

SUBMARINE

L.T.-Olds Thurs. Apr. 11 - '63,

The tragedy of the submarine "Thresher" ^{is} ~~not~~ ^{it's} the kind of tragedy that has a shattering effect on us all.

A submarine, lost, - her crew, trapped at the bottom of the ^{Atlantic} sea, ~~east of Cape Cod,~~

The men in the rescue ships - desperate to do something, ~~but~~ what can they do - when the stricken sub lies more than a mile down ?

Tragic, poignant, soul shattering - you can choose your adjective. They all apply - to the "Thresher".

The navy says that the nuclear-powered sub - is definitely lost. No hope of survivors - ~~among~~ the one hundred and twenty-nine men aboard. Mercifully - in view ~~of~~ the fact that no one could be brought up from a depth of eight thousand feet - it's unlikely that anyone survived more than a few minutes after the accident.

The only problem now - to find out what caused the "Thresher" to go down. Navy experts rule out the possibility of an explosion - in her nuclear reactors.

Which leaves - two theories. Mechanical failure - or human ~~faxx~~ failure. The sub may have developed a leak - under the tremendous pressure of her dive. Alternatively - some^{one} may have given the wrong command, or pushed the wrong button.

What grain of consolation - can we get from this catastrophe ? For one thing - it reminds us how good our nuclear subs are. They ^{have} sailed thousands upon thousands of miles - *around the world, and under the Pole,* entirely submerged. Circling the globe - many times. Including - the northwest passage route under the North Polar Ice Cap. They've carried out secret experiments - at great depths. ~~Yes~~ The first and only one to be lost - ~~is~~ the "Thresher".

KENNEDY FOLLOW SUBMARINE

The President's message of condolence points out that the "Thresher" and her crew, under Commander John Harvey - held a number of records. Traveling faster, diving deeper - than any sub in naval history. Pioneering a new era in what Mr. Kennedy calls - "the ~~in~~ternal drama of the sea".

President Kennedy, ~~an old navy man~~ read the navy report^s as they came in, forgetting for the moment - about yesterday's rise in the price of steel, and - his scheduled Easter vacation in Florida.

Neither steel nor vacation, of much importance - while the fate of the "Thresher" was in doubt.

STEEL

As for the steel question ^{the} - President ~~Jedney~~ is urging the industry to hold the line on prices. The President not reacting to ~~the~~ Wheeling Steel - as vigorously as he did to U.S.Steel last year. This time, merely pointing to the effects of steel prices - on our national economy. Asking both labor and management - not to start another inflationary spiral.

SENATE

Altho' The secret session of the Senate today - was constitutional, it also ^{was} unusual; so unusual that the Senators were not quite sure - about the rules, ~~of the game~~ ^{and} they had to consult the records of the last Senatorial secret session - ^{way} ~~back~~ during world war two. ^{And then} ~~and~~ figure out for themselves - details that they couldn't find in the archives of the Senate.

Result - gallery closed. Employees and newsmen, compelled to take - an oath of secrecy. A pledge not to reveal what they heard - during the debate.

Subject - the anti-missile missile. Senator Thurmond of South Carolina, quoting from top-secret documents - about the Nike -Zeus using classified information to support his contention - that we should spend almost two hundred million dollars for the anti-missile missile.

NATO

The American Secretary of Defense believes that Nato will okay - an inter-allied nuclear force. ~~No Charles~~ De Gaulle hasn't said ^{so} ~~yes~~ yet. But Secretary McNamara, on the basis of this trip to Paris - thinks ~~that~~ the President of France will fall into line, and that the plan will be approved - when the Nato Delegates meet in Ottawa next month.

If so, an International force based on land, sea and air will be equipped with atomic weapons, ~~and placed~~ under the ~~Command~~ Commanding General of Nato. ^{an} American General, Lyman Lemnitzer.

MISSILE

The launching of a minute man missile at Vandenberg
Air Force Base - was operational. The crew - ready ^{FOR} ~~to~~ combat.
Firing the rocket - as if ^{firing at an} ~~an~~ enemy out in the Pacific.

The minute man, powered by solid fuel- streaking up
from its underground silo, arching into a California sky ~~that~~
^{was so} clear - ~~that~~ its shadow trailed along the ground. The missile,
thundering over the ocean - at fifteen thousand miles an hour.
Landing ~~in~~ the target area - five thousand miles away.

A key test for one of our most important deterrents -
the minuteman.

BORNEO

The old gag about the wild man of Borneo may be coming back to judge from this dispatch. A tribe of Punans has just been discovered - deep in the Borneo jungle. The point of the announcement being - that the Punans were thought to be extinct. Their stone age culture - a thing of the past.

But some of them are still there. Wandering through the jungle with their spears and blow guns. Never even building huts, or even making clothes. Their food - fruit and berries. Also, rabbits and monkeys brought down with poisoned darts. And occasionally the dispatch says they dine on one another.

Sounds as if the Punan is the real wild man of Bornea.

They have cousins in other areas. Years ago I visited a similar jungle people in the Malay forest, the Semangs who also didn't even bother to build huts, and they too were armed with blow guns.

SAMARITAN

The role of the good Samaritan, as we know - is not always an easy one. Text for tonight- what happened to a good Samaritan in Cleveland. Unfortunately - he's not identified.

But - here's what ~~transpired~~ ^{transpired}.

Ethel Butler told ^{a passerby} ~~me~~ that her car had been stolen.

Whereupon, he offered to drive her around Cleveland - to look for it. And - they found the car. ~~The~~ Incident - apparently over.

~~That is~~ ^{until} until the police arrested him. The charge?

Ethel accused ~~me~~ ^{him} of - stealing her car. ^{And} He spent most of the night in jail - protesting his innocence. Then - the truth came

out. Ethel confessing- that she loaned the vehicle to her

boyfriend. And tried to hide the fact - by putting the blame

on the ^{kindly} man who had helped her ^{and} who went to jail ~~was~~ ^{the} The

good Samaritan, ~~of course~~ .

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CHECKS

Meanwhile, over in Pudsey, England, another gal is in trouble - because of a boyfrind and a car. Or rather ~~is~~ ~~she~~ ~~owns~~ cars. Plural. Betty Hardaker's boyfriend- wasn't ~~not~~ satisfied with just one. He wouldn't settle for - less than two.

That's why Betty took to - frogery. Passing bad checks in Pudsey, ⁱⁿ London and ⁱⁿ Liverpool. That's ho^w she accumulated two thousand pounds sterling, ~~and~~ how her boyfield ~~accumulated~~ two cars.

One more set of figures - due to arrive at any moment.

^{Warmwood Scrubs}
The number of years in ~~the papers~~ for - Betty Hardaker. Betty,

^{and her} boyfriend ^{over} ~~had bank accounts - quite a combination~~ in Pudsey.

~~England.~~