

# News Digest

By the Associated Press

## Submarine sinks Soviet news agency says no lives lost

WASHINGTON — A nuclear-powered, nuclear-armed Soviet submarine, apparently doomed from the moment it experienced a fire and explosion last Friday morning, sank and was abandoned by its crew early Monday in the western Atlantic Ocean.

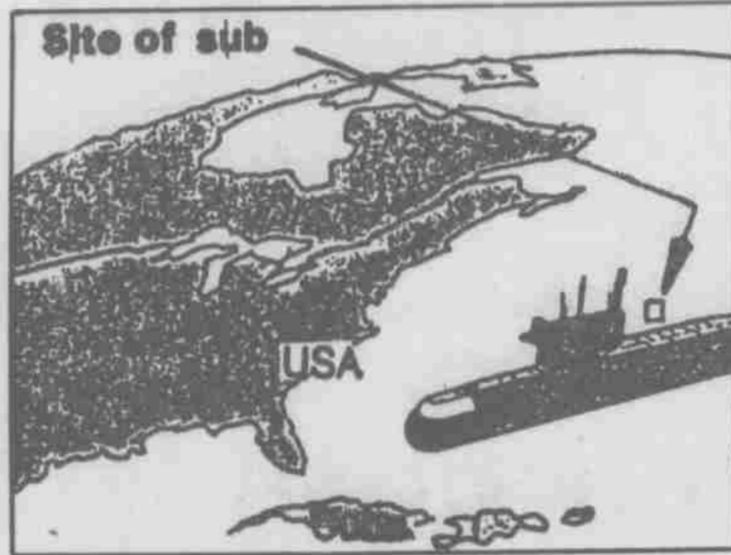
The Soviet news agency Tass, which reported earlier that three men had been killed in the initial fire, said no lives were lost when the so-called Yankee-class submarine went down around 4 a.m. EDT, and the Pentagon said it had no reason to doubt that statement.

The vessel sank in waters 18,000 feet deep about 1,060 nautical miles to the east of Cape Hatteras, N.C., or roughly 600 miles east of the island of Bermuda. A Soviet merchant ship, which earlier had been attempting to tow the vessel, collected survivors and remained in the area on Monday, the Pentagon said.

Two ranking U.S. military officers said the sinking posed no threat to the environment, even though the submarine was powered by two nuclear reactors and carried up to 16 nuclear-tipped, SS-N-6 ballistic missiles.

The warheads atop one of those missiles could very well have been blown into the sea and sank when the submarine experienced a fire and explosion while submerged on Friday, said Vice Adm. Powell F. Carter, Jr., the staff director for the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

The other warheads have undoubtedly been crushed and



rendered useless by the pressure of the ocean's depth, he said, adding that the fuel inside the reactors is encased in a heavy metal that will likely deteriorate only over thousands of years.

Carter speculated the initial explosions, which ripped apart one of the heavy metal hatches over a missile tube, also damaged the hull below the waterline or ripped apart interior, sea-water piping systems.

## In Brief

### Pappas arraigned on lottery charges

NORTH PLATTE — Sen. James Pappas of North Platte was arraigned Monday in Lincoln County Court on two felony counts stemming from the failed lottery petition drive.

Pappas waived his right to appear in person. A preliminary hearing was scheduled for Nov. 21. He was charged with two counts of falsely swearing to a petition signature. He was released on \$1,000 bond.

Pappas was bound over for trial Sept. 29 in Lancaster County District Court. He was charged with circulating a petition in Lancaster County where he is not registered to vote and with falsely swearing to the signature of a petition circulator. He will be arraigned in District Court on Oct. 16.

### Age and marriage study disputed

WASHINGTON — A Census Bureau researcher on Monday questioned another analyst's report that college-educated women who aren't married by age 30 stand little chance of ever being wed.

A single, 30-year-old college woman has a 66 percent chance of eventual marriage, Jean Moorman of the Census Bureau's population division said.

That estimate is sharply higher than the 20 percent chance of marriage given the same group of women in a study earlier this year by Neil Bennett of Yale University.

Both studies are based on figures from the 1980 Census, but the researchers differ about the meaning of those numbers.

## LaRouche offices searched; several associates indicted

LEESBURG, Va. — Federal, state and local law enforcement authorities raided the headquarters of political extremist Lyndon LaRouche on Monday as several LaRouche associates were indicted in an alleged nationwide credit card fraud scheme.

While hundreds of officers searched for evidence at two office buildings used by LaRouche-affiliated organizations here, a federal grand jury in Boston handed up a 117-count indictment alleging wire fraud, unauthorized use of credit cards, obstruction of justice and contempt of court.

