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Huge oil rig sinks; 84 feared dead

ST. JOHN'S, Newfoundland (AP) — A North Atlantic storm sank the giant Ocean Ranger oil rig anchored 20 miles east of Newfoundland early yesterday, and all 84 workers aboard were reported missing.

Only one body was recovered, officials said. Flares of search-and-rescue aircraft reported spotting other bodies and debris in the wind-lashed 50-foot waves, but saw no sign of the rig.

Snow whipped by 80 mph winds battered the Ocean Ranger Sunday night, and Mobil Oil Canada Ltd., which leases the rig, ordered workers to abandon the structure at 2:34 a.m. local time yesterday.

Steve Romanuk, Mobil Oil Canada's Newfoundland operations manager, said the last message from the Ocean Ranger was received at 1:30 a.m. local time and said the workers were preparing to abandon it.

They had been ordered to abandon the tilting rig hours before it toppled, the official reported, but it was unknown if all the workers had left the structure.

A statement by Mobil Oil Canada said 15 of the 84 workers were Americans, 52 were

Newfoundlanders, 16 were from other parts of Canada and one was from Britain.

Work boats made their way to the site but recovered only one body, search-and-rescue officials reported. They said three of the rig's four enclosed lifeboats were sighted, with two bodies in one and the other two empty.

Search-plane pilots, with visibility limited to about one-half mile, reported they also saw two of the rig's 12 inflatable rafts, but no signs of life.

After combing the frigid waters for

hours, the planes returned to their base in St. John's and prepared to resume the search at first light today.

W.D. Mason, president of Mobil Oil Canada, told a news conference that there was little hope any of the workers survived. He called the weather conditions extreme and unexpected.

Mike Clark, a rescue pilot who flew over the site, said, "There were a few bodies around . . . and lifeboats and life rafts and various debris. We searched for about two hours and (saw) various debris of the

Ranger. I assume, but there was no sign of the Ranger at all."

Officials reported the rig was last sighted about 10:30 a.m. local time, and pilots reported seeing only parts of the gear used to anchor the 6-year-old, Japanese-built Ranger.

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Ex-UA finalist cites regents in withdrawal

By Bob Swejara
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One of six finalists for the University of Arizona presidency said yesterday he pulled out of the running at least partially because of his poor opinion of the Arizona Board of Regents.

Three of six finalists for the position so far have withdrawn.

The latest was Robert A. Huttenback, 53, chancellor of the University of California at Santa Barbara.

Huttenback sent a telegram to the Board of Regents office in Phoenix Sunday afternoon withdrawing his candidacy.

Huttenback said in a statement issued from Santa Barbara yesterday:

"Despite the great opportunities and challenges offered by the University of Arizona and the great courtesy shown to my wife and myself by the Board of Regents, I have asked that body to remove my name from the candidacy for the president of the UA.

"The remarkable expressions of affection and support which we have received from the campus and surrounding community of Santa Barbara would have made any other decision impossible," the statement said.

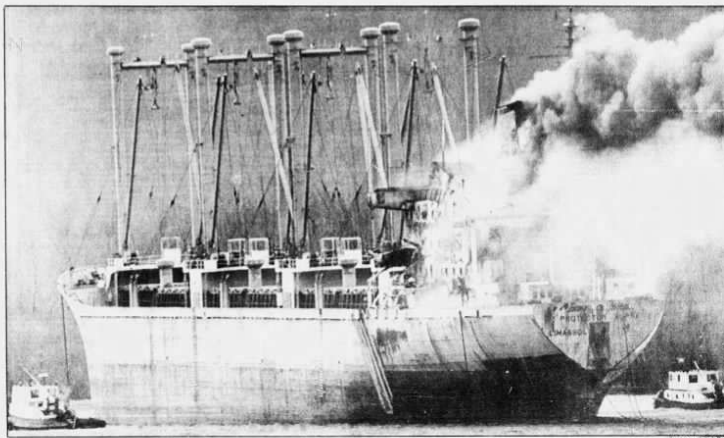
The other finalists who withdrew were Gary Hays, chancellor of the Minnesota state university system, and James B. McCann, president of Mississippi State University.

One of the finalists who withdrew said he pulled out because he "didn't think they (the regents) were a particularly sophisticated group."

"Members of the board seemed to lack an understanding of the problems inherent in the administration of a major university," said the applicant, who asked that his name not be used.

"Sometime, during the course of the interview, I felt like I was giving a lecture on university administration," the candidate said. The board's attitude, the candidate said, was "all take and no give." They were

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Freighter burns out of control — Tugs beach the German freighter Protector Alpha, which is burning out of control near the Columbia River port of Kalama, Wash. The ship, loaded with 2,000 tons of wheat, caught fire Sunday night as it was taking on fuel at Kalama, 30 miles north of Portland, Ore. An explosion early yesterday injured three firefighters, two of them critically, and three freighter crewmen were hospitalized by smoke inhalation.

Kirkpatrick says 'dismal' U.N. deepens conflicts

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United Nations is "a very dismal show" in which conflicts are worsened rather than resolved, U.S. Ambassador Jeane J. Kirkpatrick charged yesterday.

She said 225 leaders of the American League yesterday that some U.N. agencies, including its refugee commission, the World Health Organization and its meteorological service, do "very positive things which we would all be happy to contribute to."

But she added, "If we look at what happens in New York out in the Security Council and the General Assembly, then I guess I believe it is a very dismal show. And what is worse, its effect, I think, is almost precisely the opposite of the intentions of the founders of the United Nations . . . above all to assist in conflict resolution.

