Crashed Airliner Sinks Into Swamp With Some of 79 Dead

ISSOUDUN, Que., Aug. 12 (AP)—The shattered fuselage of a chartered airliner became a waterlogged coffin for victims of Canada's worst air crash tonight as it sank slowly into the muck of a swamp.

Some of the 79 dead were entombed in the aluminum passenger compartment, but Dep. Transport Minister John Baldwin ordered that no expense be spared to get the bodies and the wreckage out.

The main portion of the four-engine DC-4's fuselage was plunged into the 25-foot water-filled hole that it plowed in the bog. Dr. Jean-Paul Pouliot, coroner of Lotbiniere County, said army pumping teams were being called in to free the wreck.

A three-man government investigating team joined those looking for bodies and slogged through the ankle-deep mud.

No one survived the crash which occurred in a thunderstorm yesterday afternoon. The Maritime Central Airways plane was heading from London to Toronto with Dutch British servicemen and their families who had been visiting the folks back home.

Near Quebec City

The plane went down 15 miles south of Quebec City on farmer Alfred Martel's land. He saw and heard nothing but his son, Jean-Luc, 12, and his employe, Ferdinand Gosier, 31, were working in a nearby field on a tractor.

They reported watching the stricken aircraft plunge straight down. Then they cut a path to the spot about half a mile away and found parts of bodies scattered over about two acres of the level, treeless muskeg.

"The big crater where the plane hit already was filled with water," said the boy.

A neighboring farmhand, Guy Michaud, 22, said he saw the plane flying low with all four propellors stalled. "The next thing I knew there was a big explosion," he said.

Debris Scattered

Clothing, personal papers and charred bunks of the plane were scattered over the swamp, which was closed off from both photographers and sightseer hunters by police.

The cause of the crash was still a mystery. Lightning generated by the severe summer storm was regarded as one possibility. There also was the question of the pilot, Norman Ramsay, 37, Montreal. His license had been suspended once for negligence after a non-fatal crash.

But the Canadian Air Lines Pilots Assn. said he had been working too hard at that time and blamed fatigue. Officials of Maritime Central, for whom he had flown for two years, described him as a "good, well-trained pilot."

The airline had chartered the plane to the Imperial Veterans Division of the Canadian Legion's Ontario command. The crash was only one death short of matching the worst chartered crash in history, which occurred at Cardiff, Wales, in March 1958. Eighty persons were killed coming home from a soccer match in Dublin.

Relatives Waiting

Since the plane was carrying the vacationers back home, about 100 relatives and friends were waiting for them at Malton Airport in Toronto.

The plane was first posted as overdue. But later the relatives were ushered into airport immigration room and told by a Maritime Central official that the plane had crashed and all aboard had perished.

The announcement shocked some into silence, moved others to tears and still others to hysteria. Some frantically tried to grab the passenger list from the official who made the report.

Queen Elizabeth II expressed her sympathy today in a cable from Balmoral Castle in Scotland.

Soviets Planning Peace Offensive In Baltic States

WARSAW, Aug. 12 (AP)—The Soviet bloc is about to start a "peace offensive" among Baltic nations.

Anastas Mikoyan, Soviet deputy premier, told a correspondent of the official Polish Press Agency that "The Baltic Sea should be an area of peace and prosperity." He said a Baltic peace festival will be held in the East German port of Rostock.

The fair apparently would be to encourage Scandinavian participation in the current attempt to rescue Poland's tottering economy, and to foster opposition to NATO membership inside Norway and Denmark.

Strike Reported Stopping Streetcars in Pole Town

WARSAW, Poland, Aug. 12 (AP)—A strike of municipal streetcar workers was reported today in Lodz. Unconfirmed accounts said security troops used tear gas to break up a demonstration.

The Polish Communist party dispatched three Politburo members, including a trade union chief, to Lodz to seek a settlement.

City transport was reported halted at 11 a.m., and still idle tonight in that textile and meat-packing center of 700,000 75 miles southwest of Warsaw. A five-day meatpackers strike ended there last week without decisive results.

Streetcar crews are among 2,200,000 workers who have not received pay increases in the past year.

The official Polish Press Agency said "A modest rise of wages in the third quarter this year will be effected (for hospital nurses, streetcar employees, workers in all mines, in cement and lime industries, insulated material industries, in quarries, post offices, electric power plants and the local forestry service."

