

50 KILLED IN AIRLINER CRASH

Huge Craft Falls, Explodes, Burns After Striking Hill Near Oakland, Calif., Airport

By JERRY T. BAULCH

OAKLAND, Calif. — (AP) — Fifty persons perished on the crest of a low hill near here today as a million-dollar airliner crashed and disintegrated. There were no survivors.

Hours later broken bodies were being taken from the shattered wreckage of the United Airlines plane. At the top of the hill there lay the body of a little tow-headed boy. His skull was crushed. Others lay in tangled debris in a ravine.

The plane, a DC-6-B, was flying non-stop from Chicago to Oakland. The flight originated in Boston Thursday night, and the four-engine ship had stopped at Hartford and Cleveland, in addition to Chicago.

Only five minutes before the plane was to have landed at Oakland airport, it crashed inexplicably into a low hill 11 miles east of Decoto, a farming community about ten miles southeast of Oakland.

Three minutes before the crash, Pilot Marion W. Hedden of Los Altos, Calif., had given the control tower a routine report.

Then residents of the area were startled by a flaming flash and the rumble of a blast. The six crew members and the 44 passengers died when the huge liner plowed into the hill. The shattered debris rained down for 20 yards as the plane slid into the sharp ribbed ravine at the base of the knoll.

The DC-6-B type plane has been in United airline service since Aug. 1. Its use has been the source of a controversy between the airlines pilots' association and the various air lines.

Last June the pilots struck United for ten days, demanding that their mileage be geared to the handling of the faster and larger plane.

About two acres of grass and scrub brush burned as the fire and blast shook the giant liner into a thousand pieces.

Baggage, personal effects, letters, clothing and parts of bodies were strewn over the area, but most of the bodies were found in the ravine at the foot of the hill.

Pieces of the four engines were scattered over the grass and brush patches. It was just a burned hillside of debris, bodies and bits of bodies.

Joe F. Angel, who operates a motor tow service in nearby Hayward, said he saw the fire and started toward it. He said he heard a second explosion about 25 minutes after the crash.

The weather bureau said visibility was about six miles, and the cloud ceiling was between 1,100 and 1,500 feet at the hour of the crash.

Veteran Airmen Die
In addition to Captain Hedden, the crew members — all Californians — were First Officer George A. Jewett of Redwood City, who made 30 missions in World War II as pilot of B-24s; Flight Engineer Mario A. Durante of Sausalito; Arthur W. Kessler, 42, of Redwood City, veteran of 20 years with UAL, who was on the trip as flight observer after a vacation trip to Chicago, and Stewardesses Marilyn Murphy of San Mateo and La Verne Sholes of Palo Alto.

Jewett had been with UAL six years, and on the Oakland-Chicago run about five years.

Kessler and his wife were in Chicago on a vacation. He left her there to make the trip back to his Redwood City home.

PORTLAND, Ore. — (AP) — Two of the Oakland plane crash victims headed what at one time was the world's largest sawmill. They were Dean Johnson, 57, and his brother, Ernest E. Johnson, 53, president and vice president, respectively, of the C. D. Johnson Lumber company.

Traveling with them was Eric P. Van, 46, resident manager here for the accounting firm of Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co.

The Johnson lumber company, founded by the Johnson's father, which had been built by the United States Spruce Production corporation during World War I to turn out spruce for airplanes. It was

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Fire Area Mop-Up Goes On

Hubbard Creek Situation Said In Good Shape

The Hubbard creek forest fire is in "very good shape" with secure fire lines established all the way around it, according to the Douglas Forest Protective association.

The 500-man crew is still mopping-up and doing patrol work, however, to make sure there are no further outbreaks and to consolidate gains made.

The fire-fighting operation is definitely in better shape than yesterday, said a spokesman, with cooler weather given as a major factor in the successful controlling effort.

Occasional sloop-overs were reported, but trenches have been established all around the fire. Crews will have to be maintained on the fire lines until a reasonable amount of precipitation has fallen, said the DFPA.

An attempt was made Wednesday to hire two Klamath Falls pilots to seed clouds over the fire but the planes were not available and potential cloud formations later dispersed.

Winds Are Still Hazard
With strong winds and higher temperatures, there remains the possibility that the fire might again get out of hand, a dispatcher cautioned.

Control of the fire would have been impossible without the invaluable assistance of the farmers, ranchers and loggers in the area, the DFPA reported.

Fred Southwick, district fire warden, is flying over the Umpqua river blaze near Elkton today to determine whether to send fire-fighting aid into that area, as was requested by authorities there.

