

# 'Yale Plane' Crash Debate Rages

SEATTLE, Jan. 5 —(AP)— The last words of the pilot of an ill-fated "back to Yale" special flight were released today as a dispute boiled over whether the plane had been cleared for a takeoff which ended in a flaming crash that killed 14.

The company contended the tower had approved the takeoff. A CAA official disagreed.

A transcript of the conversation between the pilot and the Boeing field control tower, before the D-3 took off on a non-scheduled flight from an icy runway Sunday night and crashed with 30 aboard, was released by the CAA. It said, in its concluding part:

"Tower: Roger, cleared for takeoff and we will give you your clear-

ance when you report on top, over. "Pilot: Roger: tower, we have our clearance already. (A few minutes previously the tower had messaged: "ATC clears Douglas 025 to the Billings airport. Cruise and maintain 9000 until further advised.")

"Tower: Roger you have your airways. Cleared for takeoff, report when on top.

"Pilot: Roger.

"Tower: 'to the right and up. To the right and up.'" (The plane veered the right, and to the left into a hangar, bursting into flames.)

With the transcript, R. D. Bedinger, regional CAA administrator released a statement which said:

"The issuance of a traffic clearance by a control tower constitutes

authority for the pilot to proceed only insofar as known air traffic is concerned and does not constitute granting of authority to disregard any weather minimum requirements in effect.

It is the pilot's responsibility to know the legal minimum requirements and other regulations. The word 'Roger' means "I have received all your last transmission." Its use does not constitute agreement or approval."

Investigators had not definitely determined today whether William Chavers, Seattle, listed as pilot, or William J. Leland, owner, was at the controls.

Good parents, happy marriages; good children, fine funerals.

# Dr. Townsend's Death Closes 22 Years' Service With University

Dr. Harvey Gates Townsend, head of the UO philosophy department, died at his Eugene home December 19.

Dr. Townsend had been a member of the Oregon faculty since 1926, when he came to Eugene as professor of philosophy. His previous teaching experience included professorships of philosophy and education at Central College, Pella, Iowa, and Smith College, Northampton, Massachusetts.

Also known as the author of books and articles in his field, Dr. Townsend had a book in the process of publication this year, "The Philosophy of Individuality in the

Philosophy of Thomas Hiss Green," and "Philosophical Ideas in the United States."

He was one of four members of the philosophy department planning to attend the December 27-29 meeting of the Pacific coast branch of the American philosophical association at Palo Alto. The Oregon professor had served as secretary to the eastern and Pacific divisions of the association, and as secretary of the board of officers, and in 1936, as president of the Pacific division.

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