

By FRANK JENKINS Today's big story: Moscow claims the Soviet Union has the world's fastest FLEET of nuclear submarines...

The big question: IS IT TRUE? Well, the story has a curious background. It is sprung by Izvestia, the Soviet government newspaper...

What Izvestia says in its story has some curious overtones. For example: The story hints that Marshal Zhukov was fired as defense minister and from the presidium of the communist party...

The story adds that Premier Khrushchev made the decision to go ahead with building them. It quotes an unnamed admiral as saying: "Those were hard times for us submariners, but Khrushchev interfered and WISELY determined the place of the submarine in the navy."

Two suspicions occur: 1. It's a wonderful build-up for Mr. Kroosh, who can use such a build-up at this particular moment...

Our instinctive thought, of course, is that it would be true or Mr. Kroosh wouldn't dare to spring it. But we must remember that to a communist a lie is a tool to be used...

One of our top anti-submarine warfare experts says this morning he doesn't believe it. He thinks the Russians have a small fleet of nuclear submarines about equal to our first experimental ones...

Shall we believe the story? Or shall we scoff at it? Let's put it this way: The wisest course is to assume that it MIGHT be true, and to take all possible steps to meet such a fleet of submarines as the Russians describe.

When the Confederates were building the ironclad Merrimack, which revolutionized naval warfare in its day, there were rumors of what was going on. So the Union built the Monitor to MEET THE MERRIMACK.

If that hadn't been done, there might have been a different ending to the War Between the States.

Clown Tells Of Killing

RIVER VALE, N.J. (AP) — Murder charges have been filed against an internationally known circus clown who, police say, has admitted hacking to death his sweetheart because she said he was too old.

Weather Klamath Falls and vicinity — Partial clearing tonight. Partly cloudy and showers Wednesday. Low 30-35, High 52-57. Snow level near 3,500 feet tonight.



ONE OF FLEET? — The Soviet Union claims the world's fastest fleet of nuclear submarines similar to the one shown above, but the U.S. Navy today reiterated its disbelief in the statement...

Navy Skeptical Of Soviet Subs

WASHINGTON (AP) — "We don't believe it" was the reaction today of a top Navy antisubmarine warfare authority to a Soviet claim that the Soviet Union has the world's fastest fleet of nuclear submarines.

The authority, who did not want to be quoted by name, said the Navy thinks the Soviets have a small fleet of nuclear submarines. But he added: "If they have a submarine up to the state of the Nautilus we'd be surprised."



FUND FAILING — Klamath County United Fund only picked up two per cent of its drive total at Monday's report luncheon. The drive now stands at 62.2 per cent of the total of \$135,309; one week remains in the drive...

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Castro Claim Of 'Invasion' Bases Denied

MIAMI, Fla. (AP) — Cuban exiles and Florida authorities generally expressed skepticism today that large-scale training for a Cuban invasion is under way in the state, as charged by Fidel Castro's government. But the feeling persisted among exiles that something is brewing against Castro...

Four Killed By Worker

GARY, Ind. (AP) — A steel worker ran amok with a pistol while being reprimanded today for loafing on the job and killed four men before he was shot down by a plant guard.

Union Faces 2-Way Task

DETROIT (AP) — The United Auto Workers Union today faced the dual task of completing a national contract with Ford Motor Co. by Thursday and smoothing out problems which arose suddenly in its historic profit-sharing agreement with American Motors Corp.

8 Recover From Ordeal

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — Eight persons, including three airline stewardesses, today were recovering from a harrowing 24 hours spent clinging to a capsized sailboat in the shark-infested waters of the Fiji Islands.

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WAVERING — Burma's U Thant is expected to become the acting secretary-general of the United Nations, but today expressed reluctance to accept the post unless the Soviet Union and the Western powers can agree on his authority.

AFL-CIO Downs Teamster Plan

NEW YORK (AP) — The AFL-CIO Executive Council today voted 25 to 2 against permitting the International Brotherhood of Teamsters to rejoin the merged labor movement as long as it has its present leadership.

Doctor Says Prosecutor Seeks Personal Revenge

PORT ORCHARD, Wash. (AP) — Dr. Robert L. Boehme, 41, charged with trying to poison his wife, accused the prosecuting attorney Monday of seeking personal vengeance.

Mothers Protest Lack Of Guard

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U.S. Pushes Negotiations For UN Post

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP) — The United States intensified negotiations with the Soviet Union today on an interim secretary-general for the United Nations after Ambassador Adlai E. Stevenson reported "some progress" toward breaking the deadlock.

JFK Visit Good Tonic For 'Sam'

DALLAS, Tex. (AP) — Ailing Sam Rayburn has probably received the best medicine there is for a lifelong politician: a visit from the president of the United States.

W. Pearson Speaks Here

Sen. Walter J. Pearson, Multnomah County, former state treasurer and former president of the Senate will speak tonight at a special turkey dinner meeting to be held at the Shasta Community Hall, Shasta Way and M a d i s o n Street.

Syria Given U.S. Okay

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States today recognized the new state of Syria. The State Department, in announcing this, said that the government of Premier Mahmoud al-Kurbani was informed today about the U.S. diplomatic move.

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