

In The Day's News

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From Washington:

The navy gave up yesterday the nuclear-powered submarine Thresher and the 129 men who rode her down into a mile and a half of water 220 miles off Boston Wednesday.

Admiral George W. Anderson, chief of naval operations, made the announcement more than 25 hours after contact was lost during a deep diving test of the recently overhauled vessel. He said: "Very reluctantly, I have come to the conclusion that the Thresher has indeed been lost."

From Palm Beach this morning:

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What happened out there a mile and a half under the stormy Atlantic is a grim tragedy.

It is an ancient tragedy. Ever since the first men, hundreds of centuries ago, fashioned the first crude ship and paddled it out into the Great Unknown that was the sea, women have waited on shore for them to come back and have mourned when they didn't come back.

More than a century ago, William Whiting put into immortal verse their fears and their hopes when he wrote:

Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bid'st the mighty ocean deep

Its own appointed limits keep:
O, hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea!

For countless generations, the wives and the families of fishermen have stood on the shores, watching the red skies with their message of hope and comfort as expressed in the sailor's weather creed: "Red at night, sailor's delight!" — meanwhile humming some version of this little hymn of hope:

Red skies in the sunset,
Red sails on the sea;
Oh, bring back my loved one
Home safely to me.

The perils of the sea!
They are grim and terrible.

And yet—

Over these vast stretches of time, unfailingly there have been men willing to face these perils of the sea—both to win a living for their families and to satisfy their own driving curiosity to find out what was on the other side of those tossing waves.

And there have been women with the stamina and the courage to send their men forth to risk their lives on the sea—in the performance of their duty.

There are STILL that kind of men and that kind of women.

Mankind isn't as bad as it sometimes seems to be.

Negro Home Firebombed

CLARKSDALE, Miss. (UPI) —

A homemade firebomb was hurled through a window and exploded into flames early today in a home where Negro Rep. Charles C. Diggs of Michigan was asleep.

The device, a bottle containing flammable liquid, specked flames over the front room of the home of Aaron Henry, Mississippi president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. No one was hurt.

Diggs, on a civil rights fact-finding trip to Mississippi, Henry and his wife and young daughter were awakened by the crash of the bottle through the picture window about 2 a.m. Henry said he sent his family outside and he and Diggs put out the flames before they spread to other rooms of the three-bedroom frame house.

Police in this northwest Mississippi Delta community of 21,000 said the incident was under investigation. Officers called in the state fire marshal's office for assistance shortly after the fire-bombing was reported.

Diggs, in a telephone interview with a New York radio station, said he would leave Clarksdale today and will go to Washington Monday in hope of conferring with President Kennedy and Atty. Gen. Robert Kennedy.

Weather

Klamath Falls, Tulelake and Lakeview: Variable cloudiness with periods of showers tonight and Saturday. Low tonight 35. High Saturday 48. Southerly winds 10 - 20 mph, gusty at times. Weekend outlook is cloudy with showers.

High yesterday	44
Low last night	39
High year ago	74
Low year ago	34
Precip. past 24 hours	Trace
Since Jan. 1	2.79
Same period last year	4.32

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AGRICULTURAL FORECAST
Cloudy through Saturday with 80 per cent chance of rain tonight and 60 per cent chance on Saturday. Soil temperature 46. Temperatures cool ranging from 38 low to 50 high. Outlook Sunday: cool, wet and windy.

Stormy Seas Slow Sub Hunt

Natural Resource Proposal Okayed

SALEM (UPI) — The governor's proposed Natural Resources Department won committee approval Thursday amid a flare-up over charges that its opponents were engaging in "intimidation" of the legislature.

The House Natural Resources Committee voted 6-2 to recommend passage of the bill, Chairman Clinton Haight, D - Baker, said he will give a minority report against it.

It would group natural resources agencies, boards and commissions into a department with six divisions: Forestry, fish and game, mineral resources, agriculture, water resources, and boats and harbors. Parks and recreation would not be included.

The whole department would be headed by an appointee of the governor. Most of the agencies involved in the reorganization plan have fought it.

The committee approval came hours after committee members William Holmstrom, D-Gearhart,

issued a statement accusing state employees of trying to defeat the bill by intimidation, threats of political reprisal, and inaccurate statements.

Holmstrom particularly accused the State Game Commission and its staff of an "arrogant" attitude and "legislative brow-beating."

He said the action of the state employees "is the strongest argument... for reorganization and reduction of the number of empire-building boards and commissions to a manageable size."

