

# Mystery Surrounds Sinking of Chinese Ship

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**SCOUTS RESCUE GIRL** - A two-year-old girl was rescued by five Boy Scouts from Buffalo Creek near Wheeling, Ill., Wednesday. The Scouts used an artificial respiration method they learned in Scouting to save her life. The girl, Joanne Craddock, shown at right with a hospital nurse,



had fallen into the creek. Pointing to the rescue spot for Police Chief Marvin Horcher are Dan Devito, center, John and Robert Kunowski, front, and Chris Trundo and Mike Kostuch, rear. (UPI)

### Mystery Clouds Scuttling of Chinese Freighter

#### Japanese Doubt Vessel Torpedoed

Tokyo - (UPI) - Maritime authorities sought today to unravel the mystery of a scuttled Communist Chinese freighter whose crew claimed the ship had been torpedoed three times by a submarine of unknown nationality in the Yellow Sea.

Japanese officials were skeptical that the 11,432-ton Leap Forward had been torpedoed. They said it was more likely the freighter rammmed a rock or a reef. All crewmen were saved.

Military sources tended to discount the possibility the cargo vessel had struck a mine left over from World War II or the Korean War.

#### Major Incident Feared

Japanese officials feared the sinking, reported early today, would mushroom into a major incident with the Communist regime in Peking. The Leap Forward was Red China's first home-built ocean-going vessel and its first cargo ship scheduled to visit Japan.

The freighter, pride of Red China's merchant fleet, sank 167 miles west of Cheju Do, a large island off the southwest coast of Korea, en route from the Chinese port of Tsingtao to the southern Japanese port of Mojo.

#### Crew in Lifeboats

The Japanese fishing trawler Itsuki Maru radioed it had picked up all 59 crewmen in three lifeboats. The sailors, using sign language, said they were hit in the engine room by three torpedoes and sank four hours later.

Adm. Masayoshi Nakayama, chief of staff of the Maritime Self-Defense Agency, said only the United States, Russia, Indonesia and Japan have submarines that might be operating in the area.

Japanese and U. S. officials said their navies had no submarines in the vicinity of the reported sinking.

The Leap Forward was carrying 10,000 tons of maize and other goods purchased by Japan under a trade agreement reached with the Chinese last fall by a mission of private Japanese businessmen. The ship was to have called at several Japanese ports.

### Padgham Not To Seek Write-Ins

Henry F. Padgham, who has devoted many years to school board work in Jackson county, serving on district and rural boards, will not be a write-in candidate for a position on the Medford School District 549C board, he announced today.

Several months ago, Padgham said, he had expressed interest in filing as a candidate for the board and had intended to do so, but was out of town and failed to become informed of the filing date. Since he did not file he has asked that his supporters cast their ballots for John R. Reid, who did file for the post.

"I am sure District 549C will benefit by his presence on the board of directors," Padgham said.

A brief time after the nominations had closed, Padgham explained, a number of interested persons indicated that they wished to support him on a write-in basis. He agreed to consider election by this procedure.

However, in deference to the men who did file for the post and in view of the short time remaining before the election, Padgham said he decided against the plan.

### Madras Woman Held For Death of Stapon

Madras - (UPI) - Celia Adelle Suttle, 31, Madras, was indicted today by the Jefferson county grand jury on a charge of involuntary manslaughter in connection with the death of her 4-year-old stepson. The boy died April 22 as a result of a beating.

# AMERICANS REACH EVEREST SUMMIT



### Radio Washout Delays Word of Accomplishment

#### Names of Climbers Not Disclosed

Katmandu, Nepal - (UPI) - Two American climbers Wednesday reached the summit of Mt. Everest, world's tallest mountain, it was disclosed today. They were the first Americans to reach the peak on the Himalayan "roof of the world."

The names of the two climbers from the American Everest expedition who reached the peak were not disclosed immediately.

Word of the climb reached here by radio from the base camp.

#### Started Wednesday

The climbers started their final push to the top of the 29,028-foot peak early Wednesday from their sixth and final camp at the 27,800-foot level. They reached the peak Wednesday but word of the feat was delayed until today by a washout of radio communications.

A spokesman for the expedition said the weather was fine in the morning when the men started but turned bad during the afternoon.

He said the final thousand feet of altitude should have been climbed in about four or five hours under favorable weather conditions, in order to climb a thousand feet vertically the men had to traverse four or five times that distance in a zigzag route to the summit.

