

# Airline Executive Predicts CAB Will Clear TWA Pilot of Violating Safety Regulations

Washington — (U.P.) — A Trans World Airlines executive predicted today that Civil Aeronautics Board hearings on the Grand Canyon plane disaster will show that the TWA pilot involved did not violate safety regulations.

Frank Busch, TWA vice president in charge of operations, testified shortly after a special six-man CAB panel opened hearings on the double crash of Trans World and United Air Lines planes. The accident which occurred June 30 took 128 lives. It was the worst commercial aviation accident in history.

The hearings opened after a one-month investigation into the apparent collision. **Conscientious Pilot** — Busch said in an opening statement he is sure facts developed

in the hearings will establish that TWA's flight "was operated in all respects in accordance with the highest safety standards." He said he knew the TWA pilot, Jack Gandy, who died in the crash, as one who "consistently and conscientiously abided by all rules and regulations."

CAB Chairman James R. Durfee and W. K. Andrews, director of the CAB Bureau of Safety Investigation, emphasized that no

blame should be placed in the accident until the CAB has all the facts and decided on the probable cause of the disaster.

Andrews took the stand briefly to say that his testimony before a House Commerce Subcommittee at Las Vegas July 7 was not intended to place responsibility for the crash on the TWA pilot "or any other pilot."

Andrews said he had been "misinterpreted" by "some

## New Radar Will Track Storms for 250 Miles

Washington — The weather bureau today announced letting a contract for radar equipment which will result in earlier and more reliable storm warnings and which will be able to track severe storms up to 250 miles away.

The contract, totaling some \$3,800,000, was let to the Raytheon Manufacturing company,

Waltham, Mass., to produce 39 new type weather radars for forecasting needs. Delivery is scheduled to begin early in 1958.

The new equipment will be linked into a planned nationwide network of radar weather stations strategically located throughout the country, according to weather bureau. The system will allow meteorologists to track and relay findings of a storm from one station to another without losing contact with the disturbance.

**Reduce Difficulties** — Use of the network, officials pointed out, will reduce to a minimum present difficulties in plotting storms such as hurricanes approaching the coast.

The equipment, which will show an entire weather front or storm system, will automatically compile information which would otherwise be available only through several hundred observers, weather bureau officials said.

Preliminary investigations suggest that the radars will also be useful in determining the total amounts of rain falling over a particular watershed, providing information invaluable in forecasting flash floods.

The radars will be adaptable to various types of weather, officials said. When the hurricane season is past, for example, the equipment may be converted for best coverage of less severe weather, such as snow, drizzle and fog.

**VEGETABLE ADVICE** — Geneva, N. Y. — (U.P.) — Scientists at the Agricultural Experiment Station here say that "off flavor" can develop in two to three weeks in frozen vegetables that are not adequately blanched prior to freezing.

## Portland Boy, Lost For 24 Hours, Found

Hood River — (U.P.) — A 15-year-old Portland boy, who became separated from three other youths Monday east of Bonneville dam, was found in good condition by U. S. Forest Service searchers yesterday.

George White, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd D. White, had been missing about 24 hours when found.

Ranger Wayne Gurley said the four boys had been fishing at Wahtum lake when they decided to take a short cut. White went ahead and became separated. The other boys returned to the lake about dark and telephoned for help.

The youth was in a deep gorge on the east fork of the creek when found. He said he had some food in his sleeping bag.

## Work Starts on Two Projects in City

Work was started this morning on one sanitary sewer and one paving project in Medford, according to Vern Thorpe, public works director.

Conrad Construction company started construction on a sanitary sewer in block four, Highcroft addition from Keene Way dr. to Hillhouse st.

Rogue River Paving company and Hughes and Dodd, subcontractors, have started paving on Broad st. from Jackson to Clark sts., he said. Neither of the projects will be completed before September, he added.

plant eventually is planned to cover a 1200-by-800 foot area just west of The Dalles city limits.

## Aluminum Plant Started at The Dalles

The Dalles — (U.P.) — The first shovel of concrete was turned here yesterday, marking the official start of construction at the Harvey Machine Co., \$64,000,000 aluminum reduction plant.