Gov. Mark Hatfield gave a statement saying "there is no excuse for arrogance."

"The game commission and those employees who have openly fought my program are not being criticized for having contrary opinions, but for their attitudes and actions which accompany those opinions."

"The time has come," he said, "to establish a department of natural resources to eliminate such abuses."

Sen. Harry Boivin, D-Klamath Falls, who has championed an interim investigation of the game commission, joined in accusing the commission and its employees of taking a "high-handed attitude."

He said, however, the flare-up "further shows the necessity" for an interim study of the game commission, not for a natural resources department.

OTI Tuition Hike Okayed

SALEM (UPI) — Hikes in student tuition fees and limits on state college enrollments — for a saving of \$400,000 — were voted Thursday by the Ways and Means subcommittee on education.

They were the first major policy decisions made by the subcommittee, which is studying the governor's proposed \$81 million budget for higher education for 1963-65.

The decisions, if approved by the full committee and the legislature, represent a recommendation to the Board of Higher Education, which is supposed to live within whatever budget the legislature decides on.

The subcommittee made these guideline decisions for budgeting purposes:

—Total enrollment on all campuses would not be above 31,250 the first year and 33,750 the second year. That includes 3,308 out-of-state students the first year and 3,385 the second.

—Tuition for out-of-state students would be raised to \$900 a year at the University of Oregon, Oregon State University, Portland State College, and Oregon Technical Institute. The present fee is \$630. At the same time, 10 per cent of the out-of-state fees would go into a scholarship fund for out-of-state students now at the schools.

—Tuition for students from Oregon would be raised from \$300 to \$330.

Other Highlights:

Offenders—The House defeated the first of six bills aimed at sex offenders, but was expected to reconsider the measure.

Constitution — Articles on local government, public officers, and taxation and finance were approved by the committees on constitutional revision.

Labor — The House Labor and Industries Committee killed bills to increase unemployment compensation benefits and to create a state mediation panel for labor disputes.

Wages — Pros and cons of a proposed \$1.25 state minimum wage were aired at a Senate Labor and Industries Committee hearing that produced an outburst between Sens. Walter Pearson and Don Willner, both Portland Democrats.

Youth — A string of witnesses urged expansion of Oregon's youth work camp program at a hearing before the House Natural Resources Committee.

Education — The Ways and Means education subcommittee decided on higher student fees coupled with enrollment limits for a \$400,000 saving in the higher education budget.

Reorganization — The House Natural Resources Committee approved a proposal for a Natural Resources Department. Charges flew that state game commission employees, who oppose the bill, have been trying to intimidate the legislature.



YOUTHFUL HANDS MOLD FAVORS FOR ELDERLY — Three first graders of Stearns School appraise a number of Easter favors they and 21 of their classmates created for patients at the Klamath County Nursing Home. The favors consist of nut cups filled with candy and a tree decorated with gilded Easter eggs, center. The youngsters who made the mementos are pupils of Mrs. Nell Stewart and include, among others, left to right, Mike McFall, Jana Thacker and Linda Pierce.

Electronic Gear Sent To Scene

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Navy destroyer Hazelwood, carrying electronic gear to aid in the search for the nuclear submarine Thresher, fought its way through huge waves today to the scene of the tragedy in the North Atlantic.

High seas hampered efforts to find any trace of the Thresher which sank in a mile and a half of water with a loss of 129 men. The Navy said that because of the weather, search vessels were forced to concern themselves as much with battling the elements as looking for the sub's graveyard.

The Hazelwood arrived on the scene at 6:45 a.m. PST, several hours after its scheduled dawn arrival, according to reports from the destroyer. It was carrying sounding gear which was to be transferred to the marine research vessel Atlantis II, already in the disaster area.

Seas Halt Search

UPI Reporter William J. Eaton reported from aboard the Hazelwood that rough seas prevented an immediate search for the vanished sub.

Scientists who were taken to the scene by the Hazelwood hope to anchor a huge buoy near the search area and then map out the hills and valleys on the bottom of the sea to help find the submarine.

Navy authorities said there is absolutely no hope that any of the 129 men aboard the Thresher could have survived after it developed as yet unknown trouble during deep diving tests Wednesday. The \$45 million vessel doubtless is resting, probably badly ruptured by enormous pressure, on the ocean floor about 275 miles east of Boston.

Meanwhile, a Navy board of inquiry began deliberations at New London, Conn., to try to fit together the meager evidence in an effort to determine the cause of the tragedy—worst peacetime naval disaster in U.S. history.

