Wednesday night, narrowly missing former Maj. Gen. Edwin A. Walker who was sitting at a desk filling out his income tax.

The bullet bored a one-inch hole in the wall and fell out on the other side on some packages. Splinters from the bullet's casing struck Walker in the arm.

"I want a purple heart," said Walker, who was not seriously injured.



**LOCATION SHOWN** - This artist's drawing shows the probable location of the submarine Thresher, missing after a test dive in the Atlantic Ocean. The Navy has announced that a second oil slick and debris had been found in the area where the vessel went down. (UPI)

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## First Sex Offender Bill Beaten By 30-25 Vote in Oregon House

### Longer Daylight Time Approved By Senate Vote

Salem - (UPI) - The Senate voted 23-8 today to extend daylight saving time one month to match the quick-time observed in Washington, California and Nevada.

If approved by the House, Oregon would be on the same summer time schedule as all other Pacific Coast states.

At an election last year Oregonians voted to make observance of daylight saving time statewide.

Daylight saving time begins at 1 a.m. on the last Sunday in April. The bill approved today would extend it to the last Sunday in October, instead of the last Saturday in September as at present.

**To End Confusion**  
Oregon's daylight saving schedule was enacted to end confusion within Oregon over quick-time. Since then, Washington has extended its daylight time schedule to October to match California and Nevada.

At hearings on the measure, radio, television, transportation and industry spokesmen urged changing the law.

Voting no on the proposal were Sen. Ahrens, Bolvin, Elstrom, Natlerin, Newbury, Pearson, Thiel and Yturri.

### Bloodmobile Falls Short of Area Quotas

Approximately one-half of the quota for the visit of the Red Cross Bloodmobile was received this week in Medford and Shady Cove, Red Cross officials have announced.

During the two-day visit in Medford Monday and Tuesday, 169 pints were donated, and Wednesday in Shady Cove, 31 pints were obtained.

**BOY BELIEVED DROWNED**  
Salem - (UPI) - A 5-year-old boy, Gene Lyle Guthrie, was missing and believed drowned in Salem's Mill Creek today.

## JFK Urges Steel Industry To Forego Price Increases

Washington - (UPI) - President Kennedy today strongly urged the steel industry not to undertake a general price increase. He urged similar economic restraint on the part of labor.

Kennedy, after studying the steel price situation closely for two days with his chief economic advisers, issued a strong appeal for wage-price stability in the industry.

The chief executive's appeal was issued shortly before his scheduled departure from Andrews Air Force Base for an Easter week end in Palm Beach, Fla.

The President's statement was aimed largely at steel management because of the announced price rise in the products of the Wheeling Steel company. But in summing up his reasons for opposing a price increase, Kennedy also directed his appeal to the steel workers union.

The announcement followed a series of mysterious conferences at the White House and a series of postponements of the President's Easter week end vacation trip to Palm Beach.

"I urge the steel industry and the steel union to avoid any action which would lead to a general across the board increase," the President said. "I urge this in their own enlightened self-interest and in the public interest as well."

### Arab Federation To Feature Nasser

Cairo - (UPI) - Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser seemed assured today of a dominant role in the new Arab federation that is certain to alter the balance of power in the Middle East.

Premier Aly Sabry announced Wednesday that Syria, Iraq and Nasser's Egypt have agreed to merge their states into a single nation of 38 million citizens.

He said it will be called the United Arab Republic, have Cairo as its capital, adopt one flag and will pursue a single foreign and defense policy. It appeared destined to be the most powerful Arab nation by far.

## Probe Continues Into Insurance Sales To Schools

Portland - (UPI) - Investigation continued on several fronts today into sale of "doctored" insurance policies to many schools throughout Oregon.

The probe was touched off by complaints that parts of the policies in question are not considered valid by the California Life Insurance Co. The firm told State Insurance Commissioner Walter Korlann there were discrepancies between policies written by agents and those sent into its home office.

Particularly involved are riders for accidents such as football and wrestling injuries.

Korlann said the probe involved agents who sold the policies to the school districts under the name of an agency in Portland that no longer operates.

The Multnomah county district attorney's office and sheriff's office, and the county grand jury, are looking into the matter. A "friendly" suit has been filed by the California firm against David Douglas school district here to determine its liability.

Korlann said there was no exact amount of insurance involved but that claims in dispute may be more than \$50,000.

