

22 Lives Lost Plane Burns After Crash

Two Americans
Among Passengers

SINGAPORE (AP)—A BOAC Constellation airliner crashed and burst into flames on landing at Kallang Airport Saturday, killing 22 of the 40 persons aboard. BOAC officials said two Americans were among the passengers.

The Singapore Standard said the Americans were believed to be Vice President Grant F. Olson, of the W. A. Shaeffer Pen Co., and Michael Shalhin, Far East representative of Warner Brothers.

The plane, bound from Australia, was carrying mail from London. It was flying in clear sky. On landing, it skidded, burst into flames and burst into flames after a crash landing.

Black smoke rose 300 feet. After the firemen put out the flames, rescue workers, mainly Europeans, were spending Saturday afternoon at the Singapore Swimming Club, rushed onto the field and began the task of extricating passengers.

Eight crewmen survived the crash and were hospitalized but escaped after treatment. BOAC said eight passengers were British, six New Zealanders, two Americans, one Canadian, one South African, one Dutch and one Chinese. One crew member also perished.

The big four-engine plane, operated by a British Commonwealth company, was coming in from London, where it had landed over on its regularly scheduled flight from Sydney, Australia, to London.

LANE ENVELOPED
The blaze at the end of the runway after skidding over rooftops of a normal approach for the plane. Flames enveloped the plane and roared out of control for more than an hour.

When the blaze was quenched, the plane broke into the plane with a pull out the charred remains of the victims.

Some of the injured crewmen in the forward part of the plane were crawling to safety. One crew member was the stewardess, Josephine Butler, who was said to be in serious condition. An aged civilian in the tail of the plane was first to be removed by the rescue. His condition was reported as critical.

Bethel City
Gains Favor

Residents of the Bethel area northwest of Eugene Friday night at the second of three meetings held in the area this week to acquaint residents with some of the possible solutions to drainage problems.

Friday's meeting was held at the Bethel School, and some 100 persons were present to hear the plan that was explained to the group Thursday night.

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About 65 had favored the plan at the Thursday meeting, and at the Friday session, according to Ray, some seven persons voted to leave things as they now are, and the same number voted for the plan.

Those of those at the meeting, however, signed petitions now circulating to put the drainage issue to a vote of the people.

Another meeting is scheduled for Saturday night at Bethel, 1000 Bethel Dr. The meeting will start at 8 p.m.

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POLICEMAN SHOT IN BANK DOORWAY—Sgt. Howard M. Slessman, 46, lies half in and half out of doorway of Greenwood branch of Seattle First National Bank after he was shot in the lung by holdup men. Attending doctor is unidentified. Slessman was in fair condition Saturday. One officer was killed and a third was in critical condition Saturday as a result of the holdup.

Surprises Dot Filing Deadline

Next May's ballot filled up Friday as potential candidates made up their minds whether to run for party nomination in the May 21 primaries.

There were a few late surprises—chiefly City Councilman George Owen who decided to file for the House of Representatives.

Ten other Republicans, including two other city officials had already filed in that race. Five will be nominated. Owen's declaration of intention to run came into the office of the state elections supervisor early Friday afternoon.

Lane County Democrats, who earlier in the season showed signs of going into the campaign with several vacant spots on the ballot, came through Friday. Now there will be a Democrat running for every ballot position except district attorney.

GOP CROWDED
The most crowded fields are the Republican races for the lower house of the legislature and that party's selection of candidates for county commissioner. The Republicans, who must pick five from a field of 11 for the legislature, must pick two from a field of seven for county commissioner. Late Friday Robert D. Brown filed to become the seventh Commissioner nominee.

Brown, a former Shell Oil Co. employee, lives in the River Road area.

There was a possibility Saturday that the 11 Republicans seeking nomination to legislature would become 10. County Elections Deputy Lloyd Payne said Otis J. Ritter, Cottage Grove, had visited him Friday afternoon, seeking to withdraw. Payne said he told him he must withdraw at the secretary of state's office in Salem.

Democrats will also have a contest for the nomination for county commissioner. Joseph S. Ayres, who ran before, became the third Democrat. Two will be nominated.

