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International rescue in Adriatic tragedy

MANY DEAD FEAR AS GREEK FIRE SHIP IS GUTTED

MANY PEOPLE WERE FEARED DEAD TO-DAY AFTER A HORROR BLAZE ABOARD A GREEK SHIP OFF ITALY'S ADRIATIC COAST.

The 11,674-ton Heleanna, with 1,000 on board, was gutted about 25 miles north of Brindisi—apparently after an explosion in the galley.

Last night the authorities reported that between 800 and 700 survivors had been plucked from the sea. Four hundred were taken on board the Yugoslav ship Universe Deliverer and the Italian merchant and Italian Naval ships at the scene.

The Dalian Moro said interpreters had questioned survivors from the sea. An undermanned submarine, the Nautilus, left the Italian shore, Adriatic to leave after the disaster.

Rescue ships Sedoski took on 40 survivors and a plane from a U.S. Air Force base in Germany. Two helicopters and seven aircraft carrying over then the burning ship.

Rescue operations included a marine headquarters at Taranto, and relieving helicopters and aircraft from Italy and neighbouring countries arrived to assist in the search.

"Many bodies"

Some survivors were "many bodies in the sea."

A port authority spokesman said: "Many ships, motor ship and helicopter in the area have been sent to assist. Some survivors have been landed from Greece to the Italian port of Ancona.

Rescue ships and helicopters picked injured people but no lives off by helicopter and taken to the Brindisi military airport.

Early reports said 150 passengers were on board. Almost one cancel vessel. An undetermined number of passengers were taken by helicopter to Brindisi.

Passenger and crew dined 1,000 on board. Most survivors in the Italian navy ship.

Rescue helicopters, warships and half-a-dozen merchant ships including one Russian vessel were in the area. Some of the ship's crew also rushed to the scene.

Smoke signals

An aircraft was flying over the ship and dropped smoke signals to guide more rescue vessels approaching the area.

Rescue operations were under cover from the Italian ship "Bersaglieri" taking part in the rescue and support in authorities at Brindisi.

The Heleanna is owned by C. S. Efthymiadis of Piraeus. The vessel, 457ft long, carries a crew of 100 and was built in 1955 and carries aluminium.

Last night the Greek Minister of Merchant Marine said the ship was used on the run between Greece and the Adriatic coast, and Corfu and Patras, Greece.

Mr. Efthymiadis and the ship owner based from Patras in the Northwest Peloponnese, in Greece, when the fire broke out.

Reports reaching Athens said the fire started in the ship's galley when the Heleanna was 15 miles off Brindisi, on a run between Bari and Brindisi.

£150 fire damage

About £150 damage occurred in a fire at the home of Mrs. Pauline Bates, of 4, Church-lane, Scholar Green, Stoke-on-Trent, last night. It caught fire in Newcastle Corporation street car park.

Record entries

Entries for today's Alsager Horticultural Society Show in St. Mary's Church Hall were the highest ever. There were 1,000 entries, almost the largest since 1964, and 50 up on last year's entries.

Dead girl's mother sees her husband

A heartsicken housewife is at her husband's bedside in a French hospital to-day 48 hours after the accident in which he was injured and their nine-years-old daughter, Karen, was killed.

Mother-of-four Mrs. Helen Dale, aged 32, of 31, Kelvin-road, Longton, left for the Continent yesterday within hours of being told of the tragedy.

Driver was Mr. Michael Kelaway, 35, of Bridge, Ashford, who, Mr. Michael Kelaway, 35, of Bridge, Ashford, who, Mr. Michael Kelaway, 35, of Bridge, Ashford, who,