Authorities said that Oregon schools who apparently were sold policies by the Portland agency included: Altamont Junior High school in Klamath Falls, Ashland School District 5, North and South Junior High schools in Grants Pass, Monument Junior High school in Merling, Highland, Lincoln, Redwood and Roosevelt at Grants Pass; Henley High school near Klamath Falls, Illinois Valley High school at Cave Junction, Lincoln Savage Junior high at Murphy, and Medford school district 549C.

### Moderate Heating Noted in Valley

General and moderate orchard heating occurred early this morning throughout the valley.

Most orchardists lit heaters about midnight and put out about 6 o'clock this morning. Temperatures dropped to 30 degrees in the coldest places.

Light and scattered heating occurred up to approximately 2:30 a.m. Thin layers of clouds moving in early caused some temperatures to rise slightly but a steady drop started later.

A number of buds in some orchard blocks were damaged earlier in the heating season, but this does not amount to commercial damage yet, it was reported.

## Status of Rogue Basin Reviewed

Problems which may arise prior and during the construction of dams in Jackson county were discussed at a meeting of the Jackson county planning commission last night.

Following a review of the present status of the Rogue Basin project and of the overall project, the commission asked the planning staff to investigate what steps may be needed to regulate temporary water systems, trailer parks, and other aspects of development.

In other action, the commission approved a street change in the Green Springs subdivision, known as the Oak Knoll development near Ashland.

Also discussed were pending bills in the state legislature regarding planning. The commission approved a resolution to be sent to the county legislators seeking an amendment to House Bill 1139 regarding subdivision plats.

The amendment would allow subdivision plats to be numbered rather than named.

The commission also approved notifying Pacific Northwest Bell Telephone company of preliminary subdivision plats so plans could be made for utilities easements. The telephone company, in a letter to the commission, explained that the firm wants to install its lines underground.

### Change in Court Jurisdiction Draws Objection

Salem - (UPI) - The House today defeated 30-25 the first of six "sex offender" bills after opponents objected to a change in court jurisdiction over juvenile matters.

It would have taken 31 votes, one more to pass the bill.

The measure would have transferred juvenile jurisdiction from the county courts to the circuit courts.

Rep. Robert Jones (R-Portland) said it would bring juvenile matters under the jurisdiction of legally trained judges who could handle them with competence and discretion. He said few county judges had any legal background.

Many of the opponents were from eastern Oregon. They said county judges now were doing a fine job, and in addition were closer to local situations.

**Cost Noted**  
Opponents also contended the proposed change would cost money for additional circuit judges. Jones noted, however, that Supreme Court Justice William McAllister had testified earlier that present circuit judges could be moved around to handle the new load.

Rep. Berkeley Lent (D-Portland), whose judiciary committee approved the bill by a split vote, said the transfer of jurisdiction was "premature."

"This bill really has nothing to do with stopping the sexual molestation of children," he declared.

He said another bill in the six-bill package would put sex offenses involving children in the circuit courts.

Other bills would set up a central police filing system for sex offenses, revise other court procedures, and provide for commitment and treatment of persons ruled sexually dangerous. They are expected on the House floor soon.

### WEATHER

**FORECAST:** Occasional rain with decreasing winds tonight. Some partial clearing with scattered showers Friday. Low tonight to high Friday.

**Our Skies Tonight**  
Sunset today 6:48 p.m.  
Sunrise tomorrow 5:31 a.m.  
Moonrise tonight 9:31 p.m.  
Last Quarter  
PROBABLE STARS  
SIRIUS in the south  
west 8:31 p.m.  
VIBRANT PLANETS  
Mars high in south  
west 9:02 p.m.  
Saturn rises 9:58 a.m.  
Venus low in east 4:41 a.m.

## NEWS BRIEFS

**SOVIET ROCKET BASES BEING INSTALLED**  
Cairo - (UPI) - Soviet technicians are installing ground-to-air rocket bases near Cairo, Alexandria and the Suez Canal, informed sources said today.

**KING TO IGNORE INJUNCTION**  
Birmingham, Ala. - (UPI) - Integration leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said today he would ignore a temporary injunction issued to halt a series of racial demonstrations here.

**X15 FLIES UNDER ROCKET POWER**  
Edwards AFB, Calif. - (UPI) - Air Force Maj. Bob Rushworth flew the X15 today under rocket power for the longest time yet.  
Rushworth, flying the debut of a newly-modified X15, "burned" his rocket engine for two and a quarter minutes.