Both parties will see contests for nomination as county treasurer. Grace Schiska, the Republican incumbent, filed at the last minute Friday.

Olga Freeman is seeking the Democratic nomination for treasurer. She is opposed by Ina Randolph.

Republicans will see a contest for state labor commissioner as the result of a late filing Friday. The new candidate is H. E.

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Bandits Fell Three Officers

SEATTLE, Wash. (AP)—Lawmen throughout the northwest Saturday pressed a manhunt for three gunmen who killed a policeman and wounded two others as they gained \$8,900 and lost \$90,000 in a daylight bank robbery.

Kenneth McElhaney, manager of the Greenwood branch of the Seattle First National Bank, said one robber dropped "more than \$90,000" as the gang shot its way out of the bank Friday.

Customers and bank employees said they "thought it was a gag" when the three gunmen, wearing false rubber noses, entered.

The tallest of the three, McElhaney, flourished a .45 automatic pistol and forced him to open the vaults.

A bank employee stepped on the alarm as the vaults were being looted and Sgt. Howard Slessman, 46, and Patrolman Frank W. Hardy, 30, arrived at the scene within minutes in a patrol car.

Slessman walked to the double glass main entrance doors and was shot in the lung by one of the bandits. Hardy was shot in the head and died en route to a hospital. Patrolman Vernon Chase, 24, who arrived in another patrol car was shot through the abdomen.

Chase was reported in critical condition Saturday after removal of the slug which lodged in his chest. Slessman was reported in fair condition.

Two of the robbers made their getaway in a stolen 1932 Oldsmobile, later found abandoned near the bank. One of the gunmen crashed through a window to escape and either escaped on foot or was picked up by his two companions.

UNIVERSITY REOPENS
CAIRO, Egypt (AP)—Cairo's university, closed since the riots of Feb. 28, reopened Saturday. Students demonstrated, clamoring for withdrawal of police guards and release of fellow students under arrest, but there was no violence.

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Nixon Slates Reply To Adlai's Attack

WASHINGTON (AP)—Vice President Nixon states the case for the Republican administration Saturday night in a radio-television address while a family fight rages within the GOP over Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis) and some of his investigative aides.

ENTER PVT. SCHINE
Nixon was designated last Monday to deliver the party's reply to criticism by Adlai E. Stevenson, the 1952 Democratic presidential nominee. One of Stevenson's thrusts was a description of the GOP as "half McCarthy and half Eisenhower."

President Eisenhower had backed Army Secretary Stevens when, after an earlier row with McCarthy, the secretary said he would protect Army witnesses against any "abuse" at the hands of investigating committees.

The explosion that again shattered the peace between Stevens and McCarthy came when Senate sources Friday made public an Army report saying efforts were made to get special treatment for G. David Schine, an unpaid consultant to McCarthy's subcommittee, after Schine was indicted last November as a private.

THREATS ALLEGED
The report cited instances when McCarthy had allegedly

exerted pressure on Army Department officials and his subcommittee's chief counsel, Roy Cohn, allegedly had used threats.

McCarthy's retort of "black-mail" was accompanied by memoranda he said came from the subcommittee files and depicted officials trying to sidetrack probes of Army matters.

Vice President Nixon's nationwide radio reply to Adlai Stevenson's talk last week will be broadcast Saturday at 7:30 p.m., and rebroadcast at 9 p.m., over KUGN. No other local stations will carry the speech.

U.S. FED UP
Sen. Duff (R-Pa.), one of Eisenhower's original 1952 supporters, said in an interview he believes the President's program is being imperiled by the controversy over McCarthy which has cut deep into the Republican party.

"If we don't stop this thing, there isn't going to be any program," Duff declared. He added that the country is fed up with the McCarthy wrangle—at least my mail indicates it is.

"McCarthy has overshot his mark," Duff declared. He added that the Army report on Cohn's activities seemed to him to be reasonable.

And criticism of McCarthy by Republicans reached even into his own subcommittee. Sen. Dirksen of Illinois accused McCarthy Friday of breaking an agreement among GOP members by releasing the memoranda in answer to the Army report.

