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Navy investigates USS Iowa tragedy

From Associated Press reports
WASHINGTON — Red-hot debris may have ignited the blast that killed 47 sailors on the USS Iowa, Navy officers said Thursday, as the bodies were flown home and families of the battleship's 1,600 crewmen learned whether their relatives were among the dead.

No eyewitnesses survived Wednesday's explosion in one of two forward 16-inch gun turrets on the Iowa, one of the largest warships ever to sail the seas.

The Navy organized a board of inquiry and placed a moratorium on firing 16-inch guns, found only on the Iowa and its three sister battleships, the New Jersey, the Wisconsin and the Missouri.

Pentagon officials declined to speculate publicly about the exact cause of the disaster, the worst to strike a Navy ship since 1977, but officers said the "logical explanation"

for the explosion was that red-hot debris from a previous round ignited new charges as they were loaded into the breech of one of the turret's three guns.

"We have no eyewitnesses to what actually transpired," Defense Secretary Dick Cheney told reporters as he headed back to Washington from a NATO meeting in Brussels.

An Air Force cargo plane flew the bodies of the 47 — one officer and 46 enlisted men — to Dover Air Force Base, as the Iowa headed for its home port of Norfolk, Va., after unloading the bodies off Puerto Rico.

Navy Secretary William Ball attended a memorial service at the Delaware base, home of the Pentagon's largest mortuary. The flag-draped coffins were carried off a plane by Navy honor guards.

Around the United States, Navy officers and chaplains broke the news

to the dead men's next of kin.

The job began just before midnight Wednesday, when officials in Norfolk received the list of the dead.

"I've done it many times and I'll never get used to it," said Cmdr. Doug Palmer, acting chaplain for the Norfolk Navy Base. Twelve men had families in the Norfolk area.

The commander of the U.S. 2nd Fleet, Adm. Jerome Johnson, who was on board the Iowa, told reporters in Puerto Rico, "The fire and explosion was instantaneous."

Cheney indicated that the casualties were all in the swiveling gun house at the top of the turret, rather than the mechanical compartments and ammunition magazines below it.

Eleven men escaped from powder magazines deep within the ship at the base of the seven-story turret. A dozen crew members suffered minor injuries fighting the fire caused by the explosion. They were treated back at

their posts today, said Pentagon spokesman Fred Hoffman.

At the White House, President Bush brushed aside suggestions that the explosion was due to the age of the Iowa, a World War II leviathan brought out of mothballs during the military buildup of the Reagan administration.

Asked about the ship's safety, Bush told reporters he wanted to insure that procedures were checked "to be sure that safety is at the highest point . . . but I wouldn't jump to the conclusion that because that kind of powder was put into these turrets in that way, that that makes a useful platform obsolete."

Adm. Richard Milligan, a former commander of the New Jersey, began the board of inquiry's investigation. Hoffman said he could not predict when the investigation would be completed.

President deflects questions on Iran-Contra documents

From Associated Press reports
WASHINGTON — President Bush said Thursday that his conscience was clear about the Iran-Contra affair and that Congress should deal with Ronald Reagan's lawyers — not him — about sensitive White House documents that lawmakers say were withheld from them.

Bush said he would "offer full cooperation to any request made of this administration" for information. However, he said documents from the Reagan White House were in "the control and custody" of the Federal Archives. A White House official, asked about the president's promise of cooperation, said he did not know specifically what the pledge might mean.

Talking with a small group of reporters, Bush expressed confidence that Reagan administration attorneys had been cooperative in supplying Congress with the information it wanted.

Members of the congressional committees that investigated the Iran-Contra episode have complained they did not see politically sensitive documents that have turned up in the trial of fired White House aide Oliver North.

News in Brief

whizzed past the Earth last month before astronomers even knew it was there, showing how hard it is to forecast a natural disaster from space, a NASA scientist said Thursday.

The mountain-sized asteroid flashed by the Earth at a speed of 46,000 miles an hour and was not even detected until days after it had become only a receding point of light, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration announced.

Astronomers reported that the object missed the Earth by only half a million miles, about twice the distance between the Earth and the moon. In terms of the cosmos, this is considered "a close call."

Had it hit the Earth, said Bevan French, a scientist in NASA's solar system exploration division, the asteroid would have created a crater the size of the District of Columbia and spread destruction for 100 miles in all directions.