Refugees Cared
Brig. Gen. Curtis T. Beecher, USMC Ret., and head of the county Red Cross disaster committee, said Wednesday that some 50 families have registered with his office seeking lodging, it was reported.

Most evacuated families have found temporary quarters with friends.

The Red Cross also maintains a "sizable" list of persons who have offered quarters for use by evacuees.

Some corrections in the names of persons suffering loss of homes to fire have been reported. Apparently Lee Brown lived in Dave Churchill's house. Both persons were reported previously as losing homes.

Two other names—Carl Johnson and Emil Johnson—have been found to be one person, Carl Emil Johnson, whose home did not burn, according to the Red Cross. The Otis Conn home is reported to be intact, contrary to a previous report.

But the names of Theodore Anderson and Mrs. Vera Shay were added to the disaster toll of gutted homes. Henry J. Neilson was reported to have lost about \$5,000 in poultry and farm buildings, although volunteer help saved their home. The toll still stands near 19.

The Red Cross urges all disaster victims to register with their office for assistance and also because of the deluge of inquiries which are coming in as to the whereabouts of evacuees.

By The Associated Press
Fire forced closure of the North Santiam highway today as two blazes continued to spread uncon-

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Gives Her Body To Fight Malady



SISTER ELIZABETH KENNY

NEW YORK — (AP) — Sister Elizabeth Kenny, who has devoted her lifetime to fighting infantile paralysis, says she has given her ailing body to medical science to fight Parkinson's disease.

In a news conference here, she said she is under treatment in her native Australia for the disease, a chronic nervous disorder causing shakin palsy and muscular weakness.

"I'm a guinea pig," she added, "I'm giving my body as an experiment."

The 65-year-old nurse (Australians call their nurses sisters), who treats polio by massage and manipulation of the limbs, said a cure for that disease is not far off.

The polio cure, she said, may come in the form of "a simple injection under the skin or some other simple therapeutic measure."

Sister Kenny is preparing to depart for Copenhagen to attend the second international polyomyelitis conference opening Sept. 2.

Forest Assn. Sets Meeting On Taxes

A luncheon meeting to discuss Douglas county and state timber tax measures will be held Aug. 29 in the Umpqua hotel by the directors of the Douglas Forest Protective association.

Members of the county court, forest appraisal department, and county assessor were being invited to discuss progress being made by the appraisal department, the matter of zoning a timber for assessment purposes, assessments on cut-over lands and taxation plans.

Timber owners are also invited to the meeting.

The directors will later go into executive session to determine ways and means of financing heavy fire costs incurred this year and make general plans for the remainder of the fire season.

The effect on timber of Douglas county and Oregon tax policies is being studied by a committee consisting of R. L. Uhlman, John Markham, Henry Champeaux, Alex Hay and Fred Brundage.

Congress Votes Trade Severance To Free Oatis

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Congress has rolled up a 443-to-1 majority in favor of suspending U. S. trade with Czechoslovakia until that Communist nation frees Associated Press correspondent William N. Oatis.

The Senate okayed the resolution 81 to 0. The House had passed it Aug. 14, 362 to 1, with only Rep. Wood (D-Cal.) dissenting. A. D. Wood said he did so only because the resolution calls on the United Nations for help. Wood does not like the U. N.

Senate action, coming after bitter attacks on the Czech regime and some criticism of the State department, is final. The resolution does not require signature by President Truman.

But neither is it binding on the government. It merely expresses the "profound indignation" of Congress over "the arrest, sham trial and unjust conviction" of Oatis.

He was convicted by a Czech court on espionage charges, denounced by this government as baseless, and sentenced to five to ten years in prison.

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FATAL ACCIDENT — Officer William H. McCullum, of the state police, attends Mrs. Steve Yahner, 73, Rock Springs, Wyo., after she suffered from concussion in an automobile collision Thursday night three miles south of Roseburg. Mr. Yahner died shortly after the accident. Grace Goff, 20, of Roseburg received a fractured arm and scalp injuries. Yahner's car, a Packard, stands at left. (Picture by Charles Kash)

Motorist Killed, 2 Women Injured When Cars Crash

A Wyoming motorist was killed and his wife suffered from concussion last night in an automobile collision three and one half miles south of Roseburg, state police report.

The dead man was identified as Steve Yahner, Rock Springs, Wyo. Mrs. Yahner, 73, was reported still unconscious at 2 a. m. today but later reports said she had passed the critical stage and her condition was "fairly good."