#### Weather Constant Peril

Winds up to 150 miles an hour, extreme cold, snow and mists are a constant peril at the "roof of the world" in the Himalaya mountains between Nepal and Communist-held Tibet.

Lack of oxygen in the rarefied air is known to bring on headaches, nausea, dizziness, extreme fatigue and mental disorientation.

A second assault team of four men waited at camp five to try for the summit if the first team failed. A two-man party was stationed at camp four to go to the aid of either of the other teams.

The American expedition is sponsored by the National Geographic Society, the State Department, the National Science Foundation and the armed services.

### Roseburg Woman Guilty of Robbery

Salem - (UPI) - Sharon Rose Hibbard, 21, Roseburg, was convicted in Circuit Court Wednesday of the armed robbery of a supermarket here Oct. 28.

Sentencing was deferred. The woman, who told officers she was trying to raise some money to feed her family, presently is serving a 2 1/2 year prison sentence for an attempted market robbery at Oregon City.

Her husband was sentenced to prison last year on a charge of attempting to burglarize a Douglas county bank.

### Boy Scout Camporee Set At Emigrant on Week End

Boy Scouts of the Big Pine district of the Crater Lake Council will participate in a camporee Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the Emigrant lake recreation area.

The annual camporee will be of the "Show Type" to exhibit camp crafts and pioneering skills, and the public is invited to view the activities.

The Friday schedule includes hiking into camp and an informal campfire.

A fishing derby will be held Saturday. There also will be physical fitness races and competition in Scout skills, such as first aid, compass work and cooking. The day will be completed with a campfire with presentation of skits, stunts, singing and story telling.

Sunday, the program will include more demonstrations of scouting skills and hobbies, a potluck lunch with parents, friends and visitors participating.

Awards will be presented and a trophy to the patrol with the best safety record and to the first boy to catch and fry a fish.

### Churchill Quits Parliament Post After 60 Years

London - (UPI) - A grateful Britain regretfully accepted today the reluctant decision by Sir Winston Churchill to call it quits in the House of Commons after 60 years.

The former prime minister, 88, plagued by old age and an injured leg, announced Wednesday night he would not be a parliamentary candidate in the next election. The sudden announcement virtually closed the pages of a remarkable career that spanned two world wars and countless personal adventures.

Sir Winston, now confined much of the time to a wheelchair, said his reason for quitting politics was his game leg, which prevented him from getting to Commons "as I would wish."

#### Great Career Ends

British newspapers generally agreed that Churchill's retirement from Commons will end one of the greatest British parliamentary careers of all time.

The Daily Mail called Sir Winston "the supreme member of the House of Commons."

"No one living has served the House of Commons for anything resembling such a period and few have served it with so deep a respect," said the Daily Telegraph.

"He is, as he said himself, 'a child of the House of Commons.'" Debt to Churchill

The Daily Express said the House of Commons owes its prestige and authority among democratic assemblies "above all to the man who filled it with the flame of his inspiration and the majesty of his eloquence."

There was immediate speculation that Queen Elizabeth now would offer a dukedom to Churchill - a hope she is known to cherish.

Whether Sir Winston would accept a title is not known. He declined an earldom in 1955 when he stepped down as prime minister, the post in which he achieved his greatest glory during World War II. He said he preferred to remain in Commons rather than move to the House of Lords.

'Let the People Know'

### Reflectorized License Plates Voted by Senate

Salem - (UPI) - The Senate voted 20-10 today for new reflectorized auto license plates with the word "Oregon" in letters at least as large as the license plate numbers.

Approval came after the upper house voted 20-8 to reject a move to get the measure back in committee. Some wanted to add advertising slogans to the plates, others wanted the design changed so it would be uniform with other states.

The proposed new plate drops the "Pacific Wonderland" slogan.

If approved by the House and signed by the Governor, the bill would require the first of the new plates to be issued in January of 1964. One-fifth of the state's license plates would be changed every year until the transition had been completed.

Sen. R. F. Chapman (D-Coos Bay) said it was important to have "Oregon" spelled out in large letters "to let people know where the auto comes from."

Sen. Vernon Cook (D-Gresham) attempted to get the bill sent back to committee. "We have an excellent opportunity to advertise Oregon and encourage tourists to come here. We should take advantage of the advertising and public relations potential."

Sen. L. W. Newberry (R-Ashland) also wanted the bill sent back to committee - but he urged that the design be changed so the plates would be similar to those in other states.

