

Aboard Seawolf: Noon And Midnight Mixed Up

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NEW LONDON, Conn., Oct. 7.—We are a stick-together outfit on this ship. We live together well. And that's the main reason we were able to set the record.

It was fabulous the way the guys got along with not a bit of trouble. This crew has always been that way—we're a group of adults.

It was a good trip. We're happy about setting the record, but I don't think any of us have a desire to do it again. Of course, if it's broken by someone else, then that's coming up another channel.

We didn't get really excited about setting the record until we passed up the Skate's mark of 31 days, 5½ hours.

Then we really started trying to set a record that would last a while.

Before that, we passed a milestone without even knowing it. Several days went by before we realized that we had gone past Jules Verne's "20,000 Leagues Beneath the Sea."

"Sleeping Hours Mixed Up"

But it wasn't surprising we didn't notice it. Sometimes, when you're under the water and you can't tell night from day, you even get your sleeping hours mixed up. You think it's noon and it turns out to be midnight.

We worked a normal watch routine all the time—four hours on duty, eight off.

The first week under water seems to be always busy while you get your machinery all tuned up and the kinks ironed out.

Then after that first week is over, things begin to get into a routine where you can begin spending a lot of time on the hobbying bit.

I tried to break into electronics this trip, something I had never done before. I got my instruction from some of our experts, my own field being mechanical.

I brought along a do-it-yourself kit to build a hi-fi amplifier. I thought it would be a tough job, but I got it done in five days and that left me without my hobby project for the rest of the trip.

Hobbies Pursued

So I turned to doing quite a bit of reading. And I got started with a little bit of leatherwork, making a knife case.

He had two or three people who do real well at painting. They copied photographs of

Albert W. Durkee, 28, machinist's mate first class, of Acton, Mass., was aboard the atomic submarine Seawolf when she set a 60-day underwater record. This is his story.

their shipmates' families and made oil portraits for them.

Leathercraft was big, too. And there were a lot of games going — Monopoly, cribbage, bingo, pinocle, chess, checkers.

We wore two monopoly sets to a frazzle. Dozens of decks of cards got so worn we had to throw them away.

A lot of the people aboard wrote a short letter every day or made a continuous letter. Many people worked on correspondence courses.

How About the Food?

Some people ask us about how we got along and how the food and air were over such a long period.

Well, I can't remember more than two cross words being put together at any one time. There was absolutely no antagonism.

The food was wonderful. It compares favorably with the better restaurants around the country.

We were in our own little world, but we stayed in touch with what went on outside because we got newscasts and the ball scores.

We even had our own cartoonists and our own gags.

After 60 days of operating submerged, our run in from the surfacing point and maneuvering alongside the dock indicated to everybody present that we had not forgotten the lessons we learned on the conventional type sub and brought to this new truly submersible submarine Seawolf.

Kerr Explains When He'll Get Thrift Conscious

OKLAHOMA CITY, Oct. 7 (AP).—Senator Kerr (Democrat of Oklahoma), the No. 2 Democrat on the Senate Finance Committee, noted that the chairman, Senator Byrd, Democrat of Virginia, is referred to as "the great watchdog of the Treasury and I am just the opposite."

The wealthy oilman-Senator addressing theater owners here yesterday, continued:

"It takes four and six lane bridges to carry the Federal employees living in Virginia back and forth from the Nation's Capital, and more Federal money is spent in Virginia than in any other State in the Union."

"Just as soon as Mike (Senator Monroney, Democrat of Oklahoma) and I get it to where more money is being spent in Oklahoma than in any other State I'm going to become the greatest watchdog of the Federal Treasury."



SUNSHINE AFTER DARKNESS—The atomic submarine Seawolf cruises through waters bathed in sunlight with a blimp escort near New London, Conn., after spending a record two months under the sea.—AP Wirephoto.

Flying Saucer Reports Debunked by Air Force

By the Associated Press

The Air Force has thrown more cold water on flying saucer reports.

It said yesterday it investigated a record total of 1,270 saucer reports during a 13-month period ending last July 31, with these results:

It was established that 84 per cent of the sightings were of natural phenomena, hoaxes, birds or man-made objects.

Reports on 14 per cent were insufficient to permit a thorough analysis.

Fewer than 2 per cent were classified as of unknown origin.

The Air Force said:

"Although investigations were completed on these 'unknown' cases without positive or final conclusions, nothing was found to substantiate any claims that such sightings were interplanetary visitors or so-called 'flying saucers'."

"The Air Force believes that there will always be a small number of unknowns due to high altitude phenomena which are strange to the untrained eye."

