

# 8 Sailors Drown In Boat Upset

HYERES, France, Feb. 17 (AP)—An officer and seven men of the U. S. aircraft carrier Midway are unaccounted for in the swamping of a Liberty launch off the Riviera today, a French police official said.

The official, from the prefecture of nearby Toulon, said no bodies had been recovered. He said the officers of the carrier did not know whether the men drowned or merely failed to report back from shore leave.

The French press agency earlier said 15 bodies had been recovered. The Toulon official said he believed his version was more exact. The official added that the sea was very rough when the sailors were returning in the early morning hours from a party ashore.

(In London, the U. S. navy said eight men were "unaccounted for" in figures still subject to revision.)

The French news agency earlier said 40 men were missing after the launch went down. The Midway has a complement of 3500 men.

Accounts of how the accident occurred were not immediately clear. Most reports said the launch was carrying from 100 to 200 men. One said the launch hit a pyramid of stones, throwing all the men into the water.

Men Jumped

Another said that when water poured into the craft some of the sailors jumped into the water, but that the launch continued along to the 45,000-ton carrier.

The French news agency said the launch struck an obstruction and sank.

The men were returning from a casino at the small island of Hyeres, off the Riviera. The Midway is anchored off another of the small islands in the Hyeres group.

The Midway, which the United States has maintained in the Mediterranean for several months, was paying a courtesy call to the French Riviera. Hyeres is east of Toulon. The small Hyeres islands are just south of here.

The navy department in Washington announced last month that the Midway was to be withdrawn from Mediterranean duty about March 15 and replaced by the 27,000-ton carrier Philippine Sea. The Midway, the announcement said, is to undergo extensive alterations, including strengthening of her flight deck to accommodate heavier planes.

It was from the Midway last September that a 15-ton V-2 rocket



## Four-H News

The Smack-Smack 4-H Cooking club of Summers lane school had the first meeting January 28, 1948. Joan Ward was elected president, and Marjorie Griffith, secretary. The leaders of the club are Mrs. Fred Wolftrum and Mrs. Cecil Redford.

The first meeting in February was devoted to explaining the project record book.

Beverly Overen, News Reporter.

The Langell Valley Champs 4-H Sheep club held its first meeting at the Bonanza school on February 6 at 2:30. The meeting was held to reorganize the club. The officers elected are: David Romtvedt, president; Edith Gift, vice president; Annie Lou Romtvedt, secretary; Alvhild Romtvedt, news reporter; Carol Challis and Billy Nelson, song and

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## Home Ec Club Meets

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Another public card party is planned by the club for February 21 at the home of Mrs. Edna Travers.

sell leaders, Martin Brown, the leader, will have charge of the money.

The club has in its treasury \$53.93 which was earned from a dance that the club gave last July.

It was decided that the meetings would be held every three weeks at 2:30 p. m. The next meeting will be held Friday, February 27, at the Bonanza school.

The Monday group of the Well-Dressed girls 4-H club of Altamont has started stitching their cotton work dress. This is the third article in their project.

This group was organized about November 1. The officers are Bonnie Haney, president; Louise Ement, vice president, and Joyce Bildeback, secretary. Mrs. Anna Mardella is the leader.

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## Body Found

LAKESIDE, Feb. 17 (AP)—County Coroner Brewster Mills reported today the body of three-year-old Danny Pearce, Lakeside, had been recovered from Ten Mile lake.

The youngster, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Pearce, disappeared Sunday while his parents were inspecting a property nearby.

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## Smoke-Filled House Cleared

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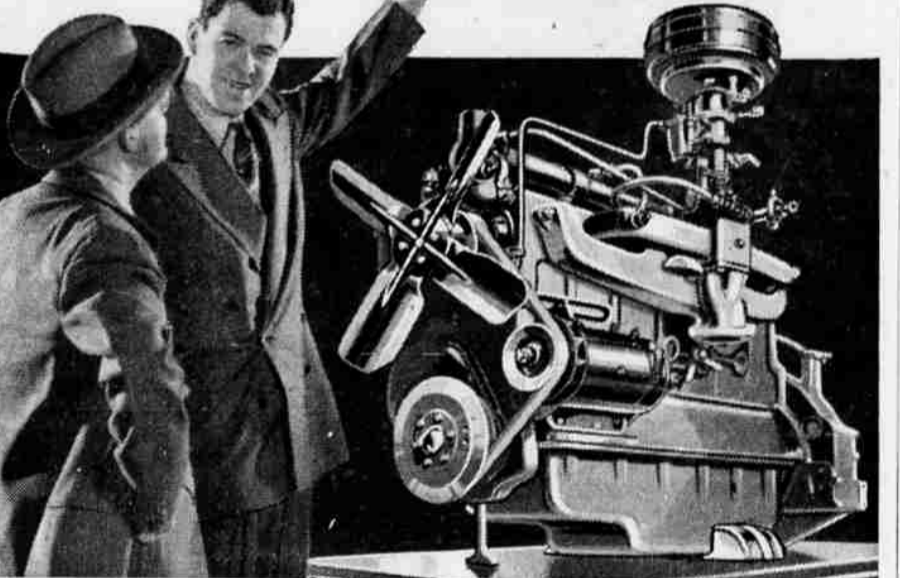
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