Soviet landslides cause deaths
 MOSCOW — Landslides and flooding struck the mountainous area of Adzharia in Soviet Georgia this week, killing five people and leaving another 47 missing and feared dead, state TV said Thursday.

About 13,000 people are threatened by flooding rivers, snowmelt and mudslides aggravated by earth tremors, the news program "Vremya" said. Already, 800 families have been evacuated, it said, and 3,000 others are due to leave in the near future.

The news show said 52 people were caught in a landslide on Mount Salgan Wednesday that buried four houses and a bus. It said five bodies had been recovered and rescuers were searching for the missing 47.

Cuts

Alford said books designated for the teaching collection would be affected as well.

"We receive phone calls from all over the state to do research for them, and we can't do anything because we cannot use the long distance to call them back."

Other aspects of the day-to-day operation of the libraries have been affected as well.

"The photocopying thing presents

a problem," said Cindy McCause, a library assistant in Davis. "Not being able to have extra copies is a problem. We have certain letter forms that have the carbon sheets attached to them and we have converted to using more and more of them."

"The administration is considering closing Monday through Friday at 5 p.m. and opening only 1 to 5 p.m. on Saturdays. There's a great amount of academic concern if something like

this happens. People pay their fees; I would be ticked off if I paid my fees and research was not available. This says something about the state legislature."

The cuts are not coming from the personnel budget and there will be no layoffs, but people who are looking for jobs will not be able to find them, Alford said.

"I can't find a job anywhere on this campus," said Diana Merelman, a freshman from Madison, Wis. "Everyone is telling me how they can't afford to buy people anymore because of the cuts."

The cuts are affecting the UNC Microcomputing Support System as well, said Stephen Fearington, assistant operations manager.

"We're down to the supplies we

have on hand," Fearington said. "All the paper, ribbons and cartridges will have to last until July. Most of the labs will be all right until July, but the residence halls will be the first to be affected."

The University has already printed signs stating equipment is broken and won't be repaired due to the cuts, Fearington said.

Students and employees of the University, frustrated by the cuts, said their work had suffered a great deal. "They only have one printer that works," said Kim Williams, a freshman from Raleigh and a Hinton James resident. "They should have all the printers in working condition. We can't always go to Venue, because it's so far away."

Budget

adoption date of June 23, he said.

Julie Andresen, a town council member, said she hoped the tax increase could be eliminated. "That's going to be our objective."

The town council also may reduce money allotted for "soft issues" such as affordable housing, she said. "There is not a whole lot more to be done without cutting services or positions."

Andresen said she was pleased the tax increase was reduced from a possible 5 cents to 1.5 cents.

"The manager has done a great job. He's done it without having to sacrifice any essential services."

The issue of raising taxes will not

adversely affect Andresen's reelection campaign this November because there will be other issues, she said.

"I don't feel any vulnerability. The public is sensitized to the tax because of the increase in county tax last year."

People pay more in property taxes now because the property value has increased in Chapel Hill and because the county commissioners have decided to evaluate property more frequently, Andresen said.

"I think our manager does a good job running the town, and we're going to have some tough decisions to make."

Computer Composition Corporation was sub-contracted, and American Passage Media Corps. was ultimately responsible for the printing.

Problems at drop-add as a result of the mistakes are not anticipated, Owen said. "It probably won't be any worse than before."

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Soviet embassy struck

KABUL, Afghanistan — Afghan guerrillas fired a rocket into the Soviet Embassy on Thursday, shattering windows of an administration building but causing no casualties, Soviet officials said.

Soviet diplomats, speaking on condition of anonymity, said they did not believe the attack was deliberate.

They said the rocket was fired from about 20 miles northwest of the capital.

Asteroid squeaks by Earth
WASHINGTON — An asteroid big enough to wipe out cities

For the Record

In Thursday's article, "Chapel Hill among 30 finalists for All-American City Award," it was incorrectly reported that Chapel Hill is a finalist for the All-American City award. The title of the award is the All-American City Award. The Daily Tar Heel regrets the error.

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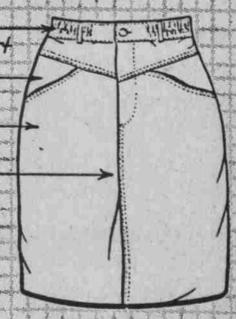
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