"What we find instead is that conflicts, rather than being resolved there, are in fact polarized, extended and exacerbated. They

are much harder to solve rather than easier to solve, generally speaking."

The Reagan administration's U.N. ambassador made the criticisms in response to a question from a Legion member who asked if it were "worth \$5 million a day for our one vote against the world."

In her speech to the American Legion's Foreign Relations and National Security commission, Kirkpatrick sharply criticized the Sandinista regime in Nicaragua and de-

cried U.S. support of right-wing regimes. She also criticized liberals who see cause for optimism in Marxist guerrilla movements.

"From the perspective of the United States, the most significant difference between the dictatorship of Anastasio Somoza and the dictatorship of the Sandinistas is that one was friendly toward the United States and one has a line in its national anthem that we, the United States, are the enemies of mankind."

Actors send medical aid to Salvadoran rebels

WASHINGTON (AP) — The actors who play Lou Grant, Dr. Johnny Fever and Pa. Watson on television attacked U.S. military aid to El Salvador yesterday and urged the public to help them send medical aid to the rebel forces there.

They told a news conference they were the vanguard of a movement "to stop another useless, wasteful, criminal tragedy like the Vietnam War."

Later, posing outside the State Department, actor Ed Asner gave a Mexican doctor a check for \$20,000 raised by Los Angeles-based group called Medical Aid for El Salvador.

The money, donated by 8,000 Americans, will be used to buy medical supplies in Mexico that will be shipped clandestinely to the Democratic Revolutionary

Front in El Salvador, Asner said.

Asner, the crusty city editor on the "Lou Grant" show, said, "The rebel forces are now the most effective institution in El Salvador committed to health delivery."

Howard Hesseman, who plays the disc jockey Dr. Johnny Fever on "WKRP in Cincinnati," said it was apt that the event took place "on the day we honor our nation's first president and the commander-in-chief of its revolutionary army."

Ralph Wate, the father on "The Waltons" for a decade, said the Reagan administration has been "lying" about events in El Salvador.

Actress and filmmaker Lee Grant said the United States is doing "exactly the same thing in El Salvador" that the

Soviet Union did in Poland — establishing a military dictatorship.

Bert Schneider, who won an Academy Award for his Vietnam documentary film, "Hearts and Minds," urged the public to "be ready for the El Salvadoran Tonkin Gulf."

Asner said he personally hopes the Democratic Revolutionary Front — the political arm of the guerrilla movement called the Farabundo Marti National Liberation forces — wins power. He said he does not favor communism, but if the people of El Salvador "choose communism, then I say let them have it."

He said the Reagan administration has not documented charges that the rebels are armed by Cuba and other Marxist countries, but added, "If I saw my country being bled to death . . . I would take my guns from anywhere."

Plan to cut bilingual funds won't affect TUSD too much

By Susan M. Knight
The Arizona Daily Star

A Reagan administration proposal to de-emphasize bilingual education and trim its funding will not affect the Tucson Unified School District drastically, but it is an affront to the Hispanic community, some district officials said yesterday.

The Washington Post reported that the legislation being prepared by the White House would allow school districts to use other methods of instruction — not just the bilingual method — for children whose primary language is not English.

The proposed legislation would also cut funding and reduce the number of children eligible for bilingual programs.

Ed Arraga, director of state and federal programs for the district, criticized the proposal but said it would not cut the district a great deal of money, because much of its bilingual program is district-funded.

School board Chairman Raul Crivjiva said that "for the federal government to withdraw its commitment is to support a discriminatory system — without equal opportunity or equal access to education for all children."

The bilingual method teaches students in both languages concurrently until proficiency in English is acquired. A Department of Education review of 300 studies of bilingual education concluded last year that

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Weather

You'll love it. There will be occasional high cloudiness, but today will be mostly sunny and warm. A high in the lower 70s and a low in the mid-40s are expected. Yesterday's high and low were 71 and 43.

A storm system spread showers from southeast Texas to Phoenix yesterday. Casper, Wyo., reached a record 57 degrees for a high.

Rain will continue in the Pacific Northwest today. Rain will also spread from Southern Illinois to the mid-Atlantic Coast. Temperatures will remain mild across most of the nation.

Yesterday's national temperature extremes were 17 below zero at Houlton, Maine, and 87 at Naples, Fla. Details on Page 4A.

Northwest flooding. The Pacific Northwest is deluged with flood-causing avalanches and mudslides that block roads and bury a highway worker. Page 4A.

News

Goring victim. A 72-year-old man survives being gored and tossed about by a bull, but remains in University Hospital in "serious but stable condition." Page 1B.

Furloughs fall for 40%. The state Attorney General's Office reports that 40 percent of criminals placed on work furlough by the Department of Corrections are rearrested. Page 1B.

3 bills for 2 districts. Rep. Morris K. Udall promises quick action on three water bills that would benefit two Southern Arizona congressional districts in which he is considering running for re-election. Page 1B.

Markets closed

Stock and commodity markets were closed yesterday in observance of Presidents' Day, so there is no Money section in the Star today.



Winner in a walk — Sugar Ray Leonard walks away from a fallen Bruce Finch during their welterweight championship fight in Reno, Nev. Leonard retained his title with a third-round TKO last night. Story on Page 1E.

Sports

Another comeback. The University of Arizona baseball team rallies from a 4-0 deficit to beat California-Riverside, 10-8, at Wildcat Field. Page 1E.

Lewis takes Sullivan Award. Track and field standout Carl Lewis wins the Sullivan Award, becoming the first black since 1961 to be honored as the nation's outstanding amateur athlete. Page 1E.

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