Sen. Walter Pearson (D-Portland) said the committee already gave consideration to the Cook and Newberry suggestions. "We could add the slogan 'Rainy Oregon,'" Pearson commented.

Sen. Thomas Mahoney (D-Portland) suggested the slogan should read "No Sales Tax."

Sen. Anthony Yurri (R-Ontario) said the committee had considered the slogan "Pearson's Paradise, but we felt it would be foolish to make the plates two feet wide."

### Experience Rating Feature of New Compensation Bill

Salem - (UPI) - Employers with poor safety records will pay a new penalty under an "experience rating" amendment to the state workmen's compensation law rushed through the House and signed by the governor Wednesday.

The bill, just introduced in the Senate seven days earlier, was sped to the governor's desk because rates for the next year were to be mailed out May 1.

The bill passed the House 44-15 despite considerable confusion and heated protests over the "last minute" action.

The present law sets a base rate for employers to pay for industrial accident insurance, but grants deductions for employers.

The new law not only will let employers with good records pay less, but will require employers with bad safety records to pay more than the base rate.

Rep. Robert Packwood (R-Portland) blamed the rush action on the so-called "three-hour" bill, which would overhaul the entire workmen's compensation law. This measure, SB370, which includes an experience rating feature, has passed the Senate but is so controversial it probably could not reach the House floor.

Speakers said it was decided to go ahead with the separate experience rating feature so that it could take effect this year.

Partially Offset

Effect of the experience rating bill will be to lower rates slightly for about 1,700 employers at the safe end of the scale and raise rates for about 1,800 employers at the risk end of the scale, Packwood said.

The reductions would be partially offset by a general rate increase being put through by the Industrial Accident commission.

Confusion centered on just what the bill would do to specific categories of employers. Rep. Ross Morgan (D-Gresham) said it might have a severe effect on some small employers.

### Bibeau Indicted By Grand Jury

A Jackson county grand jury late Wednesday afternoon indicted Harold James Bibeau, 20, of Empire, on a charge of first degree murder.

He is scheduled to be arraigned in Jackson county circuit court at 1:45 o'clock this afternoon.

Bibeau was arrested Saturday in connection with the death of Russell Waldon Osborn, 45, manager of the Variety theater in Ashland. Osborn's body was found in his home late Saturday.

Bibeau and returned to Medford with two Medford girls who had traveled north with him, local law enforcement officers reported.

The girls, held originally as material witnesses, were Ethel Jeanette Simons, 18, of 135 North Holly st., Medford, who has been released, and a 17-year-old girl who was turned over to local juvenile authorities as a parole violator from Hillcrest school, according to District Attorney Alan B. Holmes.

### Ashland Man, Son Are Indicted by Grand Jury

George Brainard Sabin, 48, of 115 Neil rd., Ashland, was indicted by the Jackson county grand jury Wednesday for rape, and his son, Steve Richard Sabin, 17, was indicted for contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Both are scheduled to be arraigned in circuit court this afternoon on the indictments.

Both were arrested by Jackson county sheriff's deputies April 17. The father has previously appeared in district court and had been bound over to the grand jury.

### Senate Adopts Policy To Speed Consideration

Salem - (UPI) - The Senate Wednesday adopted a policy which will speed up consideration of House bills in the upper chamber.

Under the new procedure, House bills will be given first and second reading, and be referred to committee the same day.

## NEWS BRIEFS

HIGHER NATIONAL DEBT LIMIT APPROVED

Washington - (UPI) - The House Ways and Means committee, by a 15-10 party line vote, approved a bill today that would boost the legal limit on the national debt to a record \$303 billion during July and August.

HOWARD HUGHES HELD IN DEFAULT

New York - (UPI) - Millionaire industrialist Howard R. Hughes was held "in deliberate and willful default" for his failure to appear for pretrial examination in a ruling today by Federal Judge Charles M. Metzner.

Metzner said he will appoint a special master to hold hearings to determine the exact amount of damages to be awarded Trans World Airlines, which has sued Hughes and the Hughes Tool Co. for \$135 million under the anti-trust laws.

INDIANA STUDENT OFFICERS INDICTED

Bloomington, Ind. - (UPI) - A prosecutor said today three Indiana university student officers of a socialist organization had been indicted on anti-subversive charges in an effort to stamp out communism on the campus.

WEATHER FORECAST: Partly cloudy with scattered showers tonight and Friday. Early morning fog in valleys. Friday, low tonight near 38. High Friday near 53.