

Mass Murder To Be Charged Against Bomber of United Air Lines Plane

Confession Tells Of Anxiety Over Lateness of Craft

Denver — (U.P.) — The government told the state today it could prosecute John Gilbert Graham for mass murder in the United Air Lines bomb plot crash that killed 44 persons, including his own mother.

The federal action, announced by United States Attorney Donald E. Kelley, prepared the way for the state to file charges against Graham, 23, that could send him to the gas chamber.

Plot Confessed
Graham confessed yesterday that he sweated for 35 minutes waiting for the delayed takeoff Nov. 1 of the plane carrying his heavily-insured mother and his homemade time bomb. It exploded minutes afterward while the plane was in flight killing all aboard.

Denver District Attorney Berth Keating immediately announced that he would file murder charges against Graham for the death of his mother.

The state prosecutor said he already had commenced the preparation of the murder charges. Details of the confession were made known in a story in the Rocky Mountain News by David Stolberg. He said he learned the details from a variety of sources which he was not at liberty to divulge.

90 Minute Maximum

Graham's confession said the bomb was regulated by a timing device set for its maximum period of 90 minutes. He set it about 45 minutes to an hour before his mother boarded the plane that carried her to her death.

Graham planted the bomb to collect \$37,500 on an insurance policy which he had taken out in his mother's name. The policy was worthless because she had not countersigned it according to law.

Graham said he collected 25 sticks of dynamite, rigged them with a battery and placed them in his mother's suitcase shortly before she boarded the plane to visit her daughter, Mrs. Helen Hablutzel in Anchorage, Alaska.

When news of the airliner crash broke Graham went home to his wife and children, put his face in his hands and cried, his neighbors said.

The FBI declined to reveal the details of how Graham got the dynamite bomb into his mother's luggage.

The Rocky Mountain News

Japanese Politics Gets Two Parties

said Graham tied 25 sticks of dynamite together, removed some of his mother's things from a suitcase and replaced them with the explosive.

Explosion Time Set

The Scripps-Howard newspaper said Graham set the bomb to explode in 90 minutes, bound his mother's suitcase with straps and carried it to Stapleton Air field for his mother.

"After my mother had finished checking her luggage, my wife and I went with her to the passengers' gate where we told my mother goodbye and watched her board the plane with other passengers," Graham said, according to the News.

Graham said he took his wife to the airport coffee shop and "as we were leaving I heard the cashier say . . . that there had been a wreck of an airplane."

"Later on that evening after my wife and I had returned to our home, we heard over the radio . . . that all the passengers had been killed."

Graham, charged technically with a federal offense of sabotaging an airliner, was held under heavy guard in Denver's county jail. His bail was set at \$100,000.

U. S. Attorney Donald E. Kelley said the sabotage charge was "hardly worth while."

State Murder Charges

He asked the Justice Department for an opinion on whether Graham should be turned over to the state to face murder charges. The maximum penalty for sabotage is 10 years. If he is charged and convicted of murder he could receive the death penalty under state laws.

Dr. Earl J. Miller, the Graham family physician for 20 years, said the 23-year-old explosives expert "bordered" on mechanical genius. He learned to use dynamite while working on construction jobs.

Elvin West, a neighbor, said Graham "once told me he'd do anything for money. He didn't seem to have much feeling for people."

The FBI did not disclose details of how Graham was traced to the explosion. But it seemed assured the trip insurance he arranged provided the tip off.

Another clue might have been the weight of Mrs. King's luggage. Her suitcases weighed 103 pounds, 27 pounds over the limit. She had to pay \$27.82 for the extra weight.

Graham, married and the father of two children, is technically an heir to part of his mother's \$150,000 estate.

Tokyo—U.P.—A powerful new Conservative Party was forced today with the merger of the dissolved Democratic and Liberal parties, giving Japan its first two-party system since World War II. The left and right-wing Socialists merged into a single party last month.

The new Conservative grouping will hold a heavy parliamentary majority.

