

100 Feared Dead In Ship Disaster

GIBRALTAR (UPI)—Radio reports said rescue ships today picked up about 900 survivors after fire and explosions ripped through the Greek liner Lakonia cruising with 1,036 persons aboard in the Atlantic 300 miles off the Moroccan coast. About 100 persons were feared dead in the disaster. Three of the passengers aboard were Americans, most of the rest were Britons. A broadcast by the coastal

radio station at Santa Cruz de Tenerife in the Canary Islands reported this afternoon that approximately 900 survivors had been rescued from the relatively calm Atlantic waters and added that rescue operations were "practically at an end." The U.S. Air Force dispatched rescue planes from the Azores and Germany. An Air Force rescue spokesman at Ramstein, Germany, said one of the U.S. pilots reported sighting "about

100 bodies" in the water. He said the planes reported that all survivors appeared to have been picked up. "Our reports from the scene described the 100 or so bodies as lifeless," the Air Force spokesman said. "They said the bodies were in life jackets." The Canary Islands broadcast said the last person to leave the Lakonia was the Greek skipper of the luxury vessel, M. Zarbis. The ship was ablaze

500 miles off the coast of Morocco. Many of the survivors were believed injured or suffering from exposure after hours spent in a mercifully calm sea awaiting rescue. There was no confirmation from the British admiralty or the ship's owners of the Tenerife radio rescue report. The 20,314-ton luxury liner was carrying 651 passengers and 383 crew members on a

Christmas holiday cruise from England to the Portuguese island of Madeira when fire broke out shortly before midnight. The flames spread so quickly that all but a relative handful of those aboard abandoned ship quickly, either by lifeboat or leaping into the water with life jackets. Reach Survivors Four small vessels, one of them an American freighter,

were the first to reach the scene and plucked hundreds of survivors from the water. Early reports said the rescue ships probably would head for Casablanca, on the Moroccan Atlantic Coast. But the Argentine ship Salta, reported to have 300 survivors aboard, reported it was headed for Funchal, Madeira, 16 hours sailing time away, and it was believed others might steam for the same port.



STRICKEN SHIP — The 20,314-ton Greek ship Lakonia has been gutted by fire and has apparently been abandoned. Scene of the disaster is about 180 miles northeast of the island of Madeira. Reports from the scene indicate that about 900 survivors have now been picked up by rescue vessels, but that the death toll may still hit 100 or more. This is a file photo of the ship, formerly the Johan Van Oldenbarnevelt. — UPI Telephoto

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
From London as this is written:
Secret reports reaching Western governments from Moscow say there has been a sizable shift recently of Soviet army units from Central Russia toward the Communist Chinese border. Receipt of these reports has been acknowledged in London and Paris by high officials of several important Atlantic pact powers.
According to informed officials, Soviet troops are understood to be heading toward the frontier of Red China's Sinkiang province.



SCENE OF DISASTER — The Greek passenger ship Lakonia is reported afloat 180 miles north of Portuguese Madeira Island. Last reports indicate that as many as 100 persons may have been lost. Cross shows approximate location of the stricken vessel.

There's an ancient proverb to the effect that when thieves fall out honest men may hope to come into their own.
Still—
Let's not go so far as to hope that Red Russia and Red China go to war. History tells us that when nations of that size go to war to the knife and the knife to the hilt the rest of the world is pretty apt to get dragged in.

Presidential Issue Undecided For GOP

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Republican presidential outlook appeared more uncertain than ever today with the announcement that Pennsylvania Gov. William W. Scranton may become an active candidate for the nomination.
Scranton disclosed in Harrisburg, Pa., over the weekend that former President Dwight D. Eisenhower had urged him to run. The governor said he was giving the suggestion "deep thought" but was still disinclined to become an active candidate.
Eisenhower recently suggested that Henry Cabot Lodge, U.S. ambassador to Viet Nam, also deserved consideration. And Richard M. Nixon, the 1960 Republican nominee, also has been a recent visitor to the former President's Gettysburg, Pa., office.
GOP leaders believe that Eisenhower is cool toward Sen. Barry Goldwater, R-Ariz., although he has pledged himself to support whoever is nominated by the Republicans next year.
Goldwater in front
Goldwater, who is not a declared candidate, is still far in front of the field in terms of potential delegate strength at the GOP convention.
But Republican leaders have been quietly reappraising their prospects since the death of President Kennedy. Goldwater is judged to be a weaker candidate against President Johnson than he might have been against Kennedy.
Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller of New York is the only announced candidate. But few Republicans can regard him as a likely winner of the nomination until and unless he defeats another major candidate in a state primary.
Since Kennedy's assassination, Republicans have looked toward Nixon and Scranton as the strongest potential rivals of Goldwater — Nixon as a man close to the center of the GOP and Scranton as a representative of the liberal faction.
Needs Massive Buildup
Scranton is viewed as a sort of "Republican Kennedy," a youthful, handsome Ivy League, a millionaire with charm and tested appeal in a big industrial state. But to make him a national figure, a massive buildup must start soon.
The governor told newsmen that Eisenhower urged him Dec. 15 to consider becoming a candidate.
"He said the national scene now was such that he felt that a number of persons thought I should be the candidate and he thought that I ought to give a good deal of thought to this matter," Scranton said.
While sticking his toe in the water, the governor again denied that he is a candidate and said he knew of no national or state movement to launch a campaign for him.