## Shortage of Water In Streams May Be Irrigation Problem

Water measurements in snow-packs supplying watersheds in Oregon average out at slightly more than 50 per cent, with measurements taken at the east edge of the state as low as 19 per cent and lower.

Bob Whaley, assistant to Jack Frost, snow survey supervisor for Soil Conservation Service, agreed with local irrigation district managers, remarked to the handful of people at the extension service auditorium.

Whaley reported stream flow predictions are slightly over 50 per cent of the 15-year average for the Rogue river near Prospect, at Ray Gold, at the south fork and below the south fork, at Grants Pass and for the Applegate river.

Hoffbuhr said his reservoirs will be "in real good shape." The collection canal system into Howard Prairie started to run water in October and is still running water, which is unusually early. Daisy creek started yesterday for the second time this year.

"Medford Irrigation district will just about get through the irrigation season," a MID official said. "The west side of the district will be in pretty good shape since it receives water distributed from the TID reservoirs. A lot will depend on stream flow."

Present heavy rains have delayed the start of the irrigation season, it was reported. Rogue River Valley Irrigation district is expected to be in about the same condition as MID since it receives its water from the same sources.

Eagle Point Irrigation district may be in trouble with no sustained yield expected from mid-season on, it was reported.

### Animal Hunters Are Taken From Budget

The Jackson county budget committee has eliminated its support of two state predatory animal hunters, it was reported today.

In the past, the county has contributed \$4,143 toward salaries, \$3,600 for mileage, or a total of \$7,743 added to by state matching funds.

However, the committee decided it would be better to increase the county bounty from \$4,500 to \$5,500 instead. The government hunters spend most of their time trapping coyotes, committee members noted.

It costs the county about \$60 a coyote based on recent trapping records, the committee estimated. An increase in the county bounty might increase the kill on other animal pests and predators, it was suggested.

A number of Jackson county livestock men and turkey raisers are concerned over this development.

**PEACE CORPS OFFERED**  
Washington - (UPI) - President Kennedy sent to Congress today his proposal for a domestic Peace Corps.

## Seven Hearings On Agenda for Planners Tonight

Seven public hearings have been scheduled for the Medford planning commission at its meeting at 7:30 o'clock tonight.

Five of the hearings will be held on zone change requests. Applicants have requested zone changes for property located at:

-The south side of Crater Lake highway between Biddle rd. and Hilton rd.  
-The south side of West Main st. between Mistletoe and Orange sts.

-The south of the westerly six lots of block 4, Park Addition, located at the northeast corner of Eighth and Hamilton sts.

-The south side of Barnett rd. immediately east of Bear creek.

-The north side of Highway 99, immediately east of the state highway department and state police property.

The commission also will hold hearings on requests for variances to allow placement of a 4 by 6 foot sign at 2520 Merriman rd., and to permit construction of a garden and tool house at 2900 Fairview place.

### Anti-Strikebreaker Measure Tabled

Salem - (UPI) - An "anti-strikebreaker" bill was tabled here by the House Committee on Labor and Industries.

The committee recommended passage of another bill to prohibit use of lie detectors as a condition of employment.

## Planning Authorized For Dunes Seashore

Portland - A four-man planning team has been assigned by Secretary of Interior Stewart Udall to complete basic development plans for the proposed Oregon Dunes National Seashore, Carleton Whitehead, co-chairman of the Committee for the Oregon Dunes, announced today.

Whitehead said he had received word from Washington, D.C., that planning experts from four National Park Service offices in Western States were now working on the survey for Dunes area facilities and improvements.

The current study would serve as the basis for detailed plans for the new National Seashore within the National Park Service if legislation now before Congress is enacted. The development program will be presented by Park Service representatives

at a hearing May 8 before the Senate Public Lands Subcommittee on the bill introduced by Sen. Maurine Neuberger to authorize the Oregon Dunes park. Whitehead was advised, "The Oregon Dunes area has a multitude of possibilities for recreation and our committee welcomes this early planning authorized by Secretary Udall," Whitehead said. "The lakes, dunes, seashore, and forest areas offer great potential for outdoor enjoyment. We can foresee a Park Service program including camping, hiking, swimming, fishing, hunting, boating, nature study and other outdoor activities for which the Dunes are particularly well suited, and at the same time, preserve the unique natural beauty of the Oregon Dunes area for coming generations," he added.