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Valiant Crew Saves The Ship—Three Injured

FIRE DRAMA ON CORVETTE

Injured Hero

Depth Charge Fractured Oil Feed Pipe

THE Irish Naval Service personnel experienced their first real test of emergency conditions at sea yesterday when, as she was approximately 10 miles off Roches Point, fire broke out in No. 2 boiler room and spread to No. 1 boiler room of the L.E. Cliona following the dropping of depth charges. It appears that the cause of the outbreak was the fracture of the oil feed pipe to the furnace caused by concussion from a stem rail depth charge.

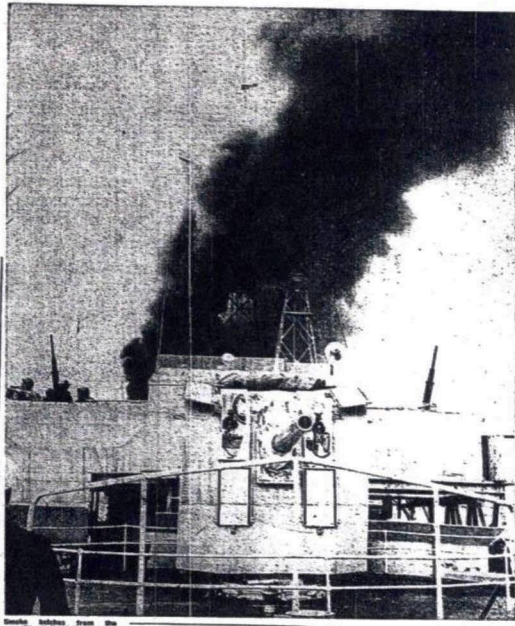
At one stage the situation became so fraught with danger that it was thought that the skipper would give the order to abandon ship, but valiant, cool work by the crew averted a serious situation for all concerned. Two of the engineers staff were injured. A third member of the crew, who received arm burns, showed great presence of mind by switching off the oil controls in the engine-rooms.

Reds Near Thai Border

INDIAN officials have been alerted to the possibility of a Communist take-over in Thailand, U.S. military sources said yesterday. Indian sources said the Communist take-over in Thailand was being planned by the Chinese. It was reported to be unlikely that the Chinese would attempt to take the border town of Sipsong Panna, which is the only land route to Thailand, U.S. military sources said. The Communist take-over in Thailand would be a serious blow to the U.S. military position in the region, U.S. military sources said.

Khrushchev Talks Of Paradise

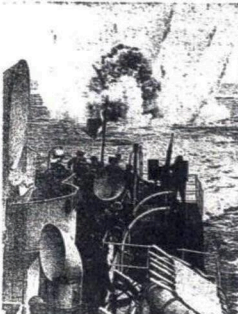
Mr. Khrushchev last night admitted the possibility of a Communist take-over in Thailand, U.S. military sources said. He said that the Communist take-over in Thailand would be a serious blow to the U.S. military position in the region, U.S. military sources said.



Smoke billows from corvette at the height of the emergency.



Skp. Wm. Ryan, at helm, was the hero of the hour.



Before the fire . . . Cliona drops a depth charge.

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COMMENDATIONS FOR CREW OF LE CLIONA



On the 1st September 2016, the Minister with Responsibility for Defence, Mr. Paul Kehoe, TD presented Scrolls of Commendation to former crew members of the LÉ Cliona at a ceremony held on board the L. É. Niamh in Dublin.