

# Soviet submarine leaves U.S. coast

From Associated Press reports

WASHINGTON — A Soviet nuclear-powered submarine crippled by fire began slowly moving again on its own power Sunday in the Atlantic, and then hooked up a line to a sister vessel that towed it away from the U.S. coast, the Pentagon said.

The fire that killed three crewmen Friday appeared to be out, as the ailing vessel carrying ballistic missiles limped away to the northeast from its sentry post east of Bermuda, Pentagon spokesman Maj. Larry Icenogle said.

The sub began moving early

Sunday afternoon at two nautical miles per hour, Icenogle said. But a little more than four hours later, around 5 p.m. EDT, he reported, "The Soviet sub is under tow by the Soviet merchant vessel Krasnogvardeysk."

A Pentagon official, who asked not to be quoted by name, said earlier that many of the sub's crew were evacuated to nearby Soviet merchant ships. A U.S. Navy tug was in the area ready to assist, if needed.

"As near as we can tell, the fire has been extinguished," the source said.

The sub normally carries about

120 people, and a Pentagon official said, "We know they have taken a lot of them (the crew) off, but we don't have a precise number."

U.S. P-3 Orion reconnaissance planes, which have been flying over the sub 552 miles east of Bermuda through the weekend, reported that smoke stopped spewing from the vessel Sunday morning and no personnel were observed on the deck of the sub, Icenogle said.

President Reagan, who learned of the fire in a message from Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, offered the U.S. government's assistance, but White House representatives

said Sunday the Soviets have not asked for help.

Tass, the official Soviet news agency, reported that fire broke out on the sub 620 miles northeast of Bermuda. The announcement said three people were killed, but there was no danger of nuclear explosion or radiation contamination.

The ship is a Yankee-class submarine, which according to the *Jane's Fighting Ships*, is an old-class submarine that first appeared in the mid-1960s, capable of carrying 16 missiles. It has two nuclear reactors to drive two steam turbines.

# Freed dissident to continue struggle for human rights

From Associated Press reports

NEW YORK — Soviet dissident Yuri Orlov, freed from nearly a decade of internal exile in the deal that allowed an American reporter to leave Moscow, arrived Sunday in the United States and pledged to continue the human rights work that led to his banishment.

"I'm very glad I have begun a free life," Orlov said, speaking through an interpreter at a brief meeting with reporters after he and his wife, Irina, arrived at John F. Kennedy International Airport about 2:30 p.m.

"I can say whatever I want freely. Now, I can speak my mind about how the Soviet Union should develop."

Orlov, 62, has been in poor health, but said he felt well.

## Club turns to other projects

RALEIGH — With none of its candidates on the November ballot in North Carolina, the National Congressional Club has turned its attention to the Alabama senatorial race as well as the U.S. State Department's feud with Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C.

The Raleigh-based club, which is Helms' political organization, has offered its help to the reelection of Republican Sen. Jeremiah Denton of Alabama.

The club has raised \$8 million

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and spent \$8.5 million for the 18-month period ending June 30. But for the first time in a decade, the Congressional Club is not sponsoring a Senate or congressional candidate in North Carolina. The club's handpicked candidate, David Funderburk, lost the GOP primary to Sen. Jim Broyhill.

So far, the club has not become involved in the race between Broyhill and former Gov. Terry Sanford.

## Flood areas see some respite

Rivers slowly receded Sunday from record flood crests in Oklahoma and Illinois, where an estimated 45,000 people were forced from their homes over the past week, and more were evacuated in parts of Missouri.

Water crested during the night at one Oklahoma city at a record 18 feet above flood stage, leaving snakes swimming for safety, and a levee break flooded a Missouri town.

Little or no rain fell Sunday across the region, which got up to 2 feet in the past week, but almost 12 inches of rain fell in 24 hours in Texas, causing scattered flooding around the western town of McCamey.

# State to help UNC enforce drinking age

By MICHAEL A. KOLB

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University Police will not operate any undercover operations to combat underage drinking this year, but the N.C. Alcohol Law Enforcement Agency sends undercover agents to the UNC campus each year, said Sgt. Ned Comar of University Police.

Along with police, the State Bureau of Investigation and the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission can investigate and arrest those who drink while underage or

who give or sell alcoholic beverages to anyone under 21, the age limit that went into effect Sept. 1.

"I don't anticipate any covert activities to enforce the law," Comar said. "We have too many other duties." He said enforcement of the drinking age was "... not our top priority, but if we run into it or are called to it, we must enforce the law."

Keith Lohmann, planner for the Chapel Hill Police Department, said the precinct has run undercover

operations in the past and would consider using them in the future. The last undercover alcohol law operation run by Chapel Hill police was about a year to a year and a half ago, Lohmann said.

The department usually did not do undercover work at fraternity and sorority houses, he said, because they were located on private property. Chapel Hill police might initiate an undercover operation if a complaint was lodged against one of the houses, he said.

Lohmann and Comar said their departments noted an increase in citations and arrests made for underage possession since the law went into effect. Lohmann said the increase was significant, while Comar said University Police has given about five citations for underage possession of alcohol.

Chapel Hill police have arrested 20 people for underage possession since Sept. 1, including two people

during the party on Franklin Street.

Possession of alcohol by someone 18 years old and younger is a misdemeanor and goes on the offender's record. Possession of alcohol by a 19- or 20-year-old is an infraction, carrying a fine for the first offense. It does not go on the offender's record.