Mourning Vigil Ends; Candle Service Held

WASHINGTON (UPI)—...Let us here on this Christmas night determine that John Kennedy did not live or die in vain, that this nation under God shall have a new birth of freedom, and that we may achieve in our time and for all time the ancient vision of peace on earth, good will toward all men."
With these words, spoken

Spiritual Shift Asked By Hatfield

SALEM (UPI)—Gov. Mark Hatfield called for a change in emphasis today as he issued his annual Christmas message.
The governor noted "over the years the emphasis of Christmas has been more Santa and less Christ. The conception of America in nations abroad has become more a paternalistic rich uncle and less missionary zeal. It is not giveaway that should be the emphasis. It should be a matter of sharing—sharing of gifts of sustenance, education, and spiritual being," he said.
The message continued:
"Last Christmas, Oregon had recently weathered a storm which wrought devastation and death to our people. For many, it was a time of thoughtful reflection about the destruction nature had dealt to us. This year we are again in an era of recovery from shock of deeper meaning. And we can benefit from some contemplation about the spirit of Christmas as it relates to our nation and to us as individuals.
"Christmas focuses our attention on God's great gift to the world. His was a life of sacrifice and salvation for others, love and compassion, brotherhood and tolerance. His gospel was spread to the ends of the earth by those who followed his teachings and it has come down to us through the centuries of time.
"It is for us the living to so live our lives in the example of Him who gave his life for us that the spirit of Christmas might be advanced to all the world in such a manner that we shall one day truly find 'peace on earth — good will toward men.'"

Red Guards Welcoming Yule Visits

BERLIN (UPI)—Communist guards politely welcomed West Berlin Christmas visitors through the wall today but apparently used their submarine guns on an East German refugee to halt his flight West.
West Berlin police reported hearing 10 bursts of submarine gun fire and screams during the fog-shrouded night at a point where the American sector touches East Germany.
The incident marked the first border "blood incident" since the Communists four days ago temporarily opened the wall for Yuletide East Berlin visits by West Berliners — the first such visits since the wall went up in August, 1961.
West Berlin police said they heard cries of "halt, halt" mixing with the staccato gun blasts and the screams. They waited in the fog for a refugee to reach the Western side of the death strip. No one appeared.
It happened a few hours before West Berliners, after a long wait, began moving through the wall crossing points. The East German guards smiled and offered their arms to elderly women making their way through the snowy walkways.
About 1,300 other West Berliners waited in cold and snow today for Christmas day passes to visit East Berlin.
All through the night they stood in line in 16-degree weather outside pass-issuing offices waiting for the East German Communist officials to come.
Between 35,000 and 40,000 West Berliners passed through into East Berlin in the first four days of the Communists' crack in the wall which ends Jan. 5.

Weather
Klamath Falls, Tulelake and Lakeview—Increasing cloudiness, chance of rain or snow and gusty southerly winds through Tuesday. Low tonight 17-25. High Tuesday 27-42.
High yesterday 38
Low this morning 22
High year ago 31
Low year ago 28
Precip. past 24 hours .00
Since Jan. 1 10.04
Same period last year 16.54

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Showdown Fight Raging On Foreign Aid Question

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Irate Republicans balked Democratic efforts to win an immediate House test today on a foreign aid fight that has snarled up the adjournment of Congress for Christmas.
They mustered enough votes to block consideration of the measure until Tuesday.
House Democratic leaders needed a two-thirds vote of the House to waive a normal one-day waiting period before consideration of the Russian trade credit amendment involved in the \$3 billion aid appropriation.
On a roll call, they didn't quite get it.
The vote was 202 for proceeding today and 165 against it.
President Johnson—his plans for Christmas in Texas all but shelved—today turned his full attention to the showdown fight over foreign aid in the House.
Evidence of the importance Johnson attaches to the session ending battle was shown by the fact the White House arranged for a commercial jet plane to fly seven Democratic House members back to Washington. The President was on the telephone much of Sunday and again today trying to drum up strength behind the administration's position on the foreign aid bill.
A White House spokesman said a legislative ban on credit arrangements with the Soviet Union in the pending wheat deal could impair efforts to improve East-West relations.
"We feel," the spokesman said, "that the Soviet Union would refuse to deal with the United States if it feels that it is the object of discrimination by law with respect to credit terms."
He added: "We believe the wheat sale to the Soviet Union, if it materializes, will be in the national interest; it will bring in needed gold and foreign exchange; it will reduce expensive surpluses, storage charges, interest paid by the taxpayers and benefit farmers and traders."
If the deadlock continues into Tuesday, the President is expected to remain at the White House. He still hoped to be home, the LBJ Ranch at Stonewall, Tex., for Christmas Eve.
Johnson kept his appointment list relatively clear to concentrate on the foreign aid battle in Congress. Press Secretary Pierre Salinger said a schedule of presidential callers might be set up later today.
Changes Plans
Sunday was a busy day for



