

New Atomic Submarine Skipjack Makes Depth and Speed Records

GROTON, Conn., April 13 (AP).—The atomic submarine Skipjack, with seven members of Congress aboard, plunged effortlessly to new ocean depths at record speeds over the week end.

The whale-shaped Skipjack, to be commissioned Wednesday, ploughed deeper and reached speeds greater than any known submarine in history. It returned to its berth here yesterday. Members of the Joint Congressional Committee on Atomic Energy, who made the trial run and took turns at the controls, were visibly impressed.

The Navy would give no details, but Senator Anderson, Democrat of New Mexico, chairman of the committee, made a statement.

Deeper Than 400 Feet

"For security reasons I can only say that we were deeper than 400 feet and moving faster than 20 knots," he said. He added later, "She whipped to that depth and at those speeds without effort."

The Navy, as early as four years ago, listed such speeds and depths for their first atomic submarines. Exact figures have always been classified.

The committee took a similar trial run in 1955 on the atomic undersea craft Nautilus. Senator Anderson said the speed of the Skipjack was "substantially above the speed achieved in the Nautilus."

Vice Admiral Hyman G. Rickover, the man who envisioned the atomic submarine and made it a reality, stood by proudly yesterday as the guests spoke of the trip that they had shared with him on the Skipjack.

"Thrilling Experience"

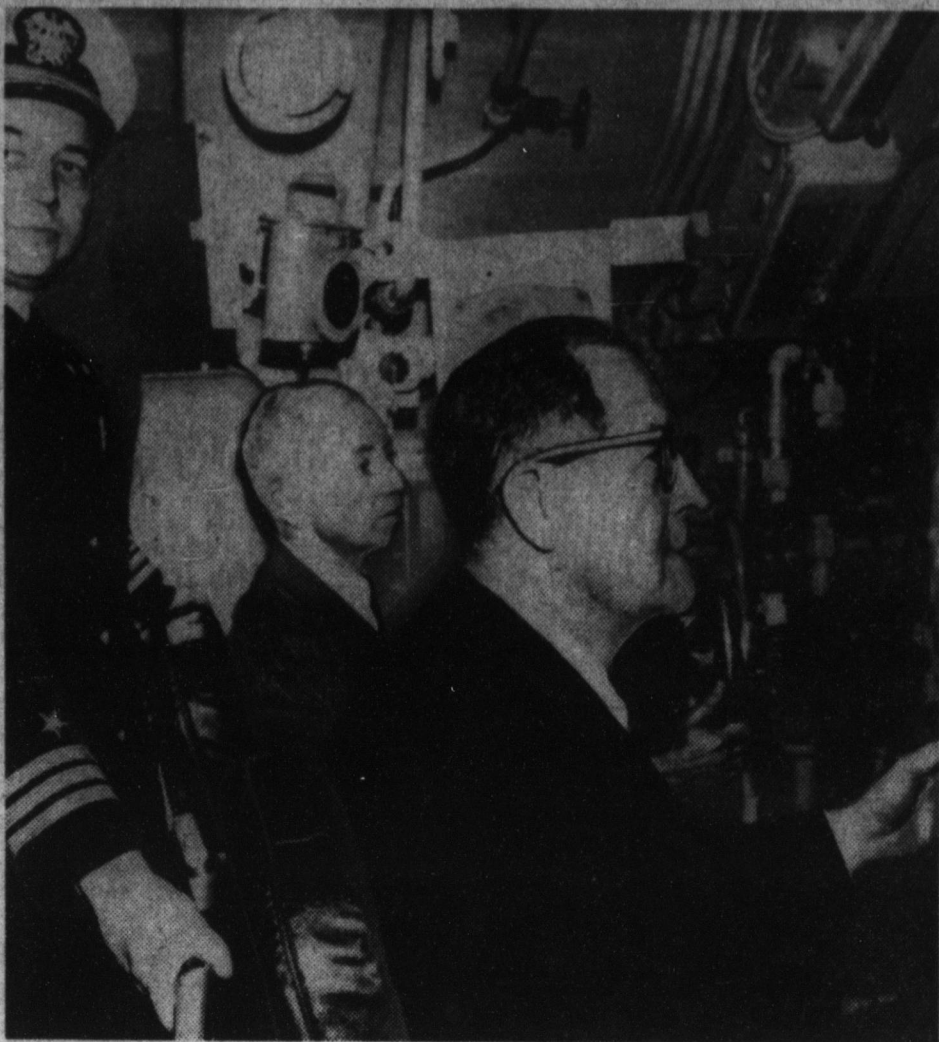
Representative Hollifield, Democrat of California, called the trip "one of the most thrilling experiences of my life." The Skipjack's maneuverability, speed and handling ease were mentioned by Mr. Hollifield's colleagues.

