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Mystery of Comet Jetliner Failures Apparently Solved

LONDON (U.P.)—The mysterious explosion in flight of three Comet jetliners which killed all 99 persons aboard have been explained by British scientists on "metal fatigue."

Experts revealed Sunday that scientists working at the super-secret Farnborough Experiment Station apparently had solved one of the biggest riddles of the jet age.

The scientists, who asked to remain anonymous, said the sleek super-hour luxury liners blew up because the metal of their cabins got "tired."

They believed the metal sections buckled under the relatively normal while the giant planes soared through the stratosphere.

At Farnborough, a Comet was dunked in a tank of water and pumped full of air. Six weeks later it exploded with a force that would have caused as much damage as a blockbuster if the fuselage had not been under water.

The boiling rush of water in the tank last week signaled the end of one of the \$1,500,000 planes but apparently wrote the finish to the mystery explosions.

Investigation Asked
LONDON (U.P.)—Dominican Ambassador Licenciado Don Luis Logrono Cohen asked his government Monday for permission to waive his diplomatic immunity so Scotland Yard can investigate a gun battle in which the embassy's first secretary was killed.

Air Attache Capt. Octavio de la Maza still was listed in serious condition at St. George's Hospital as a result of the Saturday night gunplay. The first secretary, Don Luis Bernardino, died of his wounds soon after the two were rushed to the hospital from the embassy.

To Request More Funds
BELIZE, British Honduras (U.P.)—The People's United party soon will send a delegation to London with a request Britain double the amount recommended to be spent in the next five years to help give this Central American colony a stable economy.

A report from the local Colonial Treasury Office to the Legislative Assembly recommends 10 million British Honduras dollars (\$7,200,000) for a development program to include encouragement of light industry and agriculture. The United party wants 20 million.

Big Crab Catch
HAKODATE, Japan (U.P.)—Japan's crab fishing fleet in the Bristol Bay, Alaska, area caught its 1954 quota of 57,000 cases of King crabs a month and a half ahead of schedule, Kyodo News service said Monday.

Kyodo also reported that Japan has appointed a seven-man advisory delegation for the sixth conference of the International Whaling Commission scheduled here July 19.

Ensign 'Always Wrong Place'
IDAHO (U.P.)—In fishing and hunting, says Adlai Stevenson, seems to be in the wrong place at the wrong time.

He was the comment of the Democratic presidential candidate Sunday after a day of fishing in Lake Pend Oreille.

His newsmen fishing is between the fall, Stevenson retorted in November, I suppose, "I was in the wrong place-wrong time."

He came here from Eugene, Ore., where he made a political address Saturday at the University of Oregon.



MERCHANT SEEKS FUNDS FOR FINN TWINS—Floyd Burcham stands before his general merchandising store in Bakersfield, Calif., totalling money he's raised for the flying Finn twins, George and Charles, now fasting in protest against a year's sentence for handcuffing U. S. Attorney Laughlin M. Waters during a "citizens' arrest." The incident stemmed from their fight with the government over ownership of a surplus plane. Burcham said he's received more than \$200 and hopes to raise \$4,000 to be turned over to the brothers for legal and other expenses.

Suicide Plans Too Carefully; Kids Die, Too

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (U.P.)—Mrs. Jean Mann, who wanted to die to "do one thing for my children," planned it carefully.

She tucked her two children into bed, opened their bedroom window, placed a fan by their bedside, closed the doors leading into the room and sealed them with towels.

Then she turned on the gas burners in the kitchen and while she waited for death wrote an eight-page suicide note in which she declared "I was not meant to be a wife and mother." The note spoke of the need of a happy home for the children.

Sunday, officers broke into the home and found Mrs. Mann, a 26-year-old cosmetics clerk, slumped dead over the kitchen table.

In the bedroom, the children were dead too—Frances, 6, and Steven, 5.

Coroner Clyde Kissinger said Mrs. Mann made one mistake in her careful planning. The open bedroom window created a draft for the fan to suck gas fumes from the kitchen and across the sleeping children.

Mrs. Mann's husband Paul, 24, a hospital orderly, was in Ft. McClellan, Ala., for a two-week National Guard encampment.

Police to Query Rape 'Witness'

Vagrant Says He Saw Child Slain

MIAMI, Fla. (U.P.)—Miami detectives returned Walter Lee Yow here from Georgia for further questioning Monday about his story that he saw 7-year-old Judith Ann Roberts raped and murdered last Tuesday.

Detectives Charles Sapp and I. J. Whitman said the 44-year-old former convict's story was vague and full of discrepancies but consistent enough to warrant bringing him back. He was arrested in Marietta, Ga., Saturday for vagrancy.

Yow told officers he was with the man who stole Judith Ann, daughter of a Baltimore lawyer and labor leader, from her bed in the home of her grandparents.

Sapp said Yow related at first that he saw his companion rape the child, then smash her head with a rock, but later insisted he waited in the car some distance away while the other man took the girl into a wooded area off fashionable Bayshore Drive.

Then Yow declared he made up the story to get out of Georgia and back to Florida because he had been told that Georgia officers would "bash in his head" if he fell into their hands.

Georgia officers said the paunchy Yow, who described himself as a Cherokee Indian, had a long record of convictions, including assault on a female, and had been in a North Carolina hospital for criminally insane.

Sleeper Jump
BRUNSWICK, Me. (U.P.)—Ben Glovsky is taking steps to improve his filling station business. He is remodeling the building to provide free sleeping quarters for drowsy truck drivers.

Red Aircraft Spotted
SEOUL (U.P.)—An alert was sounded over the Seoul area for 20 minutes shortly after noon Monday when a Communist aircraft was reported spotted over the demilitarized zone. The 5th Air Force said the plane turned around and headed north.

WATCH OUT!
RALEIGH, N. C. (U.P.)—If you speed by a highway patrol car here and the driver doesn't give chase, it's probably because he's dumb.

The fact is the patrol has rigged up dummies complete with helmets and sun glasses to scare drivers into slower speeds.

It will take a sharp motorist to tell the real thing.

The twins' hunger strike is to protest a one-year jail sentence and the federal government's seizure of a war surplus transport plane they had bought. They were convicted in federal court of interfering with a federal officer after they handcuffed U. S. Atty. Laughlin Waters in what they called a citizens' arrest. They accused Waters of violating their civil rights by withholding possession of the plane.

The Finns bought the craft from a school district near Bakersfield. The government later seized the plane, declaring it had been given to the school district for educational use and could not be sold for commercial purposes.

Atty. Bernard B. Cohen said he would ask the federal Circuit Court of Appeals to release the twins on bail pending an appeal.

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