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Weather hampers rescue at sea

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Tossed about in the Pacific's "worst weather of the year," some of the crewmen from the sunken lumber ship Carnelian-1 clung to floating logs from their vessel's scattered cargo and awaited rescue.

Two men were safely aboard the Panamanian-registered ship Hunter, itself in trouble with cargo shifting in its hold. Six others were rescued by the freighter Wisteria, which arrived on the scene, 1,400 miles northwest of Honolulu, about midnight Thursday.

A Japanese ship, Shunyo Maru, was expected there this morning, but a Coast Guard cutter dispatched from Alaska would not reach the scene until Saturday.

At last light on Thursday, the pilot of a Coast Guard plane flying above the scene said he could count fewer than half the ship's 33 crew members bobbing in the 20-foot seas.

The Wisteria's night-long rescue effort was aided by flares dropped from a circling Air Force plane. But the Coast Guard, noting the difficult weather conditions, said most of the crewman could not be rescued before first light — about 1 p.m. EST.

Eight men were balanced on a logjam from the cargo of the sunken ship, and three more were perched atop an upside down lifeboat from the Carnelian-1.

"A few" others were seen in rubber rafts dropped from planes to

the life-jacketed men, a Coast Guard spokesman said. A second lifeboat from the sunken ship was spotted drifting out of reach.

The spokesman said the Coast Guard plane dropped six 20-man rubber rafts and survival kits containing fresh water, food, lights and flares to the men.

"We have confirmed that some of them have gotten into the rafts that we dropped," he said.

The 472-foot Hunter arrived about four hours after the crewmen abandoned the sinking Carnelian-1, but the spokesman said the shifting cargo sent it rolling on the rough seas and slowed rescue efforts.

The National Weather Service said one storm had raged through the area for "several days" and another was moving in from the northwest.

"They'll have a lull in the winds and then the next one is going to roll in on them," said meteorologist Emil Gunther. He estimated winds in the area had dropped from

60 miles per hour to 35. "It's the worst weather of the year," said forecaster Bob Morrell.

Gunther said water temperatures in the area probably are "fairly warm" 65 to 69 degrees.

The Carnelian-1 first radioed at 10:15 a.m. PST Thursday that a deckload of lumber had broken loose and tumbled over the side in the storm. Further transmissions indicated the ship was flooding and its pumps had failed.

At 12:55 p.m., the Coast Guard said, the radio operator of the 466-foot lumber carrier messaged he was leaving his radio to stand by his lifeboat station.

More than an hour later a Navy plane arrived to send back first reports of crewmen clinging to floating logs.

The spokesman said the Carnelian-1 disappeared beneath the waters some time after the men abandoned ship.

1 inmate dead, 1 in custody

One Indiana State Prison inmate is dead and another in custody following a stabbing incident at 11:30 a.m. today in the prison dining room.

The dead man was identified by Warden Jack Duckworth as Nick Green, 27, serving a 1-5 year term for theft by deception.

Green was sentenced from White

County. Prison authorities said a homemade knife apparently was used.

It is believed a grudge may have caused the incident, but a prison official said no theory has yet been developed for a motive.

Identity of Green's assailant has not been revealed.

Dog walks into trouble; saved by dog warden, NIPSCO workers

If the brown and black German Shepherd which took residence at the Humane Society yesterday could speak, he'd probably say dog's best friend is man.

The 2½-year-old dog is alive and well today, thanks to the rescue efforts of Dog Warden Don Nall.

The dog ambled into a shaker-feeder coal hopper at the NIPSCO generating station yesterday

morning.

The dog fell 20 feet into the hopper, located below railroad tracks. The hopper is a storage bin for NIPSCO's coal.

NIPSCO workers dropped food in the hole for the dog until Nall could arrive.

"The dog didn't appear to be hurt," Nall said. "However, he was scared, so I climbed down into the

bin to quiet him down. Once I had him calmed down, I fastened a rope around the dog's front legs and chest. I climbed out of the hole and, with the help of one of the NIPSCO guys, hoisted him out."