Admiral Rickover discussed the latest nuclear ship developments at an official session of the committee in the wardroom of the submerged Skipjack. The submarine returned to its berth at the General Dynamics Corp.'s Electric Boat Division, the builder, early yesterday. The trip began at noon Saturday.

The other committee members were Senators Jackson, Democrat of Washington; Pastore, Democrat of Rhode Island, and Aiken, Republican of Vermont, and Representatives Van Zandt, Republican of Pennsylvania, and Westland, Republican of Washington.

Simpson College Club

The Washington Simpson College will meet at 5 p.m. Sunday in Mary Graydon Hall, American University, to hear a talk by William E. Kerstetter, president of Indiana (Iowa) College.



VIP'S PILOT SUB—Senator Anderson, Democrat of New Mexico (foreground) and Vice Admiral Hyman G. Rickover sit at the controls of America's newest atomic submarine, the Skipjack, during a trial run. Behind them stands her skipper, Comdr. William W. Behrens, Jr.—AP Wirephoto.

Boy, 11, Found 3 Days After His Collie Dies

CLEVELAND, April 13 (AP).—When a boy's dog dies, his small world collapses about him. Sometimes he wanders away from home.

Donald L. Lutman, Jr., who is 11, did that Friday when his toy collie Max died. But he didn't go far.

This morning a worker at a drive-in theater on Pearl road, about a mile and a half from the boy's home in Strongsville, found him in a concession shanty.

Donald had helped himself to some wafers and some ice cream over the week end. This wasn't the first time he had run away from home, but it was the first time he had been away overnight.

The dog had followed Donald to school as usual on Friday. Then something happened.

Max died. Apparently he had eaten some rat poison. Donald, grieving over the death of his dog, perhaps fearful that his parents would blame him, did not go home.

A custodian found Donald sitting in the high school basement beside the dead dog Saturday morning.

"He asked me for a bag in which to put his dog," said the custodian, Malcolm J. Fish. "I gave him a canvas sack and a quarter. I like the boy. He's very bright."

Donald asked if he could stay and help in the school, but the custodian sent him away.

The boy wandered off with the dead dog in his arms.

Mr. Fish did not know that Donald hadn't been home and that his parents were worried. Police, firemen and volunteers formed a search party of 50 yesterday and combed a section of Cleveland's metropolitan park system without finding any trace of the boy. An airplane was hired to aid the search.

The dog's body was found by

passersby some 1,000 yards north of the school.

Boy Rescued After Night Atop Rock

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo., April 13 (AP).—A 7-year-old handicapped boy with a prayer on his lips was found yesterday perched high on a huge rock after spending the night in bitter cold rugged Unaweep Canyon.

The boy, Sammy Jennings, had wandered away from a family picnic Saturday afternoon. He was found about five miles from the picnic site.

The frail first-grader is blind in one eye, is in poor health and has a speech impediment.

Sammy was none the worse for his night in the deep canyon, where the mercury dipped below freezing and the terrain is a mass of rocks and trees.

A physician at St. Mary's Hospital here examined the boy and said he was in good condition except for minor scratches and bruises. The boy was released after examination.

Asked how he occupied his

time during the long night, Sammy mumbled:

"I prayed to Jesus all night long. I was too scared to go to sleep, and I got awful hungry. I just prayed and prayed."

More than 100 persons searched the vast canyon all during the night for the boy, who was lightly dressed.

The 55-pound youngster was spotted shortly after 11 a.m. (EST)—18 hours after he disappeared—by Russell James, a Fruita, Colo., farmer, and Henry Swensen of Grand Junction.

The boy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Jennings.

D. C. Girl to Attend Salvation School

Sandra Lee Paour, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Paour, 771 Tenth street S.E., has been selected as the only candidate from the Washington area to attend the Salvation Army's Officer Training School in Atlanta, Ga.

Miss Paour, 19, graduated from McKinley High School in 1957. She will leave Washington in September for the nine-month study course.

