

# *Explosions As Hunt For Sub. Continues*

**BUENOS AIRES, Tuesday (A.A.P.).**  
—The Argentine Navy announced officially late yesterday that seven ships and a group of military planes are continuing to hunt for a mystery submarine, believed to be hiding on the seabed in a gulf in southern Argentine.

The Secretary for the Navy, Rear Admiral Gaston Clement, after a meeting with President Arturo Frondizi, told reporters the search was continuing. He also said he did not know whether the submarine had been damaged by depth charges.

Earlier yesterday more explosions were heard in Golfo Nuevo, 700 miles south of Buenos Aires, where destroyers and frigates are sounding the seabed with sonar equipment. The 10-mile entrance

ment. The 10-mile entrance to the gulf has been heavily mined and depth charges dropped.

This is the third submarine scare in the last two years in Argentina. All have been in the same zone and there has never been any hint of the intruder's nationality. The latest scare started 10 days ago.

A bomb from the air is believed to have hit the submarine on Friday, according to the usually cautious news-

paper La Prensa. It also reports that code messages from the submarine have been monitored by the Navy.

In Washington, the U.S. Navy said it had no submarines in or near the gulf.

American newspapers said the submarine had crash-dived after being attacked by Argentine patrol craft and was on the ocean floor, 90 feet down.

Catalina flying boats have been sent to the scene from two Argentine naval bases. The aircraft, which carry half a ton of bombs, are ready to attack if the submarine breaks out.

The civilian population of Puerto Madryn, a gulf town, has flocked to the usually deserted shore, trying to spot

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the elusive periscope—which  
nobody seems to have seen.

Apparently the sole grounds  
for the submarine theory are  
reports of sonar contact with  
what naval quarters term "an  
unidentified underwater ob-  
ject."