

Mystery Sub Escapes Gulf

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — Accounts of a weird battle against a submarine in the Golfo Nuevo created a feeling here yesterday that the hunted boat has escaped from a sizable portion of the Argentine fleet.

Some skepticism has been expressed that a submarine was there in the first place.

Big Bombers Asked for Alert By Air Force

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Air Force wants Congress to give the President clear authority to put the big bombers on continuing airborne alert and spend whatever is needed to keep them there as long as necessary.

The current defense budget provides only 90 million dollars to prepare the Strategic Air Force for such an alert. Admittedly this would be a drop in the bucket if SAC were to attempt to keep a significant portion of its bombers in the air at all times, safe from ground attacks, fully armed with nuclear weapons and ready to retaliate at once after an atomic assault.

But Secretary of the Air Force Dudley C. Sharp and Gen. Thomas D. White, Air Force chief of staff, told the Senate Appropriations Committee yesterday that the 90 million dollars is only part of the story. Also in the bill is a provision allowing the President to spend whatever is necessary to launch and maintain a fullscale airborne alert and come back to Congress for the money later.

Sens. Leverett Saltonstall (R-Mass.) and Dennis Chavez (D-N.M.) said that under the language of last year's defense budget the President could spend up to 600 million dollars next year and up to a billion in each of two subsequent years to provide the sort of full airborne alert asked by Gen. Thomas S. Power, SAC commander.

Disabled Navy Seaplane Taxies 502 Miles to Port

TIEN, Cuba (AP) — Thirteen occupants of a disabled U.S. Navy seaplane were safe here yesterday after landing in the Atlantic with a burning engine and then taxiing 502 miles to shore.

Navy officials here said the 502-mile surface trip was an all-time distance record for taxiing.

The heavy P5M patrol plane made a forced landing last Friday about 375 miles north of San Juan, Puerto Rico, after its starboard engine caught fire.

The crew put out the blaze. Unable to take off, Pilot Lt. Raymond W. Myers of Doylestown, Pa., taxied to a rendezvous with the destroyer USS Abbott off Grand Turk Island in the Bahamas.

Defense Minister Justo Villar conferred with President Arturo Frondizi but declined to disclose details of the talk.

The minister said he did not know if the submarine got away. The 17-day search has engaged perhaps a score of ships plus planes in a body of water only a bit larger than San Francisco Bay. Argentina claims the gulf as her territorial waters.

There was no word on the Navy's "Operation Sinking," a last-ditch attack presumably making use of depth charges and electronic equipment flown from the United States.

Argentine depth charges have been effective only down to 262 feet, while U.S. depth charges can reach 656 feet. The gulf floor dips below 500 feet in spots, so a submarine presumably could dive below the range of the Argentine depth charges.

He insisted a submarine really had been in the gulf, but rejected speculation it was a Soviet Union submarine, something the Soviet Embassy here has already denied.

"If it were Russian it would try to hide while observing military centers in the Golfo Nuevo," he said. The officer's theory was the submarine might have been a U.S. submarine trying to test Argentine defenses.

The United States has denied knowledge of any of its submarines being near the area, but the captain said the United States has been trying to negotiate a mutual defense pact with Argentina for years. An agreement might provide newer military equipment for the armed services of Argentina.

Civil Rights Bill To Go To Senate

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas outfoxed southern members yesterday to bring before the Senate a House-passed bill on which to hang civil rights amendments.

With only a handful of his colleagues in attendance at the time, Johnson got unanimous consent to call up a minor bill involving a Missouri school district.

The maneuver went unchallenged by Sen. B. Everett Jordan (D-N.C.) who had been posted as a sentinel by Southern opponents to rally him to fight against bringing up the civil rights measure.

Johnson, who appears to be staking his chances for the Democratic presidential nomination on his promise to get civil rights legislation passed, thus carried out a commitment he made last year to bring the issue before the Senate in mid-February.

Distributor Confesses Bribes, Gifts

WASHINGTON (AP) — A record distributor testified Monday he paid \$1400 to Boston Radio Station WMEX for a weeks promotion of his records and made gifts of \$2000 to disc jockeys.

Cecil Steen, Boston record dealer, said he "sure did" think some of his handouts were wasted. As for record ballyhoo in general, he told a house investigating subcommittee "everybody has something they call the top something."

Chairman Oren Harris (D-Ark.) said apparently the public is led to think such top ratings come from genuine appraisals of popularity of tunes and "there's where the deception comes in, there's where the commercial bribery is involved. Apparently the business you're in accepts that kind of practice."

13 Deaths Caused By Snow Storms

Winter's most violent weather continued to grip Pennsylvania yesterday under the impact of a weekend snow storm.

At least 13 deaths were attributed to the storm—four on highways, eight from heart attacks induced by exertion and one from a fall on the ice.

Snow accumulations ranged from 3 inches in the eastern counties to 20 in the western part of the commonwealth.

In the Johnstown area the Pittsburgh Coal Co. closed three of its mines and Allegheny Airlines suspended operations.

The snow storm was the biggest to hit the Pittsburgh area since 1950. The big November snow of 1950 unloaded more than 30 inches on the area.

Bright Object Reported Seen in Alaskan Skies

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — A mysterious object hurtled through western Alaskan skies late Sunday from the direction of Soviet Siberia, the Anchorage Times reported yesterday.

Peter Walsh, a Wien Alaska airlines employee, told the Times the object was headed southeast in the direction of this Alaskan metropolis and was sighted later at Unalakleet and St. Michael about 150 miles across Noron sound from Nome.

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