

# The Battalion

is now accepting applications for Fall and Summer staff for the following positions:

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- assistant sports editor
- assistant news editor
- assistant At Ease editor
- make-up editor
- cartoonists
- political cartoonists

Applications can be picked up in the Battalion newsroom, 216 Reed McDonald, and are due

**Wednesday, April 27,  
at 5 p.m.**

## World and Nation

### Navy: 3 injured, 11 missing after fire aboard submarine

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) — An explosion and fire struck the diesel submarine USS Bonefish off Florida on Sunday, seriously injuring three sailors and leaving 11 missing, the Navy said. It was not immediately known whether the blaze had been extinguished.

The Bonefish, one of the last diesel submarines in service in the Navy, surfaced 160 miles east of Cape Canaveral, Fla., where it was on a routine exercise, Cmdr. Fred Leeder, spokesman for the Atlantic Fleet, said.

Eighteen crew members were transferred to the aircraft carrier USS John F. Kennedy, three in serious condition, said Lt. Cmdr. Bill Sonntag of the Atlantic Fleet headquarters in Norfolk.

Sonntag said the submarine, which was also being assisted by the frigates USS McCloy and USS Carr, was

believed to have had 100 people aboard, 89 of whom had been accounted for. Ships searched for crew members, Sonntag said.

The 4:30 p.m. fire was believed caused by an explosion in the 30-year-old submarine's battery compartment, Sonntag said. Because of fire and toxic fumes, the commanding officer ordered the vessel evacuated, he said.

Leeder said the Carr would attempt to tow the submarine to either Port Canaveral or Charleston, S.C., the Bonefish's home port. There apparently was no serious problem in keeping the Bonefish afloat Sunday evening, Leeder said.

He said he did not know whether the submarine would be abandoned completely.

### Najib offers withdrawal of troops from border

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — President Najib on Monday offered to withdraw Afghan troops from their posts near the Pakistani border if anti-communist guerrillas and Pakistan agree to do the same.

"We are ready to create a non-military line" between Afghanistan and Pakistan, Najib said at the opening of celebrations marking the 10th anniversary of the Afghan revolution that installed a Soviet-backed government.

Najib told an assembly of three small parties loyal to his government that such a withdrawal would allow the estimated 3 million Afghan refugees in Pakistan to return home.

However, the proposal appeared to be little more than a face-saving acknowledgement of the difficulties the Afghan army is having against onslaughts by anti-communist guerrillas, based in Pakistan and supplied with U.S. and Chinese weapons.

Soviet troops entered Afghanistan in 1979 to help quell an uprising by a guerrilla front.

The Soviet Union has agreed to start withdrawing its estimated 115,000 troops from Afghanistan on

May 15 under a U.N.-mediated agreement signed April 14 in Geneva by the United States, the Soviet Union, Afghanistan and Pakistan.

The United States, China and several other countries have been aiding the Afghan guerrillas via Pakistan. The Soviet Union arms the Afghan military forces. Each superpower has reserved the right to continue its assistance as long as the other one does.

The guerrillas, who were not direct party to the Geneva accord, have vowed to continue fighting until Najib's government is overthrown.

On Sunday, Najib confirmed a guerrilla claim that the Afghan army had been pushed out of Barikot, a key post on the Pakistani frontier.

Barikot, 150 miles northeast of Kabul, controls a major road leading into Afghanistan from Pakistan. The guerrillas said the victory opened a new, direct supply route for weapons into Afghanistan.

The guerrillas said Monday they have taken control of three other strategic towns in recent weeks.

### Israeli police arrest suspects in Jerusalem

JERUSALEM (AP) — Police arrested Jerusalem wholesalers Monday who were said to be helping the Palestinian rebellion in the occupied lands, and soldiers confiscated identity cards of several dozen Arabs accused of inciting violence.

Military spokesmen said a navy patrol craft sank a rubber boat off the Lebanese coast before dawn, killing an undetermined number of Palestinian guerrillas. Israel radio said two guerrillas were in the boat.

Israel radio said loss of the documents would prevent the Gaza Strip Palestinians from entering Israel. It said the Arabs also were ordered to check in with Gaza police twice a day.

At least 173 Palestinians have been killed since riots began Dec. 8 among the 1.5 million Arabs of the occupied West Bank and Gaza, which Israel captured from Jordan and Egypt in the 1967 war. An Israeli soldier and Jewish settler also have been killed.

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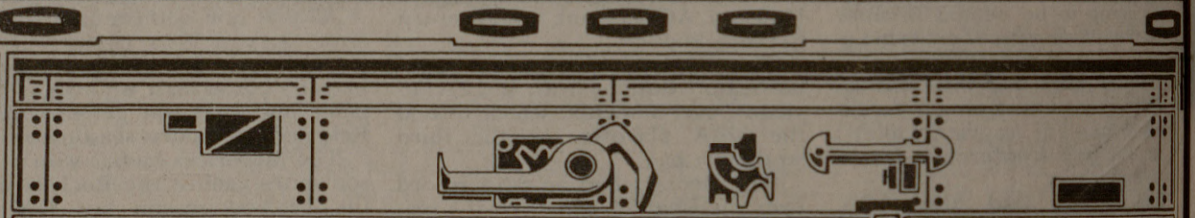
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