The daily number of marriages in the U.S. in June is normally about 45 per cent greater than the daily average for the year.

Average Woman Walks 70,000 Miles in Lifetime

NEW YORK, Aug. 12 (AP) — The average American woman walks 70,000 miles in her lifetime, the National Shoe Institute reports. Institute posture experts advocate women should have shoes with three different heel heights and alternate wearing them to give various leg muscles a rest.

Mrs. FDR Gets Dagger

BEERSHEEBA, Aug. 12 (AP) — Sheik Suleiman el Uneil, the foremost Bedouin leader in the Negev, has sent his personal gold dagger to Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt after being told she would visit him on her next trip to Israel. Mrs. Roosevelt met Sheik Suleiman on an earlier visit here.

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Mamie Up, About

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12 (AP) — Mamie Eisenhower is up and about.

The White House said late today her recovery from an operation last Tuesday continues to be "most satisfactory" and that the First Lady walked unassisted for the first time.

Senate Votes $1.4 Billion For Military Construction

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12 (AP)—The Senate tonight passed a bill authorizing $1,445,285,000 for military construction projects throughout the world.

The authorizations passed by voice vote included $1,204,242,000 in new military projects compared with $1,302,172,000 voted by the House. The difference will have to be worked out between the two chambers.

Before the bill passed, Sen. Stennis (D-Miss.) said he feels the Nike defense system would be able to cope with the sort of attack that could be expected on American cities in a major war.

Stennis, floor manager for the bill, is chairman of an Armed Services subcommittee which has taken months of closed-door testimony on U.S. military installations.

The question on the Nike system of anti-aircraft missiles now ringing many large American cities was raised by Sen. Symington (D-Mo.), a member of the Armed Services committee. Symington asked if the Nike system were not obsolete.

Opinion Difference

Stennis said there was a great difference of opinion among the military experts. But he said his own view was this: If there were to be an attack on a city or military installation in the United States it would come with weapons which, in my opinion, Nike unfortunately could not cope with or deal with effectively.

Symington then asked if it were not correct that three billion dollars had been spent so far on Nike with an additional seven billions in prospect.

Stennis said he believed the figures were supposed to be secret, but that it amounted to "many billions."

Better Missiles

Symington, first secretary of the Air Force, suggested it would be better for the Army to spend its funds on promising intermediate range or intercontinental missiles rather than point defense systems such as the Nike.

Stennis said he agreed that more should be spent on offensive weapons and less on point defense.

The Senate floor comments followed criticism of the Nike system in the subcommittee's report on the bill.

The report said 40 per cent of the current year's Army construction program was devoted to Nike.

100 Students Aboard Ship Flu Victims

NEW YORK, Aug. 12 (AP)—A ship nearing New York with 800 foreign exchange students reported today that about 100 of them were suffering from mild cases of influenza.

It was not known whether the student epidemic was connected with outbreaks of Asiatic flu which have occurred in various parts of the world.

Meanwhile, the Health Department reported that tests on four foreign students who arrived here by plane Wednesday showed a virus similar to influenza.

Dr. Morris Greenberg, director of the city's bureau of Preventable Diseases, said that it will not be known until about Thursday whether the virus is of the Asiatic strain.

The ship Arosa Sky, due tomorrow from Rotterdam, is bringing 800 students ranging from 16 to 18 years old and from 18 countries.

They are en route to live in private homes in 44 states and to attend local high schools.

The Health Department said the ship had radioed that the 100 ill students had mild flu cases with coughs, headaches and sniffling.

Bottom of Cliff Yields Body

SEDRO WOOLLEY, Wash., Aug. 12 (AP) — The body of a 25-year-old lab technician was recovered from the base of a 100-foot cliff in the Cascade mountains east of here yesterday by Skagit County sheriff's deputies.

Ruth Elaine Cass, formerly of College Place near Walla Walla, was hiking with a woman companion, Mrs. Marvel Bulgin of Sedro Woolley, Saturday when the tragedy occurred.

Mrs. Bulgin said Miss Cass had complained of feeling dizzy and faint. She plunged off the cliff before Mrs. Bulgin could assist her, Undersheriff Irv. Jensen reported.

The accident occurred about 6:30 p.m. Saturday on a cutoff from the main trail about a mile and a half from the road. The area is about 55 miles east of here near the community of Marblemount.

Miss Cass was a lab technician at Northern State Hospital here. The body was brought to the Lemley Mortuary here.

