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## Charged With Treason

Julian Schuman, 38, (left), of New York, John W. Powell, 39, and Powell's wife, Sylvia, 39, of San Francisco, walk down the corridor of the Federal Building in San Francisco after hearing the government file treason charges against them. They are charged with conspiring to obstruct the Korean war effort and inciting mutiny among U. S. forces. A federal judge had ordered a mistrial in their sedition trial earlier.

## No One Injured

# 2 Tanks Explode In Fiery Blasts

FOLLANSBEE, W. Va. (AP)—Two huge chemical tanks blew up and turned into flaming torches last night at the sprawling Koppers Co. plant near this northern West Virginia town.

The explosions and searing heat twisted connecting pipes and valves into grotesque shapes within a 30-yard radius of the adjacent tanks.

Nobody was hurt. Koppers officials were investigating to determine what touched off the explosions. No damage estimate was available.

The 60,000-gallon tanks were used to store coal tar chemicals. One which exploded first about 11:30 p.m. was nearly empty, a company spokesman said. The other, which blew up shortly afterward, was filled almost to capacity.

The chemicals burned fiercely and stromed a widespread area with acidic, black smoke.

A half-dozen nearby tanks caught fire on the outside, but their contents did not ignite. No buildings at the 10-acre plant were burned.

Operations had to be halted and a company spokesman said it was expected that at least four days would be required before the plant could start up again.

Freighters brought the blazes under control in about two hours. Two firemen were overcome by the dense smoke.

During the height of the fire all trucks at the plant were closed to public traffic. Ambulances, fire trucks and police vehicles from at least 25 communities sped to the scene.

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# Danish Ship Feared Lost With Seas, Winds Rough

## German Rescue Craft Unable To Find Target

HALIFAX, N. S. (AP)—High seas and whistling polar winds hampered a search today for the Danish ship Hans Hedtoft feared lost after hitting an iceberg off the south tip of Greenland.

The small German trawler Johannes Kruess reported she could find no trace of the cargo-passenger ship with from 90 to 1200 persons aboard in the area given by the vessel in her final S.O.S. yesterday. The message said the ship was slowly sinking.

A U. S. Navy radar patrol plane circled above the 20-foot waves in the North Atlantic and found no trace of the ship or lifeboats.

Ice packs were closing in from the north, adding to the hazards for other ships steaming north from the North Atlantic shipping lanes to join the search.

### OUTER HUNTING

In the van were the U. S. Coast Guard cutter Campbell and the German fishing vessel Poseidon. Several other vessels were on route but with little hope of reaching the scene before darkness closed in again.

The Copenhagen Navy Command advised the U. S. Coast Guard the Hans Hedtoft carried life rafts equipped with radio that sent out a continuous beacon signal. But none of the ships in the area reported hearing such signals.

There was only slight relief for the Danish government owned ship sent on its last signal late yesterday.

The Copenhagen King Frederik IX summoned Premier H. C. Hansen to report on the progress of the search. The king called his cabinet into extraordinary session.

The 2,675-ton Hedtoft hit the iceberg shortly before noon (EST) Friday and radiated less than four hours later that she was "slowly sinking and needed immediate assistance."

### HOER'S RUM

The 650-ton Kruess reached the area about an hour after this appeal. But the wind was 30 m. p. h. by waves were 20 feet high and fog cut visibility then darkness fell.

The German trawler combed the area through the night. Just before dawn light there was still no trace of the missing Danish vessel.

The Kruess radiated the approaching U. S. Coast Guard cutter Campbell.

"Have searched, nothing found so far, no lights or lifeboats or ship."

"Plenty ice from northwest. We must go. We are becoming ice bound. It is dangerous for the ship and we can do no more."

### NO CONTACT

The Campbell radiated later, when about 50 miles from the scene.

"No further contact with Hans Hedtoft. Trawler Johannes Kruess still searching. Conditions poor due to weather and darkness. No evidence of Danish motor vessel sighted. Trawler reported ice closing in from northwest, however, continuing search. Navy aircraft arrived at 4:30 and searching area."

Washington (AP)—A Democratic attempt to accelerate defense spending appeared likely today after more money is needed to match the space and missile advances.

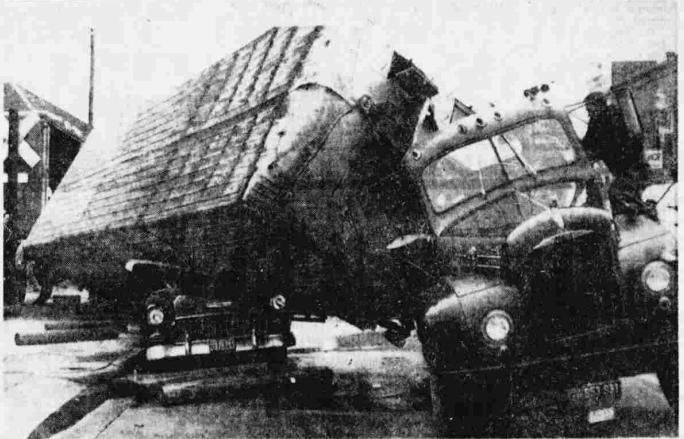
Two days of a wide ranging Senate inquiry into the status of U.S. preparedness touched off speeches in a special farm news conference on a special farm news message Thursday that price supports were too costly and were encouraging production of farm surpluses.