Grace M. Goff, 20, Roseburg, suffered a fractured arm and scalp injuries. Her condition is reported "fair." Both women are at Community hospital.

Police said the vehicle operated by Mr. Yahner attempted to pass another car without sufficient clearance, forcing two cars in the opposite lane off the road and striking a third car, which was operated by Grace Goff.

Roscoe E. Bell, of the regional land management bureau here, said that the total payment was a new record high. The previous record was \$2,210,601 for the period ending June 30, 1948.

The money is based on collections, including timber sales, from 2,500,000 acres of O&C lands.

The largest share, \$864,418 will go to Douglas county. After that comes Jackson with \$586,535 and then Lane with \$481,536.

Others: Benton, \$118,322.19; Clackamas, \$165,904.84; Columbia, \$65,664.06; Lincoln, \$15,226.45; Linn, \$109,122.88; Marion, \$59,319.70; Multnomah, \$30,452.89; Polk, \$90,407.03; Tillamook, \$24,108.54; Washington, \$26,001.85; Yamhill, \$30,135.68.

Cos, \$195,088.86; Curry, \$15,543.67; Josephine, \$233,154.98; and Klamath, \$61,229.01.

Tragedy Ends Boy's Aim To Be Famous Jockey

NEW YORK — (AP) — Richard Tuccillo wanted his nine-year-old son, Richard, to become a famous jockey.

Almost every day, he'd take the boy to a friend's stable where the youngster would ride on a circular track.

"There isn't a horse that can throw him," Tuccillo would say. Thursday, the boy was working out a big palomino, the horse bolted and dashed up a gravel road. The father followed in his car. He met the horse coming back, the saddle empty. Further along, he found Richard on the roadside. The boy died of a skull fracture.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
New York: "W. Kingsland Macy's 25-year undisputed reign over Republican Suffolk county was at an end today."

"The former congressman, foe of Governor Thomas E. Dewey and friend of Senator Robert A. Taft, was defeated by a decisive margin in his bid in Tuesday's primary election to retain his Republican leadership in eastern Long Island."

Good—or bad? Good, I'd say. Twenty-five years is too long for anybody to retain political control of any area in this country. Too much power held in too few hands too long practically ALWAYS leads to trouble.

From Tacoma: "The burden of SUPPRESSING VICE fell squarely on the shoulders of all Tacoma police officers in a new order posted Tuesday morning by Safety Commissioner James T. Kerr."

"The wording of the directive provides a penalty of immediate dismissal for any officer failing to (Continued on Page 4)

The Weather

Mostly clear and a little warmer today and Saturday.
Highest temp. for any Aug. — 106
Lowest temp. for any Aug. — 39
Highest temp. yesterday — 76
Lowest temp. last 24 hours — 47
Precip. last 24 hours — 0
Precip. from Aug. 1 — 0
Precip. from Sept. 1 — 40.68
Excess from Sept. 1 — 7.89
Sunset tomorrow, 8:02 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow, 6:29 a.m.

3 Oregon Cons Make Getaway; One Captured

SALEM — (AP) — Three convicts raced to freedom last night through an open state penitentiary gate in a prison car. State police early this morning captured one after trapping the trio near Newberg.

The other two are believed to have stolen another car and to have eluded police.

Missing are Manning Alexander Gallagher, 25, and Richard M. Moore, 45. Their companion, Walter Noorlander, 25, was recaptured by state police after a chase through a field when the convicts' auto was trapped near Newberg.

The trio made their pre-arranged escape through a two-gate "truck lock" both gates of which were being opened to accommodate an extra-long sawdust truck.

Bursting Dam Wipes Out Village; 50 Perish

MEXICO CITY — (AP) — Fifty persons were feared dead today from the flood of a bursting dam which Thursday wiped out a whole village in the wake of a spent-out hurricane.

The dam at Crumbeles, 150 miles north of here, crumbled under the pressure of heavy rains which followed a killer hurricane.

Winnie's Form Taboo

VENICE, Italy — (AP) — An Italian newsreel photographer started to take pictures of Winston Churchill on the beach here at Venice's lido but the statesman's British bodyguard ripped the film from his camera.

A large crowd gathered on the beach when Churchill appeared for a swim. The wartime prime minister is here for a brief holiday.

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Program For Fall Opening Lists Pet Parade, Shows, Various Fashion Displays

Special features of the Fall Opening program scheduled this year on Sept. 12 include a pet parade with free movie shows afterward for the youngsters participating, a 10-act variety show, window and booth displays and fashion shows.

The pet parade starts at 7 p. m., wends its way down Jackson street from the courthouse to Cass street, and down to the post office where the parade ends.