"We're keeping him at the animal shelter, hoping his owner will claim him," Nall said. "He's a nice dog, and I would think he belongs to someone."



Who took the fall?

Where did the green, green leaves of summer and fall go? This picture of the Washington Park tower was taken before the latest snow flurries struck the

Michigan City area. Does the snow signal an early winter? It's still too early to tell. (News-Dispatch photo by Bill Swedenberg)

Police arrest one suspect in armed theft

By HENRY LANGE
News-Dispatch staff writer

A suspect in an armed robbery at the National Food Store, Eastgate Plaza, this morning is being questioned by police.

Detective Sgt. Robert Bell said the man was taken into custody shortly after the robbery at about 9:20 a.m. and a second man is sought in the case.

Bell said the arrest is expected to clear up a rash of armed robberies in the city in recent days.

Police said two men entered the National and walked to the cosmetic section.

One man ripped off a portion of an advertisement and wrote "money please" on it. He then presented it to a cashier and pointed a pistol at her.

The woman turned over \$200. Bell credited the actions of News-Dispatch photographer Bill Swedenberg with bringing police to a home where a car, believed to have been used by the robbers, was parked.

"This is the kind of help we need," Bell said.

Swedenberg, who was out on assignment, followed a suspicious car, then reported it to police from a nearby home on Miller Street.

Swedenberg was driving east on 11th Street and saw several patrol cars in the area. He learned that two men were wanted for a robbery and crossed Michigan Boulevard driving in the direction the patrol cars were headed.

"I saw a black car with two men in it and followed it down Walker Street," Swedenberg said. "There was a car between us, but I followed the other vehicle to Eighth Street, down 'E' Street to Miller — a dead end street."

He said the car pulled into a driveway at 530 Miller St.

Swedenberg parked and began

looking for a phone. He finally found a house with a phone and asked the resident to call the police.

"The man brought the phone to the door and I gave the location of the suspicious car. All the while, someone at 530 Miller St. stood on the porch and watched me," he said.

Swedenberg reported police converged on the area in moments, but the two men could not be found. Fresh footprints were found in back of the house.

Capt. Woodford Foster said the suspect was picked up as he walked near the intersection of Miller and "D" streets.

Mayor Joseph LaRocco commended Swedenberg for his efforts and announced he is conferring with police officials concerning the rise in robberies and burglaries.

"Christmas is coming and some persons would rather steal than work. We plan to do something about it," LaRocco said.



BILL SWEDENBERG

Crown Point jail sold for \$50,000

CROWN POINT, Ind. (AP) — The Crown Point Jail, scene of John Dillinger's most famous jailbreak, was sold at auction today for \$50,000.

Lake County restaurateur Ed Kis said he plans to turn the 94-year old structure into a combination museum-entertainment center.

Dillinger, the notorious Depression-era bank robber who was the most wanted man in America at one time, escaped from the jail on March 3, 1934 after he fashioned a fake pistol from a bar of soap and some black shoe polish.

The county stopped using the jail in 1975.

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Dog gone

Louis Meska told us he found a new home for his puppy on the first call after he ran this 3-line classified ad.

Male Puppy, Pure White
FREE to good home
Ph. 873-8508 after 1 p.m.

You'll be surprised with the dog gone good results you'll get if you place a classified ad to sell those unwanted items. Just call one of our advisors at 874-7211 or from LaPorte, 362-3849.

Deaths

Adam Siegmund, 97, R.R. 1, Wilson Road, New Buffalo, Mich.

Roger Sigle, 25, R.R. 2, Box 245, Chesterton, Ind.