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(AP Photo)

## The 'Smushed Look' In Automobiles

Reading a paper in his car, R. F. Amason was rudely interrupted when a trailer decided to drop in. Although the roof was caved almost flat in the Denmark, S. C., accident, Mr. Amason struggled out through a window with only a few scratches on his right hand. The truck had been butted by a train before it hit the auto.

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# Cotton Producers Face Cut Of \$60 Million In Income

## By OVID A. MARTIN

WASHINGTON (AP)—Farm income may be cut hundreds of millions of dollars over the next few years by new changes in farm agricultural price supports.

Secretary of Agriculture Benson announced the change in a surprise administrative action late Friday.

President Eisenhower had told Congress in a special farm news message Thursday that price supports were too costly and were encouraging production of farm surpluses.

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The action involved a revision in the department's formula for determining parity prices of farm products, which are price standards declared by law to be paid to farmers in relation to prices charged them.

Under farm law, price supports for most products are based on the parity prices. This new formula had the effect, officials said, of reducing parity prices about 3.13 per cent and the actual price

# Almond's Plan Given Backing

RICHMOND, Va. (AP)—Senate supporters of Gov. J. Lindsay Almond say they believe they have enough votes to pass today his program to ease the impact of school integration.

A ruling was expected soon—possibly today—from Chief Justice Earl Warren on the Arlington School Board's request for a delay of enrollment of four Negroes in the Stratford Junior High School.

In Norfolk, school officials said "everything is in readiness" for integration Monday of six schools closed last fall.

The Almond program—granting tuition payments to those who don't want to attend integrated schools and repealing compulsory school attendance—already has passed the House of Delegates.

It now is before the Senate Finance Committee, whose membership includes most of the senators who had been seeking stronger action than Almond sought from the special session.

Justice Warren promised Arlington suit action on his request for a delay.

Arlington school officials said plans were complete for enrollment of the Negro children and that no trouble is anticipated should a delay be denied. To make certain no incidents occur, police will block off an area of a half mile surrounding the school Monday morning.

Norfolk police said they had no present plans "to show police force" at the six schools to be integrated there, and expected no violence.

The tuition grant bills, applied through the House of Delegates by unanimous vote, and the school attendance repealer by a count of 84. The House also approved a bill making it a felony for a person over 14 to threaten—or communicate the threat of—a bombing.

The Senate's only action Friday was to reaffirm an earlier resolution pledging a continued fight against what it called usurpation of state authority by the U. S. Supreme Court.

# Unlucky Fishermen Helpless Floaters Found In Atlantic

MAYPORT, Fla. (AP)—Four right days George Harrington and Charles Crowell sat in a 10-foot rubber dingy, tumbled and fishing. They could not catch any fish. They only floated helplessly in the open Atlantic.

"We are thankful to be here," the two said Friday night in the interview aboard the Netherlands aircraft carrier Karel Doorman. The Dutch air enterprise here for maneuvers with the U. S. Navy.

During the eight days, Harrington and Crowell lived off a can of tuna fish and a small bottle of grape juice each day.

"We had enough rations to last us about a month," Harrington said.

They started from New York City Jan. 9 in Harrington's 47-foot Skipper. They were bound for Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands to look them over because my wife Gina and I have been planning to settle in that area," Harrington explained. "She was going to fly down to San Juan and meet us."

It was a fairly good trip until they hit rough weather on Jan. 19 about 465 miles east of Bermuda. In winds up to 65 miles an hour, the slop began to leak and sink.

"We had a radio on the slop but it was out of order when we needed it," Harrington said.

## Our Weather

Cloudy and cooler today and tonight. Sunday cloudy and cool with occasional rain.

Low this morning	46
Low tomorrow morning	37
High today	59
High yesterday	59
High tomorrow	55
Sunrise today 7:23 a.m.	
Sunset today 5:51 p.m.	

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# Wheels In Motion For New Council?

waiting in the lobby of the restaurant by the end of the session.

Those at the meeting were asked to attend by a letter said to have been unsigned. The meeting was originally scheduled at C. H. R. I. S. P. I. C. Church but was switched to the restaurant.

# Mistletoe As Tea A Fatal Drink

COLUMBIA, S. C. (AP)—A young mother died after drinking mistletoe tea as the victim of "an almost unheard of" poisoning, toxicologists reported here today.

Despite her husband's objections, Mrs. Dorothy Shealy, 28, of Lexington, drank the tea yesterday as a cold remedy. She quickly became ill and was dead on arrival at a Columbia hospital.

Specialists at Columbia's Poison Control Center said the mistletoe contained a poisonous semi-protein substance called "flavin" for which there is no specific antidote.

Mrs. Shealy survived by her husband, Debra K. Shealy, and three children.

# WINE TASTERS CATCH SPIRIT—30 Cases Later, All Sober

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)—What happens when 76 wine tasters get together? Why they back into account could be discussed only behind closed doors.

They began at 9:30 a.m. by identifying varieties of wine. They were still straight-legged and clear-eyed as they evaluated the relative qualities of five brands.

Do tasters ever mellow? Dr. George L. Marsh, of the department of food technology at the University of California, has been a wine judge since 1953.

"I've never seen a taster drunk at the job," he said, "but what about the testing is over. When we relax anything can happen."

The lone woman Mrs. Sanford Plainfield of Alameda, was shocked at the thought. "Everybody in my family has been a wine drinker all my life and I've never seen any of them drink."

The tasters were from all over the state to match palates.