

Life Jackets Supply Hint Of Fate Of Missing Tanker

KEY WEST, Fla. (AP)—Two life jackets stenciled Sulphur Queen were found Wednesday in the Atlantic Ocean, indicating that the 325-foot tanker Sulphur Queen, which disappeared Feb. 2 with 39 men aboard may have met disaster at sea.

The jackets were located by a United States Navy torpedo retriever vessel and the second was picked up by a coast guard patrol vessel.

The navy vessel found the first jacket in the Gulf Stream 14 miles southeast of Key West. The coast guard did not give the location at which the second jacket was found.

Searchers later reported finding a metal object, orange-colored and two feet long, bearing the words Sulphur Queen and Easo.

An intensive search was launched by the coast guard for any possible survivors.

The tanker left Beaumont, Tex., Feb. 2 on a run to Norfolk, Va., carrying 15,000 tons of molten sulphur. At 8:25 p.m. the following day, a crew member sent a personal message giving her position as 230 miles southeast of New Orleans, La.

NO FURTHER WORD

She was never heard from again, although she carried two high-frequency radio transmitters with emergency batteries and also had a radio telephone.

Youth Given 5-Year Term For Robbery

OTTAWA (CP)—A 19-year-old Ottawa youth, Leonard Campbell Watson, was sentenced Wednesday to five years in Kingston penitentiary after being convicted of robbery with violence.

Watson was charged with beating and robbing Bliss Carmen Surrett, 35-year-old head cashier at the Chateau Laurier Hotel, near the hotel last Sept. 9.

Surrett, a native of Moncton, died later.

A second Ottawa youth, Gerald Thibault, 17, was charged with capital murder in connection with Mr. Surrett's death the same day. Thibault's preliminary hearing opened Monday and is due to resume today.

Watson testified at Thibault's preliminary hearing Monday that Mr. Surrett was not beaten by him or his companions but that he tripped and fell down concrete steps near the Rideau canal.

A third youth, Maynard LeBreton, 25, of Ottawa pleaded guilty last fall to slaying \$200 from Mr. Surrett Sept. 9 and was sentenced to 15 months in the Ontario reformatory.

Evidence at Thibault's preliminary hearing was that Mr. Surrett had \$200 with him and had been drinking the night before he died. Doctors testified that a blunt instrument or a fall on concrete would have caused his death.

Plans Made To Stockpile Medical Needs

OTTAWA (CP) Plans are being drawn up to extend the stockpiling of emergency medical supplies to be used in case of nuclear attack on Canada, it was learned Wednesday.

Final orders under the present \$18,000,000 program are expected to be placed in the coming fiscal year, with deliveries to be completed by March 1965.

However, plans now being prepared for consideration by the federal cabinet call for extension of the program to take account of developments in the nuclear weapons field and higher estimates of the number of casualties that would have to be cared for.

When the stockpiling operation was originally projected, in 1954, six Canadian cities were considered potential target areas and plans were geared to a 20-kiloton bomb, with the explosive equivalent of 20,000 tons of TNT.

Now, there are 16 cities considered potential target areas, and official planning envisages an enemy attack using five-megaton bombs, each equivalent to 500,000 tons of TNT.

Originally, provision was made for the care of 200,000 casualties for an average of 21 days. Revised estimates likely to be included in an attack at some 1,200,000.

VOTE BACKS BEN-GURION

JERUSALEM (AP)—A Communist motion for abolition of all military rule in Arab-inhabited border areas of Israel was narrowly defeated in the Knesset (parliament) Wednesday. The vote was 59 for the motion, 56 against and Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion thus won his demand for retention of the present system, under which military governors administer the sensitive frontier regions.

ROBOT BOOKS FLIGHTS

LONDON (CP)—British Overseas Airways Corporation opened Wednesday what it termed the first transatlantic electronic reservations system, linking London and Montreal. Using cable, the system is designed to enable the Montreal booking office to "interrogate" a computer at London Base terminal which stores a record of all seats available or sold on services to be operated by the airline or its pool partners for 30 weeks ahead.

A coast guard vessel and a navy destroyer escort, the Peterson, spot toward the area where the debris was found. A coast guard plane already in the air on a routine flight was diverted to start the aerial search.

Heading down the gulf from Texas, the tanker was known to have travelled in winds of 23 knots. After she rounded the Florida Straits and turned north in the Gulf Stream, she probably encountered winds of 40 knots and seas 14 feet high.

The Marine Sulphur Queen was built in 1944 as the Eason New Haven, a wartime petroleum products tanker. She was purchased by Marine Transport Lines, Inc., of New York in 1960.

SOBER NATION

Finland's State Alcohol Monopoly reports the Finns are "a very sober nation," with an average liquor consumption half that of Sweden.

Arms Policy Of His Party Is Discussed By Pearson

OTTAWA (CP)—Liberal Leader Pearson said Wednesday that for some time ahead Canada must and will retain its present weapons and it is essential they be made effective.

Mr. Pearson said in a statement that "our opponents say

a Liberal government would accept nuclear weapons today and get rid of them tomorrow."

"This is not our policy. No responsible persons would suggest such a course. Now, and for some time ahead, we must, and we will, retain the weap-

ons that we have, and it is essential, therefore, that they be made effective."

He said that by the end of 1962 the aircraft rockets and missiles involved in the government's commitment to accept nuclear weapons had been delivered and the time for a decision had arrived.

"But no decision was made. So these weapons stand useless because the government of our country refuses to accept the nuclear ammunition which is

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necessary to make them effective."

Without going into any details, Mr. Pearson also said that Prime Minister Diefenbaker in a Toronto speech Tuesday contradicted what Defence Minister Churchill said in his policy speech at Winnipeg Monday. And both had contradicted the statement of former defence minister Harkness "in which he left no doubt that the government of Canada made commitments to our troops and to our allies that are not being kept."

"Liberal policy was stated by me at Scarborough on Jan. 12. It has not changed. A Liberal government would lose no time in keeping those commitments and keeping those weapons armed as long as they are useful for defence."



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