

# Graham Denies Bombing of Airliner To Collect Insurance

Denver—(U.P.)—John Gilbert Graham denied in county jail late Thursday that he time-bombed a United Air Lines DC6B and hinted that his mother—one of the 44 victims of the crash—might have set off the explosive herself in a suicide.

In a copyrighted story, Al Nakkula, a Rocky Mountain News reporter, quoted the 23-year-old suspect as saying he signed a written FBI confession because "they told me they were going to put my wife in jail and I'd better get it straightened out myself."

Graham said FBI agents started questioning him at about noon last Sunday and "didn't stop until I signed a confession about 4 a.m. the next morning."

When asked if he put a "present or a bundle of dynamite" in his mother's luggage, Graham replied: "I didn't put anything in her luggage. I only bought some straps to put around the luggage . . . the hinges on the suitcase were breaking. I don't want to discuss the present."

The Nakkula asked: "Did you have a premonition of your

mother's death before you had been formally notified of it?"

**Mother Called Friends**

To this question Graham replied: "I didn't, she had. She called everybody she could think of before she left."

Graham said his mother, Mrs. Daisie King, had been ill and was hospitalized twice last summer, and was "sort of depressed or nervous since Mr. King died last year." King was the woman's second husband and Graham's step-father.

"I don't have any theories as to the cause of the crash or what

happened," Graham said when pressed for an explanation concerning the explosives that ripped the plane apart in flight and set it hurtling to the ground.

Reconstructed parts of the blast-torn plane will be used in Graham's murder trial. He allegedly admitted dynamiting the airliner to collect \$37,500 insurance money on his mother.

Graham, who was granted an 11-day stay of arraignment Thursday to secure "adequate counsel," was calm and confident when he appeared before

District Judge James M. Nolan of Durango.

Graham asked Judge Nolan for a 30-day stay of arraignment but his request was promptly turned down.

Late Thursday, District Attorney Bert Keating disclosed that he was virtually certain Mrs. King had signed the \$37,500 insurance policy and made her son the beneficiary.

The district attorney said Mutual Omaha, which owned the vending machine from which Mrs. King's policies were purchased, sent him six policy forms.

Two of them, he said, were blank; one apparently was signed by Mrs. King and made out for the \$37,500; another was made for the same amount but not signed by Mrs. King, and two were made out to Mrs. King's sister, Mrs. Helen Smith of St. Genevieve, Mo., and to her daughter, Mrs. Helen Hablitzel of Anchorage, Alaska.

Keating said the company would not pay off on the policies made out to Graham, and had not decided whether to honor the ones made out to the sister and daughter.



**BACK TO WORK**—President Eisenhower starts his first day of work in his temporary office in Gettysburg, Pa., as he confers with Secy. of Commerce Sinclair Weeks.

# Statements By Two Governors Point To Real Division Within Republican Party

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Washington—(U.P.)—Two Republican governors have just been heard from on the subject of the 1956 GOP presidential nomination.

One governor hopes Mr. Eisenhower will not run again. The other hopes he does. What they had to say adds up to considerable support for the idea that Mr. Eisenhower is the GOP's indispensable man, after all.



Governor No. 1 was Utah's J. Bracken Lee. Lee is for Sen. William F. Buckley of California for the Republican presidential nomination. He said health considerations should forbid Mr. Eisenhower running again.

What he had to say is cited here as evidence of a real division within the Republican Party. He repudiated Eisenhower's foreign and domestic policies, especially on ground of failing to reduce government spending sufficiently. The governor said the Republican administration was conducting give-away programs begun by the Democrats. He wants farm subsidies discontinued.

**Magazine Favors Knowland**

If that is not sufficient evidence of trouble on the Republican front, there is the material in a new weekly publication, "The National Review." The first issue laid down strategy by which conservative Republicans hope to nominate Knowland for president.

Knowland evidently is willing. He had a story in the magazine titled "Peace With Honor," assailing Eisenhower administration foreign policy. He wrote that foreign policy would be a

big issue in next year's campaign. Magazine publisher is William F. Buckley Jr., who with Associate Editor L. Brent Bozell was co-author of a book defending Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R-Wis.).

The conservative rebellion against Mr. Eisenhower sparked by Lee, McCarthy, Knowland and others was a political dud after it undertook an organizational meeting in Chicago some months ago. Bozell conceded in his strategy discussion that the anti-Eisenhower movement was embalmated until the President's heart attack achieved a miraculous restoration.

All of the foregoing is evidence of a real party split—as well as the division in the Democratic Party. The Republican breach would close instantly with announcement that Mr. Eisenhower would be a second term candidate. The right wing would fold.

Governor No. 2 is Fred Hall of Kansas. He told National Republican Club diners in New York this week that the Republican Party is in a bad way for several reasons:

1. Too many Republicans oppose Mr. Eisenhower's philosophy and program.
2. The party is turning away the support of millions of Americans, especially those on the farms and in labor unions.

Hall said it must get in step

with the President and realize that there is no longer any vote appeal in extreme conservatism. The American choice, he said, is not now between conservative and progressive ideas but between progressive ideas and ideas which are far more radical.

Hall said Mr. Eisenhower would lick any opponent put against him if he is a candidate next year. Bozell, for the conservatives, conceded that their

movement was alive only because the President was ill. It all adds up to admission from both sides that only Mr. Eisenhower would be a sure bet to win for the Republicans next time.

**JAZZ PIANIST DIES**

New York—(U.P.)—James P. Johnson, veteran Negro jazz pianist and composer of "Charleston," died yesterday in Queens General Hospital. He was 61.

## Marine's Body Found In Ocean Off Tokyo

Tokyo—(U.P.)—The body of a marine corporal missing for eight days in a boating acci-

dent was found Monday five miles out at sea from the entrance to Tokyo bay, the U. S. Marine Corps announced today.

## Italian Education Minister To Visit US

Rome—(U.P.)—Education Minister Paolo Rossi leaves Sunday for an official visit to the United States which Rome newspapers hailed as further evidence of Italy's growing prestige in America.

The visit was arranged by the U.S. State Department and the Boston "Salute to Rome" committee.

Rossi, 55, will fly to New York and proceed immediately to Washington talks with U.S. administration officials and leaders of cultural life.

The victim was identified as Corp. Donald D. McGlasson, 27, route 3, Molalla, Ore., one of five U. S. servicemen and three Japanese whose fishing boat overturned Nov. 6.

Three of the servicemen and one of the Japanese were rescued. One American still is missing and the bodies of two Japanese, including a woman, have been recovered.

Announcement that McGlasson's body was recovered was withheld pending identification and notification of his parents.

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