CANDLELIGHT SERVICE — President Johnson holds his candle, lit from the eternal flame at the grave of the late President John F. Kennedy, on its side to prevent it from going out during interfaith candlelight service Sunday. The service was held on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial and marked the final day of official mourning for the late Chief Executive. With the President are his wife, Lady Bird, and daughter, Lucy. — UPI Telephoto

Santa's Helper Says Shopping Day To Christmas

SANTA'S HELPER SAYS
FROM UNCLE ART
SHOPPING DAY TO CHRISTMAS
SHOP FOR GIFTS IN OUR AD PAGES

Kingsley Field Airman Drowns In Agency Lake

A Kingsley Field Air Force sergeant drowned in Agency Lake Sunday despite a companion's attempt to save him from the icy waters.
The body of Sgt. Jack Owens, 36-year-old father of four children, was recovered Sunday afternoon by a sheriff's detail using hooks.
The sheriff's office said he fell overboard from a small boat and his heavy clothing apparently dragged him down.
Owens had been duck hunting with T.Sgt. Billy W. Kelley, Kelley's 13-year-old son Bruce, and A.I.C. Charles Matthews. They were in a small boat powered by an outboard motor.
A sheriff's report says Kelley was operating the boat and he swerved the craft sharply to avoid hitting some ice. The sudden change in course threw Owens from the craft, about three-quarters of a mile south of the mouth of Wood River.
Matthews dove into about six feet of water in an effort to find Owens, but was unsuccessful.
The tragedy occurred about 10:30 a.m. and the remaining occupants of the boat immediately put into shore and notified state police.
A sheriff's detail recovered the body at 12:48 p.m. after a

Salary Up For Tutors

PORTLAND (UPI)—The average annual salary for Oregon teachers is \$202 higher than it was a year ago, the research department of the Oregon Education Association announced today.
A survey showed the state's 18,947 classroom teachers averaged \$6,281 this year, compared to \$6,079 in 1962-63.
Average salaries for administrators went up \$429 from \$8,938 to \$9,367.
The OEA also reported that school systems added 793 teachers and 44 administrators to their staffs this year. It was a 4 per cent increase over last year.

Stripper Packs Pistol To Ruby Hearing

DALLAS (UPI)—Police today seized a snub-nosed .25-caliber automatic from the purse of a shapely red-haired stripper called to testify in behalf of her ex-boss, Jack Ruby, the self-appointed executioner of Lee Harvey Oswald.
Stripper Karen Lynn Bennett, who performed for Ruby at his Carousel Club, faced charges of carrying a concealed weapon. She was permitted to testify at the heavily guarded hearing before Criminal Dist. Court Judge Joe B. Brown.
Dapper and well-groomed, Ruby was seeking release on bail pending trial Feb. 3.
There was a loaded clip in the gun, but no shell in the chamber.
The 32-year-old Ruby was whisked to the court from his sixth floor cell three hours before the hearing as part of an elaborate security system to prevent anyone from dealing him the fate he dealt Oswald.

Photographers were cleared from the room before the hearing started, in accordance with Brown's ban on photo and television-radio coverage of the hearing.
Six defense attorneys, including the flamboyant Melvin Belli, sought a writ of habeas corpus to release Ruby pending a murder trial Feb. 3. They said he needed psychiatric treatment.
Dist. Atty. Henry Wade said he would vigorously oppose bond on the ground that Ruby was charged with a capital punishment crime—murder with malice.
The pudgy, 32-year-old strip tease club owner is charged with the Nov. 24 slaying of Lee Harvey Oswald, suspected assassin of President Kennedy. He dashed before national television cameras and fired a snub-nosed .25-caliber automatic at the snub-nosed .25-caliber automatic.



HEARING HELD FOR RUBY — Jack Ruby, accused of murdering presidential assassin Lee Harvey Oswald, left, confers with his chief attorney Melvin Belli during picture taking session in courtroom at Dallas prior to the court being called into session. Ruby is in court for a bond hearing. — UPI Telephoto

Search of 48 Minutes

Owens had been wearing heavy shoes, trousers and a shell vest.
Funeral services are pending at Ward's Klamath Funeral Home.
Survivors in Klamath Falls include Owens' widow, Eula Mae, son, Steven, and daughters, Donna, Valerie and Barbara.
Other survivors in Kirksville, Mo., are mother, Mrs. Sally Mathis, brother, James Mathis, and sisters, Lorraine Epperson and Lois Wagner.

Shooting Hours

OREGON December 24	
Open 7:05 a.m.	Close 4:40 p.m.
CALIFORNIA December 24	
Open 7:01 a.m.	Close 4:37 p.m.