Samples of slicks of oil, colored gloves and debris picked up in the area where the Thresher was last seen were rushed to Navy laboratories and the results will be studied by the board.

Heading the inquiry board is Vice Adm. Bernard L. Austin. The board began the preliminary phases of its investigation Thursday. Austin said it was possible that authorities never will determine what happened to the sub.

Last Message Garbled

Austin said the Thresher was beginning its final series of deep dives—to depths which the Navy refuses to disclose—when it disappeared. He said it had made routine reports to an accompanying rescue vessel after making a series of preliminary dives. The last message, advising that the last phase of the exercises was starting, was received in garbled form, at 6:17 a.m. PST Wednesday. Nothing was heard from it after that.

The Navy said somewhat improved weather was expected in the search area by Saturday. In spite of the foul elements, however, the search will continue night and day, at least for the time being, a spokesman said.

Rusk, Dobrynin Discuss Berlin

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Secretary of State Dean Rusk, just back from Allied defense talks in Paris, discusses the Berlin issue today with Soviet Ambassador Anatoly F. Dobrynin.

The meeting was set for 4 p.m. EST at the State Department.

Officials said Rusk did not expect it to be any more fruitful in narrowing East-West differences on the German problem than have the many other previous Soviet-American "exploratory talks" on the subject.

Flags Honor Sub Victims

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Kennedy's action was announced by the vacation White House after word also was given that he had received a telephoned report from Secretary of State Dean Rusk on the cabinet member's allied defense talks in Paris.

The vacationing chief executive heard preliminary word from Rusk—which will be amplified in a more detailed report after Kennedy's return to Washington Wednesday—on the five days of talks about creation of a multinational allied nuclear force.

The Herald and News learned Thursday from county school principals there is every indication that disputed athletic accident insurance claims county students have with the California Life Insurance Company will be paid.

A state-wide investigation of "doctored" insurance policies continued today through the offices of State Insurance Commissioner Walter Korrann. The probe was touched off by complaints that parts of the policies issued by agents of the National Scholastic Agency are not considered valid by the California Life firm. California Life had reinsured National Scholastic.

Klamath County school principals are "sitting tight" leaving further action in the hands of the state commissioner.

The agents who apparently handled the policies in question can't be located and the National Scholastic Agency has since dissolved. The California Life firm, "holding the bag," Wednesday filed a "friendly" suit against David Douglas School District in Portland to determine its liability.

Klamath County school officials, however, feel certain that there will be no further trouble in processing athletic injury claims that had been "temporarily held up."

George Elliott, Henley High principal, who had previously indicated five claims from students in his school were not being processed, said Thursday that he had talked to the father of one of the students Thursday and was informed that California Life had just made payment on a wrestling injury claim.

Harvey Denham, principal at Altamont Junior High School, said none of the claims originating from his school has been contested. He indicated that one athletic injury claim had been paid by the California firm Wednesday.

County school officials said it was a common practice to investigate firms and coverages each year before contracts are signed for students accident coverage.

A committee of principals meets each year to discuss various contracts. One or two firms are selected that offer good coverage at reasonable rates. Two criteria that are always used, however, are the firm's reputation and past performance.

The purchasing of the insurance is on a voluntary basis and the schools only indicate to students and parents that the insurance is available. The contracted company furnishes the schools with student forms and a master contract and the school in turn collects the money from students who desire the coverage and returns the completed forms to the firm.

Before this year's contract was signed with National Scholastic one of the principals on the insurance committee contacted Ralph Jones, superintendent of schools in Grants Pass, and learned that the Grants Pass schools had no trouble last year with the firm and they were very well pleased with the handling of claims.

The Grants Pass School District, however, was one of the many state districts who were burnt with the "doctored" policies this year.

He said about 50 of the district's claims against the California Life Insurance Co. have been rejected. He said the claims range from \$5 to "several hundred dollars."



KIDS SET FOR EGG HUNT — These kids were set for the annual Easter Egg Hunt at Moore Park last year. Competition is usually keen as the youngsters scurry around the bushes to see what the bunny has deposited. This year's event, sponsored by the Linkville Kiwanis Club, will be held at Moore Park Sunday at 1 p.m. rain or shine. The Easter bunny will deposit 7,000 eggs. Lucky youngster who find the numbered eggs will get prizes. Kiwanians (the Easter bunny's helpers) will hold their egg coloring party Saturday night at the fairgrounds.