The rate of reported sightings increased greatly after the launching of the first Russian satellite a year ago.

Of the 1,270 sightings, 354 were found to be due to astronomical phenomena such as bright stars, planets, meteors, comets and other celestial bodies, sometimes viewed through haze, light fog or moving clouds.

The next largest group of sightings, 290, turned out to be aircraft of various types.

Balloons accounted for 194 of the sightings. About 4,000

balloons are released in the United States every day, varying in size from 4-foot weather balloons to research balloons 200 feet in diameter.

Most of those released at night carry running lights, and large balloons caught in jet streams have been tracked at speeds of more than 200 miles an hour.

A sighting is considered unknown when the information is sufficient to draw at least one valid conclusion, but when the description of the object or its movement cannot be related to normal facts.

U. S. Soldier's Sentence Upheld

TOKYO, Oct. 7 (AP).—The Tokyo higher court today upheld a 10-month suspended sentence given Sgt. 1/c Paul J. Webber, 39, of Havertown, Pa., for drunken driving resulting in the death of four Japanese.

Sgt. Webber allegedly was drunk when he drove his car into a group of Japanese repairing the tail light of a truck near Yokohama near midnight December 8, 1956. The Yokohama District Court convicted him last May of gross negligence causing death and sentenced him to 10 months in prison, then suspended the sentence for three years.

Both prosecution and defense appealed the sentence. Either can now appeal to the supreme court within 14 days.

Mob Repulsed Near Home of Lebanon Head

BEIRUT, Oct. 7 (AP).—A club-swinging mob of several hundred today attempted to grab control of the coastal village where President Fuad Chehab lives. Lebanese security forces smashed the attempt with armored cars and infantrymen.

The mob erected barricades inside and outside the village and stoned cars that tried to run the gauntlet.

Two armored cars with their sirens howling and machine-guns at the ready roared up together with jeeps and a truck carrying several dozen infantrymen. Soldiers fired at several fleeing demonstrators but missed.

Those who remained behind were forced at gunpoint to remove barricades. Those who refused were beaten and clubbed.

Wrath Against Cabinet

It was the 16th day of the general strike and rioting which is being led by anti-Nasser Phalangist Party members. Most of their wrath is directed at the cabinet formed by Premier Rashid Karami, who helped lead the rebellion against former President Camille Chamoun, a Maronite Catholic. The Phalangists, who are Christians, are demanding more representation in the cabinet.

The Phalangists have been manning the barricades ever since Mr. Karami was picked as Premier two weeks ago by President Chehab. Mr. Chehab, who succeeded Mr. Chamoun September 23, obviously ordered the security forces to crack down in his village, Junieh, 10 miles north of Beirut. In Beirut, large sections remained under the control of the Phalangists, who burned tires on the barricades, shouted slogans and cut off traffic in and out of the city on most roads. Security forces took a neutral attitude there and allowed the demonstrators free rein.

Correspondents Attacked

An automobile carrying three American correspondents—Joe Alex Morris of the New York Herald Tribune, Richard Kallisen of the Columbia Broadcasting System and Reinhold

Bishop McNamara To Address CYO

The Most Rev. John M. McNamara, auxiliary bishop of Washington, will speak at the Catholic Youth Organization's fall dinner at 6:30 p.m. this evening.

Attending the dinner will be parish moderators and CYO officials from more than 70 parishes and about 200 members of the CYO board of directors.

The Rev. William J. Awalt, executive director, will report on the organization's 1958-9 plans in the Archdiocese of Washington.

Gas Fumes Kill Two

DETROIT, Oct. 7 (AP).—Gas fumes in a forge plant furnace of Chrysler Corp. killed two workmen yesterday. Joseph Bonk, 42, of Hamtramck, and Fred Bradshaw, 44, of Detroit, were overcome by carbon monoxide gas while cleaning the furnace. The furnace had been shut down since Friday for cooling and cleaning.

Taina Elg Divorced

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 7 (AP).—Taina Elg, 26, Finnish ballerina turned movie star, obtained a divorce in absentia yesterday from importer Carl Gustave Djorckenheim on grounds of cruelty. Mr. Djorckenheim was ordered to pay \$40 monthly support for their son, Raoul, 2. The couple was married in Helsinki in 1953.

Enas of the Associated Press—He has been spending most of his time in the palatial stone home he maintains there conferring with various political leaders in an attempt to bring an end to the chaos.

It was at this point that security forces came roaring up. It was not known whether Mr. Chehab was in the village at the time of the incidents. American troops who are preparing for departure from Lebanon were not involved in the incidents.



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