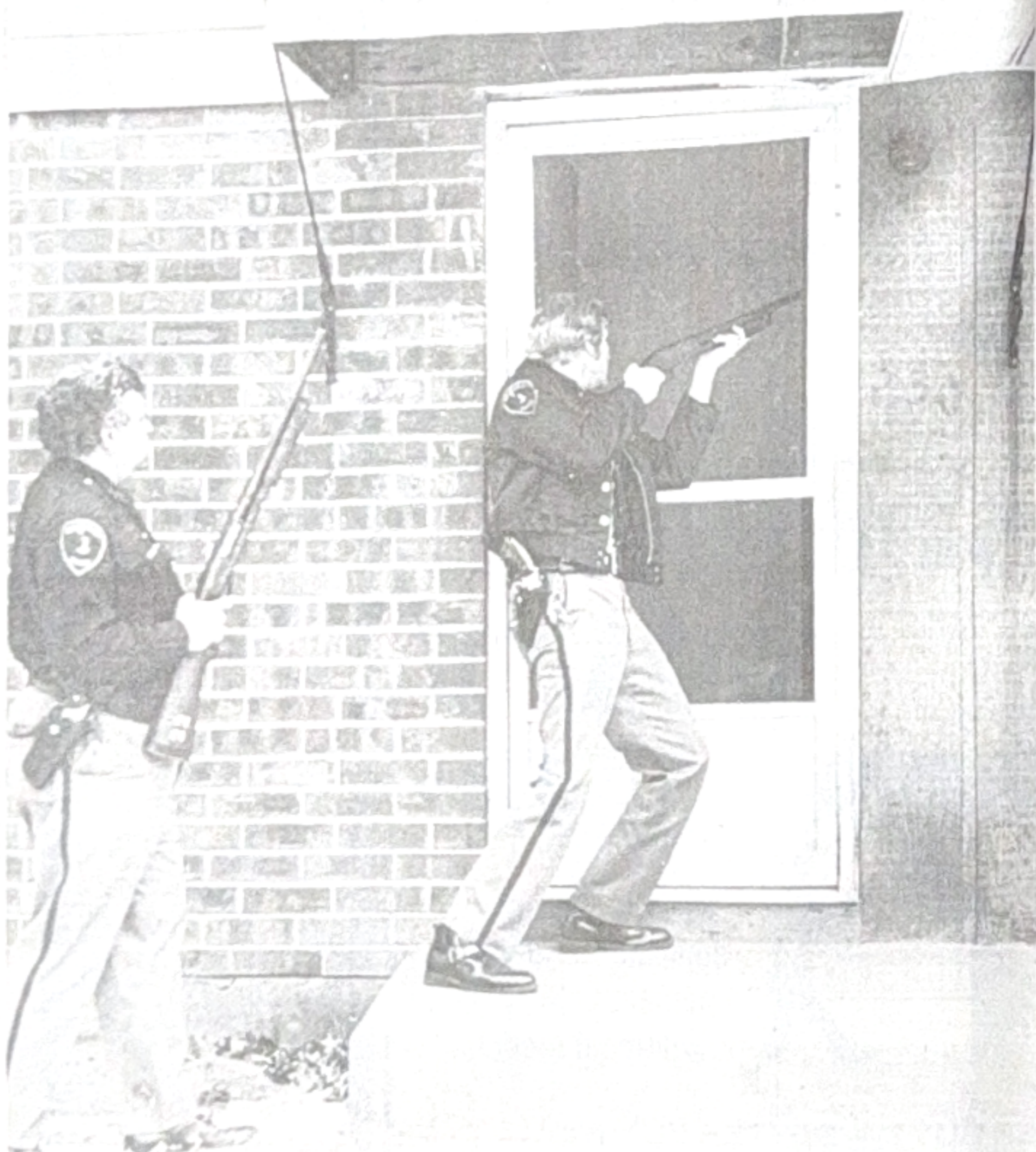
Parker Wineman, 72, Mall Court.
(Details on Pages 7 and 13)

Weather

SUNNY



Mostly cloudy and cold with snow flurries tonight. Low in low to mid 20s. Sunny and warmer tomorrow. High near 40. High yesterday 30, low 26, at the local U.S. Coast Guard Station.



Search for robbers

Patrolmen Ed Bohle (left) and Barry Young approach a house at 530 Miller St. this morning, searching for two men who robbed the National Food Store at Eastgate Plaza. A car believed used in

the holdup was in front of the house. Police have a suspect in custody. (News-Dispatch photo by Bill Swedenberg)