Judges will select the best entries which will receive prizes donated by the Retail Trade association of \$10 for first, \$5 for second and 10 additional prizes of \$1 each.

Youngsters 12-years old and under who want to be in the parade should assemble on the courthouse lawn Sept. 12 at 6:30 p. m. The parade committee would prefer not to have larger animals, such as horses, to be entered in the parade because of danger to small children.

Children who have participated in the parade may attend the theater of their choice.

Some windows will be on display all day while others will be unveiled after the parade concludes. Show And Street Displays

The variety show will be staged in the evening on a platform at the intersection of Jackson and Oak streets.

Family Of Six Killed In Truck-Auto Collision

CHICAGO — (AP) — A family of six was killed Thursday night in a head-on truck-automobile collision south of Chicago.

Police identified the dead as Robert D. Bowers, about 45, of suburban North Lake City, and his wife, Irene, about 40, and their four children, Judith, 10, Alice, 8, Ruth, 6, and James, 4.

The truck driver, Russell Borgesen, 27, of Milwaukee, Wis., was not hurt.

Republicans Gird For Fight On Changes In Stabilization Law Demanded By Truman

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Republicans indicated today they are ready for a fight if President Truman wants to make a 1952 political issue of price controls.

In a message to Congress Thursday Mr. Truman called for changes in the economic stabilization law passed last month.

He picked out three Republicans and a southern Democrat, Rep. Herlong (D-Fla.), as authors of amendments he wants repealed. The Republicans are Senators Capehart of Indiana and Hugh Butler of Nebraska, and Rep. Hope of Kansas.

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Names Of Crash Victims Listed

CHICAGO — (AP) — United Air line headquarters here today released a list of passengers on the plane which crashed near Oakland, Calif. The list:

Ball, Dorothy S., boarded at Hartford, Conn.

Beveridge, W. D., boarded at Philadelphia.

Britton, B. L., boarded at Chicago.

Davis (no initial), boarded at Chicago.

Danielson (no initial), boarded at Chicago.

Gommel, Mrs. R. C., boarded at Cleveland.

Gommel, Nancy, age 5, boarded at Cleveland.

G. M. M. E. L. Richard, age 8, boarded at Cleveland.

Broth (no initial), boarded at Chicago.

Gunn, C. E., boarded at Chicago. Home, Oakland, Calif.

Grove, Andrew Cole, boarded at Hartford. Home Mystic, Conn.

Histon (no initial), boarded at Chicago on a connection from Knoxville, Tenn.

Three persons listed as "military"; names not announced.

Homelund (no initial), boarded at Chicago.

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Johnston, D., boarded at Chicago.

Johnston (no initial), boarded at Chicago.

Liebh (no initial), boarded at Chicago.

Liebh (no initial), boarded at Chicago.

Lyons (no initial), boarded at Chicago.

Loach (no initial), boarded at Chicago.

MacDonald (no initial), boarded at Chicago.

MacDonald (no initial), boarded at Chicago.

Napton (no initial), boarded at Chicago. Arrived at Chicago from Sacramento, Calif.

Petrie (no initial), boarded at Chicago.

Re. R., boarded at Chicago. Home, Carey, Ohio.

One person listed as a military passenger; name not announced.

Rose, Jack, boarded at Chicago.

Schwartz, R. L., boarded at Cleveland. Home, Avon Lake, Ohio.

Stilley, H., boarded at Chicago.

Sultana (no initial) boarded at Chicago. Arrived from Salt Ste. Marie, Mich.

Sena (no initial), boarded at Chicago. Arrived from Detroit.

Toman, John, boarded at Cleveland. Home 6060 SE 32nd Ave., Portland, Ore.

Vann, Eric, boarded at Chicago.

Weaver (no initial), boarded at Allentown, Pa.

Willaver (no initial), boarded at Chicago.

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Buried Gold Coins Found With Mine Detectors

PARKERSBURG, W. Va. — (AP) — Mine detectors have been used to help uncover \$21,000 in gold coins buried on the suburban estate of a deceased jeweler.

The estate's agent said that the coins, hidden in fruit jars and an old milk crock, were part of the \$250,000 estate of Henry Sheff, Wheeling jeweler and diamond importer.

Parkersburg national bank administrator, reported the gold had been turned over to the government at face value. Bank officials added that at today's market price it would have been worth \$50,000 as bullion.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Retzenstein

Congressmen have started a three weeks' recess. Just the right time for several of them to return home to help fight fires and harvest the bean crop.