Army Draft Call To Seek 7,000

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12 (AP)—The Army today issued a draft call for 7,000 men in October, 1,000 less than the previously announced quota for September.

The reduced call followed an economy order from Secretary of Defense Wilson that the Army trim its total strength by 50,000 by the end of this calendar year. The Army said at the time it would meet this reduction by weeding out more men of marginal effectiveness and by lowering draft calls.

Wilson said last week selective service quotas would level off at about 7,000 monthly.

The October call is the lowest since April 1956, when 7,000 draftees were inducted.

Newspaper Honored

JAKARTA, Indonesia, Aug. 12 (AP)—The daily Indonesia Raya has been selected the best newspaper of 1957 in the annual poll conducted by the College of Journalism and Political Science, its editor, Soehtar Lubis, has been under military house arrest for seven months despite his acquittal on charges of publishing derogatory remarks against the government.

Tuna Industry In West to End Price Fixing

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12 (AP) — The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) reports substantially all of the West Coast Tuna industry has agreed to stop fixing prices for the tuna fish it produces.

Producers of more than half the nation's tuna pack agreed to an FTC order to stop price fixing and also preventing attempts to suppress competition in the industry, the announcement said.

Named in the order are California Fish Canners Assn. and its canner members accounting for 70 per cent of the pack, six associations of tuna boat owners and three area unions of fishermen and cannery workers.

The order prohibits these groups from making agreements to fix and maintain prices. In addition, the association canners must not pursue any common action designed to curtail the volume or raise the price of imported tuna. Also, the boat owner associations and unions are barred from illegally policing harbor areas with patrol boats for the purpose of fixing prices for the purchase or sale of fish.

Woman Succumbs Following Wreck

YAKIMA, Aug. 12 (AP)—An 88-year-old Yakima woman died apparently of shock as she was being taken to a Yakima hospital after an automobile accident Sunday afternoon.

She was Mrs. Catherine Craig, a passenger in a car driven by her daughter, Mrs. Mary F. Inman, 61, Yakima.

Patrolmen said Mrs. Inman's car was in a collision with another vehicle driven by Glenn Dean Doherty, 17, Seattle, at an intersection about seven miles west of here on Highway 5.

Doherty was not injured.

Arabs to Request U.N. Intervention In Oman Fighting

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Aug. 12 (AP)—Arab delegations at the U.N. were notified today of an Arab League decision that they should request an urgent meeting of the Security Council to stop British intervention in Oman.

Muhammad E. el Farra, chief of the U.N. section of the League's New York office, said he got the word in a cable from headquarters in Cairo where the League's council made the decision earlier today.

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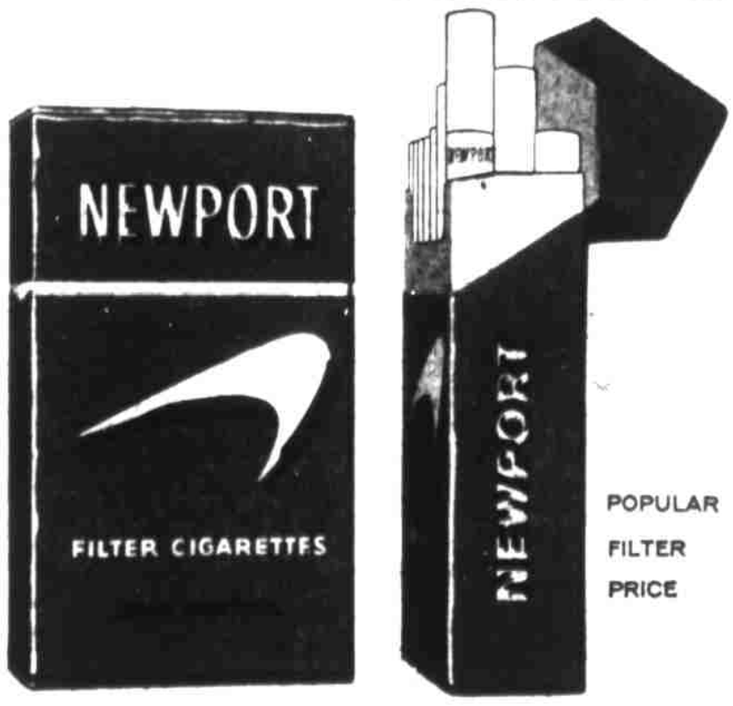

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