

Sub-Launched Buzz Bomb Escapes Hits By Defense Weapons

ABOARD USS SPANGLER OFF HAWAII, Nov. 9 (AP)—A submarine-launched buzz bomb zoomed over a long line of 35 navy ships Monday and apparently escaped a hit from anti-aircraft guns.

The missile was assisted by a rocket in its takeoff from the deck of the submarine Casper. Known in navy parlance as a Loon, the missile was launched 20 miles behind 35 ships strung out over a 21 mile course. It sped 400-500 miles an hour over its controlled course and plunged into the sea 80 miles from where it was launched.

A close look at the Loon launching showed the navy's missile development has reached a stage

where submarines can carry a number of jet weapons in normal under-seas operations. Loon wings are detachable and the missile and its jet engine when broken down probably would occupy the same space area in a submarine as three torpedoes.

The missile launching ramps are made of a light steel frame work easily taken down and stowed. The most impressive thing in the demonstration was the scant launching ramp required to get the bomb into the air with a rocket.

Take-Off
After the Loon's jet engine warms up, the rocket jumps the Loon into the air and attains a speed sufficient to develop jet compressive power.

Not only did the Loon apparently escape a hit but it evidently was not intercepted by fighters from the carriers Valley Forge and Boxer. The missile is the same as the German V-1 that gave London so much trouble late in the war. British runners and airmen shot down a high percentage of them in the latter days of the war.

Long Range
The Loon's fuel range is reported to be between 100 and 200 miles, which would make it a good weapon in the event of war with a country with a sea approach.

However, good weather is needed to get them into the air from a submarine. One fell into the sea 500 yards from the submarine Cusk from which it was launched. A rough sea and a 25 knot wind made its launching difficult.

They Really Beat About the Bush

CHICAGO (AP)—The expression, "beating about the bush," is derived from the old pastime of beating about the bush. World Book encyclopedia researchers say the diversion began in the 1400's in England, and it resulted in many a night out for men who hunted birds and were known as batfowlers. It adds:

"The batfowlers, armed with a light and a weapon resembling a baseball bat, cautiously surrounded a large bush. Then a hunter would beat the other small bushes nearby to frighten the birds in the large bush. Dazzled by the light, the birds floundered about while the hunters swung their clubs, trying to render the birds senseless with a blow on the noggin. It was from this 'sport' that 'beating about the bush' wormed its way into our language."

Where the boys went from there is lost in the mists of history.

Tied Down Safe Foils Burglars

CHICAGO (AP)—There are thieves, they say, who will take anything that isn't nailed down. A couple of burglars of that type got into the Seng Teaming company garage.

They fastened one end of a chain to a truck and looped the other around the safe. The truck growled but didn't move. The burglars growled and did. The safe was bolted to the floor.

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REVIVALIST—Thirty-year-old Billy Graham (above), has started what churchmen say is the greatest religious revival in the history of Southern California. He is pictured as he spoke to a crowd of 10,000 in Los Angeles.



KISS THAT BLARNEY—Big to-do here about germs on the Blarney stone. Dr. J. C. Gieger (left) says yes; Con Lynch, United Irish society president, says no. So the city health director and his friend compromise after Lynch had kissed the hunk of the famed stone on display at St. Mary's cathedral in San Francisco. The compromise was the standard medical approach to the situation—a throat swabbing.

Czechs Use Old Tricks on Reds

PRAGUE (AP)—Tricks they used to foil the Nazis are now being resurrected by some Czechs to beat the communists. During the height of the arrest round-ups staged by the communist-controlled police this month, it was surprising to learn how packed the hospitals and clinics were. They couldn't ship a sick man off to the labor camps or uranium mines, could they?

Those hiding out in this way were mostly businessmen and other propertied elements, the main targets of the round-ups. And, as in the days when they feared the Nazi Gestapo, many men wore winter underwear out of season. Some went to bed fully clothed. One man explained:

"If they grab you during the night police don't give you time to put on or pack heavy clothing. And it takes a long time before you get a package from home in the work camps." Such packages were made up by numerous Prague people to send to arrested relatives. If a request came for "high boots and a waterproof coat" it usually was the tip-off that the arrested person was in the Soviet-operated uranium mines near Jachymov.

SOLDIERS WEIGH IN
JOHNSTON CITY, Ill. (AP)—The national guard is signing up new members here with an eye on their

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Businessmen Get Working Over at Meet

SPOKANE, Nov. 9 (AP)—Mr. Average Businessman got a working over yesterday by speakers at the annual convention of Pacific Northwest Hardware and Implement association.

Two speakers told convention delegates that businessmen have been making profits in spite of their management habits, not because of them.

Charles J. Miller of Seattle told the delegates that bankers are often amazed that so many businessmen know so little about their own firms. Miller is a professor of marketing at the University of Washington.

Few Planners
Miller said he had found that few business owners actually plan their businesses. He recommended each firm set up a system of profit planning and business control.

Frank Hobbs of Racine, Wis., said that a buyer's market is now a fact for most industries. He added that "more and more companies are going bankrupt" and attributed many of the failures to poor management. Hobbs is regional sales manager for a mid-Western machinery manufacturer.

CVA OPPOSED
The association adopted a resolution opposing a Columbia valley administration. It approved another asking passage of a law in Washington which would allow holders of excise tax licenses a 10 per cent

Student Lending Effective Aid

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J. (AP)—Money aid to students who do not have to pay back loans has been tried by Rutgers university. Most students do pay back the money and effective aid is given, a report on the project says.

The aid is given students who need small sums — \$25 to \$50 — to collection fee for expenses involved in collecting the tax.

stay in school. Such a loan often can fix money troubles and put the student at ease. There is no interest and no time limit on repayment. He is not compelled to pay it back. Sometimes years pass before payment. But very few loans are not repaid, Rutgers says.

NAPOLEON RETIRES
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Woman Freed In Husband Murder Case

HAILEY, Idaho, Nov. 9 (AP)—Mrs. Melissa Sontag, 21, was acquitted yesterday of a second degree murder charge in the shooting of her husband last July 29. The district court jury deliberated 34 minutes.

Her husband was Dee Thomas Sontag, formerly of Milwaukee. Mrs. Sontag contended while on the witness stand that Sontag had threatened to kill himself. She said they quarreled after a party and she said he ordered her to leave their apartment. She packed and was leaving, she said, when she heard a loud noise. Returning to the place she said she found her husband on the floor, a bullet wound in his head. He died within a few hours.

STUMPS QUIZ MASTER
CHICAGO (AP)—Ed Cooper, the man who does the talking on a radio quiz show, placed one of those random telephone calls. The fellow who answered turned out to be the sponsor of a rival quiz show. Cooper asked the quiz question. The other gent didn't have the right answer and the incident ended on a chuckling well-it-had-to-happen - sometime note.



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