'OVERSIGHT'
Dirksen also said in an interview the Republican members Friday had agreed to meet, go over the Army report paragraph by paragraph and have Cohn present, under oath.

Dirksen said he was waiting for the meeting to begin when Sen. Potter (R-Mich.), another subcommittee member, called McCarthy and learned no meeting was to be held.

McCarthy said later it was "an inexcusable oversight" on his part that he didn't let Dirksen know in advance of the release of the memoranda but he had "no choice" but to make them available.

Dirksen said, without elaborating, that Republican members have a responsibility with regard to the committee's staff and "I do mean to meet it."

"There will be no fooling about that—the matter has gone far enough," he said.

"Sen. Mundt (R-SD), a committee member who has defended McCarthy's methods, said in a statement that Cohn 'made a serious mistake' in urging the Army to give Schine 'treatment different from that accorded any other soldier.'"

COHN UNDER OATH
Sen. Potter, another committee member who has worked closely with McCarthy in the past, said that if the Army report's "shocking charges" on Cohn's activities were accurate "Mr. Cohn should be removed immediately."

He said, however, he favors calling Cohn and Adams to put them under oath as witnesses.

Other demands for investigation came from members of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

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Congressmen Ask Report On Missing Hanford Papers

WASHINGTON (AP)—David Shaw, manager of the huge atomic plant at Hanford, Wash., has been asked to give the Senate-House Atomic Energy Committee full information Monday on reports that substantial quantities of possibly top secret documents are missing.

Rep. W. Sterling Cole (R-N.Y.), committee chairman, said Saturday Shaw is scheduled to be here on other business and the committee wired him to bring everything relating to the documents. Shaw will meet with committee officials in a closed door session.

Cole said the committee will fully investigate the report by Sen. Pelly (R-Wash.) that large numbers of documents, which Pelly said he assumed were top secret, had vanished from the Hanford plant. They could relate to the hydrogen bomb.

'NOT ALARMED'
"At the moment, I am not alarmed by the missing documents," Cole added in an interview, "because it is known that out of millions of documents" in the country's atomic installations some cannot be accounted for.

The Hanford documents potentially could be of top importance, Cole said "but no more so at Hanford than anywhere else."

Cole said the committee's next moves would depend considerably on what Shaw says are the nature of the documents and the nature of their disappearance. He added that no committee investigators had been sent yet to Hanford.

"Whether this is old stuff or not, I don't know," Cole said.

The chairman said the committee constantly checks all atomic installations for all information leaks "and whatever discoveries we have made in these investigations have been promptly remedied."

He declined to say whether these probes had uncovered any active espionage.

"I am satisfied," he continued, "that the security system enforced by the Atomic Energy Commission is constantly sensitive to the possibility of subversion."

"This doesn't mean necessarily they are going to apprehend it," Pelly brought the question of the missing documents into the open Friday by releasing a letter to Cole which said a representative of the AEC had confirmed the loss, in response to Pelly's request for information from AEC Chairman Lewis W. Strauss.

Pelly said in a separate interview that he intended no further action after turning the case over to the joint committee.

"I don't know how bad this case is," Pelly said.

"My own opinion is that this situation probably has gone along for a long time and needs action."

"It looks to me like a question of good executive housekeeping. You wouldn't have any of this missing papers in private business."

NOTHING TO SAY
AN AEC spokesman said the commission would have nothing to say for the time being. At Hanford itself, there was no immediate comment. The project, which lies near the Columbia River, employs 18,500 workers.

The project's main mission is production of plutonium—a fissionable material—for atomic bombs.

However, Dr. Ralph Lapp, a scientist who worked on the World War II Manhattan project, said in a recent book that material used in the first big hydrogen blast in November, 1952, was made at Hanford. Dr. Lapp identified this material as tritium, heavy form of hydrogen.



POLICE CHIEF Ted Brown of Eugene pins an honorary badge on "Audie," the dummy for ventriloquist-clown Fred Smith who is known in school circles as Nemo the Clown. Smith and Frank Hitchcock look on. Hitchcock represents the Eugene Active Club, which is sponsoring a safety program presented to Eugene area school children.

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