Two corporations, three campaign committees and 10 LaRouche associates were named in the Boston indictment. The groups named in the indictment were Caucus Distributors Inc. and Campaigner Publications Inc.

LaRouche is a frequent fringe can-

didate for president who has announced that he is running for president in 1988 as a Democrat.

Ed Spannaus, treasurer of LaRouche's presidential campaign, called the action a "political dirty trick," coming four weeks before the general election. Several LaRouche followers are running for offices around the country.

LaRouche's followers have run for hundreds of offices around the country, and gained widespread attention in April by winning Democratic nominations for lieutenant governor and secretary of state in Illinois.

Dozens of state police, Loudoun County sheriff's deputies and federal agents could be seen guarding and entering and leaving the two Leesburg buildings where LaRouche's corporations and organizations make their headquarters.

A LaRouche spokeswoman, Nereida Thompson, said she did not know where LaRouche was Monday. At his \$1.2-million estate just outside town, more than half a dozen state police and U.S. Secret Service agents stood watching the front gate throughout the day.

Dan Small, assistant U.S. attorney in Boston, said the agents had warrants for a variety of documents relating principally to a federal investigation into allegations of credit card fraud by organizations related to LaRouche.

Several of the 10 named in the Boston indictment had been arrested by midday, authorities said.

Meanwhile in Washington, the Supreme Court cleared the way for NBC to collect more than \$250,000 from LaRouche, who had unsuccessfully sued the network for alleged libel.

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## Jury selection begins in DeLorean fraud trial

DETROIT — John Z. DeLorean was back in court Monday watching jury selection for his trial on federal racketeering charges that he defrauded investors in his now-defunct automobile company out of \$8.9 million.

"This isn't exactly the homecoming I was expecting," the 61-year-old former General Motors Corp. executive said as he entered the federal courthouse in downtown Detroit.

Howard Weitzman, DeLorean's chief lawyer, said later that the defense hoped to "get a jury like in California, one that will allow the truth to be heard."

DeLorean was acquitted of drug charges by a Los Angeles jury in 1984. "They framed me in L.A., and they're doing the same thing here," said DeLorean, referring to an FBI undercover operation that resulted in the cocaine distribution charges.

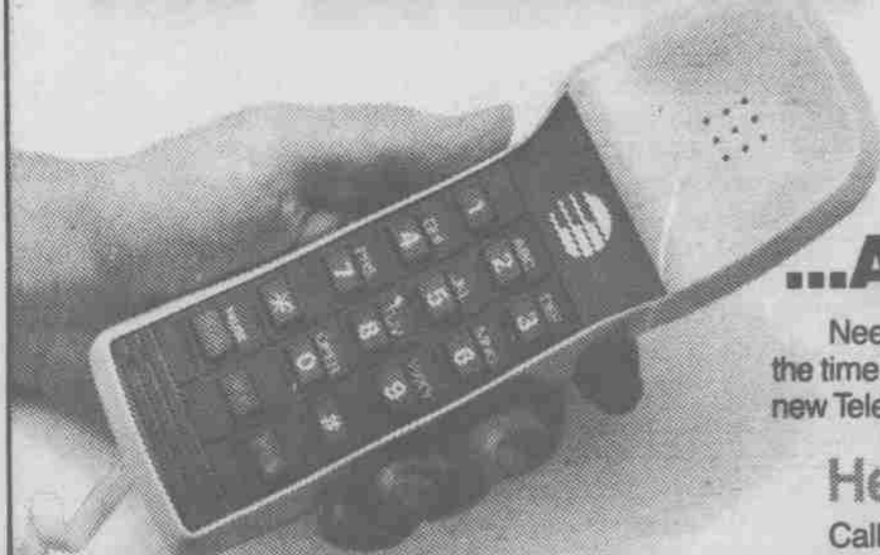
A grand jury last year accused DeLorean of diverting investments in his DeLorean Motor Co., which built stainless-steel sports cars in Northern Ireland, and using it for repayment of loans, purchase of jewelry and other personal purposes.

DeLorean faces a maximum penalty on the racketeering charge of 20 years in prison, \$25,000 in fines and forfeiture of any ill-gotten gains. Court officials said the jury selection process likely will take two weeks.

DeLorean Motor Co., a Michigan corporation founded in 1975, fell into financial difficulty shortly after production began in 1981 and filed for bankruptcy the next year.

The 15-count grand jury indictment charged that in 1978 and 1979 DeLorean funneled through various European banks into his own accounts \$8.9 million raised from 140 investors. The money was to have gone to DeLorean Research Limited Partnership, the research arm of the car company.

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