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Business Luncheon

The Columbia Heights Business Men's Association will hold a luncheon meeting at 12:15 p.m. tomorrow at the Georgian Cafeteria, 3027 Fourteenth street N.W.

Skelton's Child Hurt

HOLLYWOOD, April 13 (AP).—Valentina Skelton, comedian Red Skelton's 11-year-old daughter, was injured yesterday when her horse bolted and threw her. She suffered a dislocated shoulder and face cuts.

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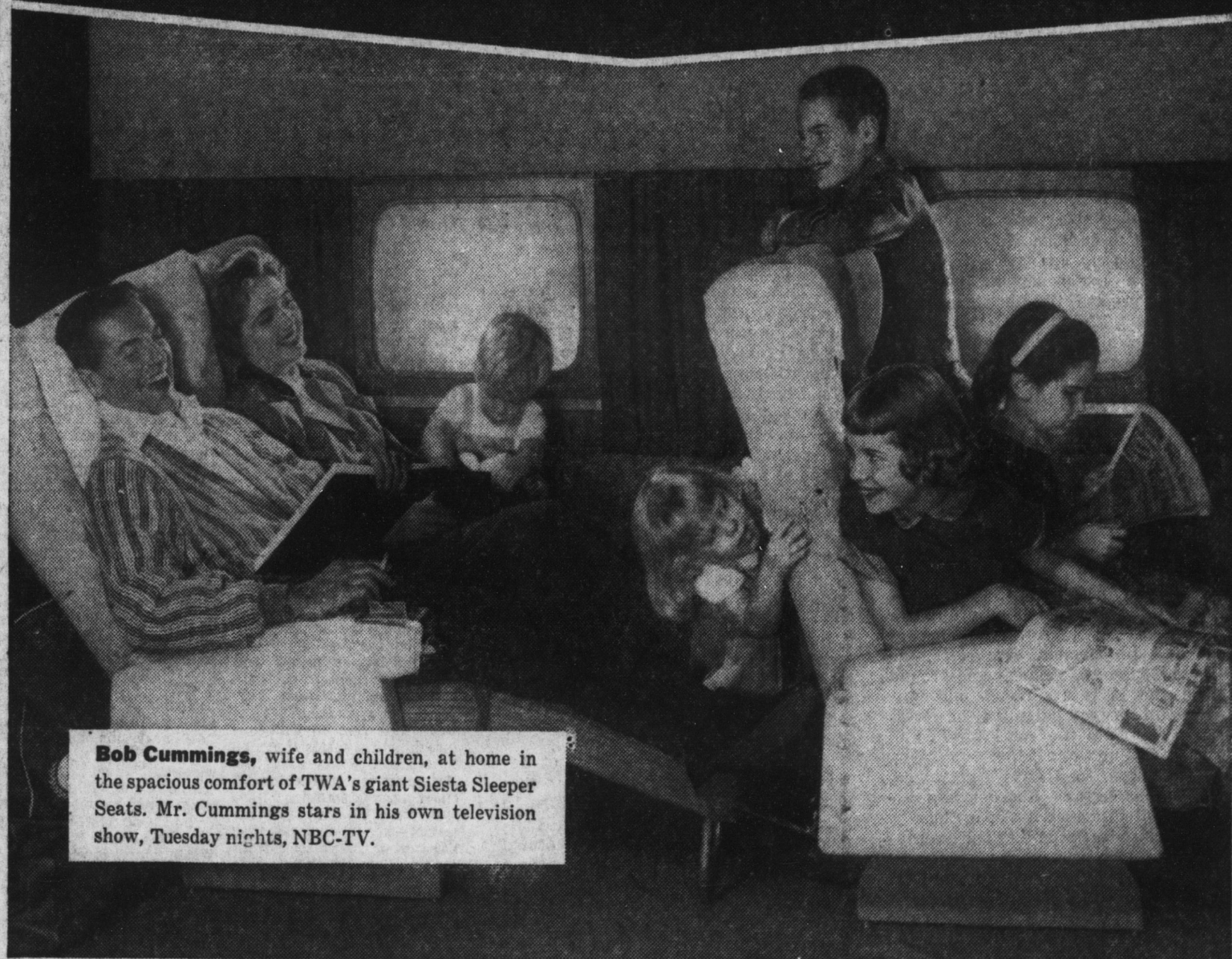
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