A recent undercover operation in Gastonia used a 16-year-old to determine if local convenience stores were selling alcohol to underage customers. The teen-ager went into convenience stores, put a six-pack on the counter and tried to purchase it. If asked, he would show his license, which stated his age to be 16. He was still able to purchase the six-pack in some of the stores.

# Conservatives gain strength

By KAREN McMANIS

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Nothing is new about religion as an issue in N.C. politics, but observers say recent developments may indicate a growing intensity, unity and volume among Christian conservatives.

An example of the apparent intrusion of religion into politics occurred when Rep. Bill Cobey distributed to voters a fund-raising letter that described him as an "ambassador for Christ."

Although Cobey's Democratic challenger David Price denounced the letter, saying it was designed to subtly question his sincerity as a Christian, Gene Baker, a founder of

the Coalition of Concerned North Carolinians, supported Cobey's action in publishing it.

"For too long, politicians have been reluctant to say I am a Christian," Baker said, "and those who do are often misunderstood."

Jay Stone, press secretary for Roger Sharpe, N.C. director of People for the American Way, said the group members did not share Baker's opinion.

He said People for the American Way has been actively following the campaigns of public officials in North Carolina, and has been especially concerned with what appears to be a disregard of the Sixth Amendment, calling for a separation

of church and state.

"When people like Mr. Cobey start questioning the religious practices of a competitor," Stone said, "it borders on religious intolerance. His words implied that he was a true Christian and that David Price was not as much of one."

Stone said this type of statement is similar to the McCarthy movement of the 1950s.

People for the American Way is a non-partisan organization and cannot endorse a candidate for public office, Stone said. It serves as a citizens action group to keep people informed of what both Democratic and Republican candidates are doing.

The Coalition of Concerned North Carolinians is representative of the religious right and was the same group involved in censoring text books and passing the new law against obscenity, he said.

Recently, these groups of fundamentalists have banded together in a type of "holy alliance," Stone said.

Baker, chairman of the 3rd District Republican Executive Committee, disagreed, saying fundamentalists do not want to force their beliefs on anyone, but want to counter what they view as a systematic purging of Christianity from public life.

He said the public often misunderstands the motives of men — such as Cobey — who speak up for their beliefs. "All he was saying in the letter was that he believed in Christ as his savior and that makes him an ambassador for Christ," Baker said.



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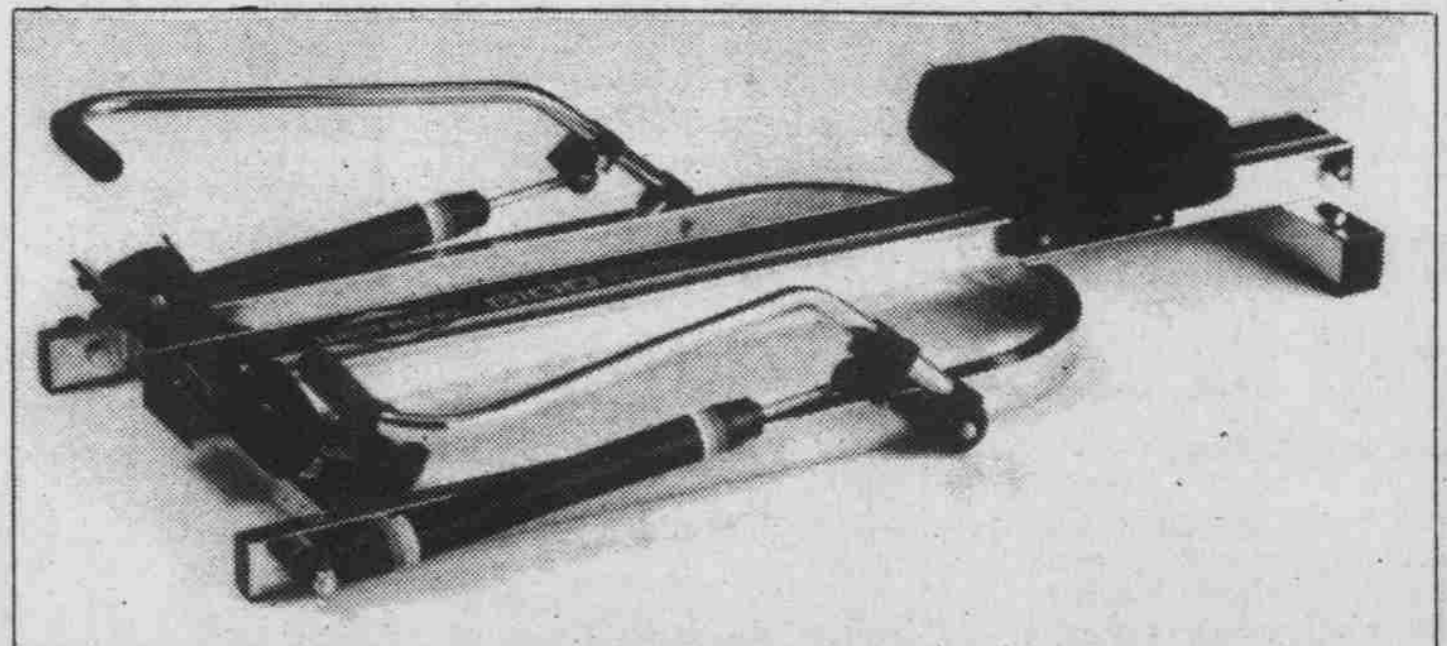
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