

Pilots Claim Safety Rules for Over-Water Flights Inadequate

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Washington—(U.P.)—The AFL Air Line Pilots Association claimed Wednesday that federal air regulations do not provide adequate safety for passengers in planes making emergency water landings.

A spokesman contended an urgent need for tighter rules was pointed up by the Pan American World Airways crash off San Juan, Puerto Rico, last Friday with 52 deaths.

Safety Proposals Made
He called attention to safety proposals made by the pilots association after the "ditching" last January of a plane operated by Northwest Airlines near Sandspit, British Columbia, with 38 deaths.

The association contended there are about 450 airliners flying long overwater routes "that carry flotation equipment that is not readily available if an emergency ditching occurs." It said rules provide only "minimum protection" after a "successful planned ditching," one in which there is time for advance preparation.

Survival Not Covered
"Present civil air regulations do not adequately cover survival after an emergency ditching," it said.

The pilots union made these recommendations:

1. Rubber life rafts should be so located that they can be jettisoned into the water through compartments opening from a plane's exterior.

2. A raft's static line should be fastened to the plane so it will not float away. The line, when taut, should discharge inflating air bottles and turn on a water-proof flashlight fastened in the raft.

3. Life rafts should be located on both sides of a plane to meet situations where evacuation from one side or another is impossible.

4. Flashlights should be located over all emergency doors, since electric lights are turned off promptly in an emergency to prevent fire.

The pilots union said qualified witnesses' testimony indicated fatalities could have been avoided in the Sandspit accident if these proposals had been in effect. It said Northwest Airlines "complied with and exceeded" current air regulations.

Salem—(U.P.)—Gov. Douglas McKay said Tuesday he has reappointed Dr. Penn C. Crum of Portland as a member of the state board of examiners in optometry for a three-year term.

Step Taken for Meeting Between Rita and Prince

Paris—(U.P.)—A step has been taken toward arranging a possible direct meeting between actress Rita Hayworth and Prince Aly Khan, the latter's lawyer said Tuesday.

Attorney Charles Torem said he had received a letter from Bartley Crum, Miss Hayworth's lawyer in New York, granting him permission to arrange such a meeting.

Torem declined to comment further.

HANDS ACROSS SEA

Tiffin, O.—(U.P.)—An 11th-grade Austrian exchange student at Calvert high school here tied for first place in the annual American Legion essay contest. She is Anita Sbaschnig. Her co-winner was a 10th grader, David Drake. Each pupil received \$10 in cash for writing "What Old Glory Means to Me."

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Vanport Liability Under Advisement After Suits Heard

Portland—(U.P.)—The federal government's liability for damages in the 1948 Vanport flood was taken under advisement Tuesday after oral arguments in 20 suits directed against the government were concluded.

Federal Judge James Alger Fee now has testimony from two weeks of trial last summer, oral and written arguments and several hundred pages of briefs to study before announcing his decision.

20 Suits Considered
The present legal action has been concerned with only 20 of the 712 suits brought by 2933 persons asking a total of \$5,500,000 from the government as the result of damages suffered at the federal housing project in the memorial Day flood. From these, the judge will determine the government's liability.

Last of DPs Arrive Under Expiring Act

Chicago—(U.P.)—Josef Zylka, who survived both German and Russian slave labor camps, arrives in Chicago Tuesday as the last person to be admitted to this country under the displaced persons act.

Zylka, a Pole, and his two daughters, were to meet Gov. Adlai Stevenson at a noon reception at the State of Illinois Building.

Zylka is the last of 339,000 displaced persons to be admitted to this country under the expiring act.

Spokane—(U.P.)—Western Union opened its main downtown office Tuesday for 12-hour service after being closed nearly two weeks by the commercial telegraphers' strike.



GASHED ON PIECE OF BROKEN GLASS, Timmie, whose origin is uncertain gets "the works" at San Francisco's Mission Emergency Hospital after his pals wandered in seeking veterinarian. Steward Pat Brown (left) called on Dr. F. M. Brinkley for first aid. (International)

Record Oregon Winter Wheat Crop Forecast

Portland—(U.P.)—A record Oregon winter wheat crop of 24,788,000 bushels for 1952 was forecast Tuesday by the federal crop reporting service.

The total would be 12 per cent above last year. The service has not yet made a forecast for spring wheat.

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Science at Work

New York—(U.P.)—If you gamble, you probably are one of four types, according to Dr. H. D. Landahl, associate professor of mathematical biology, University of Chicago.

Here's how he lists the categories. (You make your own diagnosis.)

First type: He is interested in making a tremendous killing, even if the odds are against him.

The more he wants to win, the more he is inclined to risk. Irish sweepstakes ticket buyers are in that class.

Second type: The calculating person. He keeps his eyes focused on the odds and balances the risk against the chances of winning. He makes a good poker player.

Third type: The thrill gambler. Bets, regardless of the odds or the amount he might win, small or large. He's a sucker for slot machines.

Fourth type: The sure better. Bets only when the odds are heavily in his favor. For him, the excitement of betting offers no charms. However, he may be trapped by betting on "fixed" horse races, which become unfixed.

Experiments Made
Landahl based his conclusions on a study with 50 subjects in an artificial gambling situation. In the study, the subjects were made varying offers to determine the amounts they were willing to risk at various odds.

Landahl's study was part of work in the university's committee on mathematical biology. The committee applies mathematics to such problems as the size of crowds, how rumors spread, and the manner in which dust and soot particles are retained in the lungs. His studies on gambling resulted from work on a basic problem of the mathematics of the nervous system in which choice is involved.

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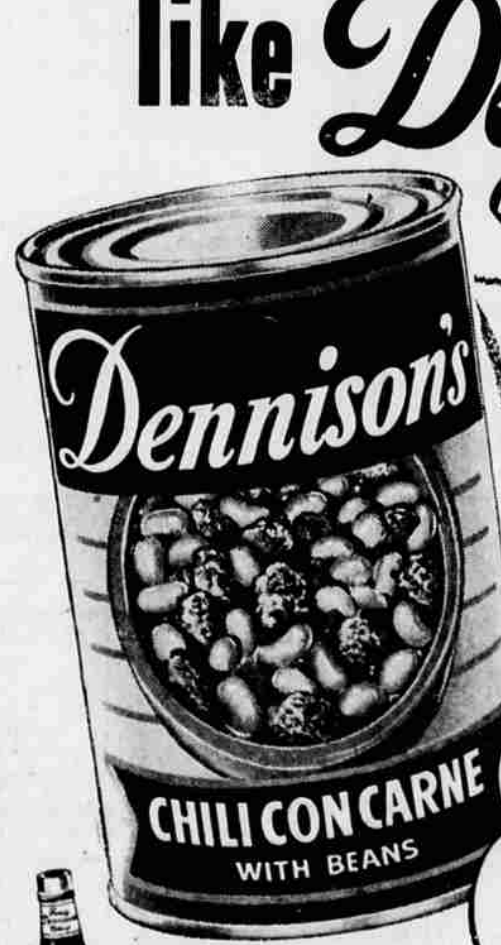
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