Prime Minister Ichiro Hatoyama, who headed the Democratic party, will remain as head of government until next spring under the merger deal with the Liberals. But actual management of the party will be in the hands of a joint committee of four, led by Hatoyama and former Liberal President Taketora Ogata.

Under the agreement, Hatoyama will step down next spring to pave the way for election of a permanent party president and prime minister. Ogata presumably will be chosen.

The Democratic and Liberal parties were formally dissolved Monday night. The formal merger of the two conservative groups came today. Some 2,000 members and supporters of the two parties met in the Chuo University Auditorium to inaugurate the "Liberal-Democratic" party.

Officials of the new party said it controlled 298 seats in the 467-member House of Representatives and 115 in the 250-member upper House of Councillors. In the upper house, it can count on the support of the 47 members of the Green Breeze party. The new party is pledged to uphold "peace and democracy."

Court Records

DISTRICT COURT
Evelyn Willahmens Tefft, failure to stop at a stop sign, \$10.

Leroy Wilbur Branham, overheight, \$15.

Robert John Bohl, insufficient binders, \$10; overload, \$24.50.

Floyd C. Evernden, overload, \$119.

Ted Wayne Dau, violation of basic rule, \$20.

Leland Fred Nelson, inadequate muffler, \$15.

Alvin Len Shoemaker, overload, \$193.

Richard Allan Bourne, inadequate muffler, \$15.

Harold Lee LaGrave, no muffler, \$15.

Melvin Taylor, dumping rubbish on same commission land, \$25.

Frank Victor Oliver, failure to stop at red light, \$10.

James Earl Hobbs, violation of basic rule, \$10 (bail forfeiture).

Jerry Victor Bianconi, no signaling device, \$10 (bail forfeiture).

Fred John Lentz, no operator's license, \$6.

Shirley Waldo Chapman, truck speeding, \$7.50; overload, \$39.

Dwain Allen Richardson, overload, \$36.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS
Keith Floyd Nelson, 20, Happy Camp, Calif., and Rose Adaline Vesells, 17, Jacksonville.

LaVerne Ber Haptonstall, 21, route 1, box 136, Ashland, and Patricia Louise Rogers, Susanne Homes hall, Ashland.



BACK IN THE SWING—Taking advantage of a warm November afternoon, President Eisenhower (left) felt well enough to go out on the White House lawn and swing his golf club as he gives his son, Major John Eisenhower (right) a few pointers on his favorite game.

PT&T Tax Bill Sets Record in Multnomah

Portland—U.P.—Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company of Portland has been presented with a real and personal property tax bill amounting to \$1,773,785, an alltime high for Multnomah county.

County tax authorities, reminding that today was the deadline for a 3 per cent discount in 1955-56 tax payments, said Portland General Electric also owed a whopping tax bill—\$1,587,845.

Dead line Sunday. Classified is at noon Saturday, 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; other days 5:30 previous day.

Lana Turner Under Warrant From Court

Los Angeles—U.P.—Film star Lana Turner today was under a bench warrant for failing to appear in Superior court in an \$18,000 civil suit.

Superior Judge Arthur K. Marshall ordered the warrant drawn against her yesterday, but indicated it would not be put into force if Miss Turner appears at a hearing Nov. 23.

The blonde actress and her husband, actor Rex Barker, were subpoenaed to testify on how much they owed Texas oil promoter J. Robert Neal, who is being sued by oil engineer Robert L. Daniels for \$18,000. Miss Turner has denied she owed Neal any money.

Davidson Doubts IPC Will Complete Dams

Portland—U.P.—Former Assistant Interior Secretary C. Girard Davidson predicted at a meeting of the National Hells Canyon Association here Saturday that "Idaho Power Company will not complete any of the three lower Snake river dams."

The former Truman official, now an association attorney, said "I doubt seriously that a single bucket of concrete will be poured in any of them."

Applicants Must File For NROTC By Nov. 19

Applications for competitive examinations for entrance into the Naval Reserve Officers Training corps in college must be in by Nov. 19. The nationwide examination will be given Dec. 10.

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