Leo Harvey, president of the Torrence, Calif., company, turned the first shovel of concrete on the huge plant. The

## Arizona Summons Important Witness

San Francisco — (U.P.) — Arizona has called to the stand one of its "most important" witnesses to help prove its claim to 3,800,000 annual acre feet of the Colorado river water.

This witness was R. J. Tipton, a consulting civil engineer and hydrologist. He took the stand Tuesday to testify on two terms that form a vital part of Arizona's case.

These terms are "beneficial consumptive use of water" and "virgin flow." Arizona hopes to have its definitions of these terms accepted. It is on these definitions that Arizona bases its claim to the water.

Opposing Arizona in the suit is California, which claims through other definitions of these terms that it is entitled to 5,363,000 acre feet of water. There is not enough water in the river to satisfy both states.

## House Subcommittee Inspects Stockholm

New York — (U.P.) — The House Merchant Marine Subcommittee opened its investigation today of the ramming and sinking of the Andrea Doria. It inspected the shattered bow of the Swedish liner Stockholm in the hope of finding a clue to the cause of the sea tragedy.

Eight members of the subcommittee, headed by Rep. Robert C. Bonner (D-N.C.) went aboard the vessel in drydock at the Bethlehem Steel Co., Brooklyn yards.

They gave careful scrutiny to the twisted steel of the Stock-

**BLIND STUDENT EXCELS** — Grand Rapids, Mich. — (U.P.) — James VanderLaan, who has been blind since childhood, was the third-ranking member scholastically of Christian High's graduating class. VanderLaan was president of the National Honor Society chapter at the school, a member of the a capella choir, winner of a Bible Award and a member of the school's track team.

Boston — (U.P.) — The old hall clock of the Rev. Mather Byles, who was the first pastor of Boston's Hollis Street Church, still keeps perfect time. Made by a Boston watchmaker in 1750, it now stands in the old State House Museum.

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holm's bow, extending from the top deck to the keel. Bonner said the subcommittee will meet this afternoon to discuss their findings with Coast Guard marine safety experts and then confer with officials of the Italian Line, owners of the Andrea Doria.



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## d'Ewart To Leave Post This Week

Washington — (U.P.) — Assistant Interior Secretary Wesley A. d'Ewart, whose nomination by President Eisenhower was not confirmed by the Senate, plans to leave his post this week.

Secretary of Interior Fred A. Seaton said Tuesday in a statement he deeply regretted d'Ewart's departure. He said d'Ewart "has performed an outstanding service in carrying forward the department's important resource conservation responsibilities."

When the Senate adjourned without confirming the former Montana GOP congressman's nomination, it left him without any status in the department. It would require another recess appointment by Mr. Eisenhower to keep him in his post.

d'Ewart told the United Press earlier that he had no immediate plans but was "waiting around to see what develops." That statement left the implication he thought the President might renominate him.

Then Seaton announced that d'Ewart is leaving. That indicated Mr. Eisenhower would nominate someone else for the post.

**DOG SPOTTER** — White Cloud, Mich. — (U.P.) — Conservation officer Alger Cline became an aerial dog-watcher when he went up in a plane to spot wild dogs that had been killing scores of deer.

## Chest X-Ray Clinic Open Here Tonight

The chest x-ray clinic at Sacred Heart hospital will be open from 7 to 9 p.m. today, according to the Jackson County Public Health association.

The evening clinic is for the benefit of those who work during the day, the association reminded residents. Chest x-rays are the most efficient way of diagnosing tuberculosis when it is in its early stages, the association said, and will also detect early lung cancer, heart disease and other chest diseases.

The Sacred Heart hospital clinic is open to the public the first Wednesday night of each month from 7 to 9 p.m. The clinic is also open every Thursday afternoon from 2 to 5 p.m.

**RECOGNITION NOW** — Salisbury, Mass. — (U.P.) — Folks here don't believe in waiting until a man dies before paying him honors. They inserted an article in the March 17 town warrant for the voters to ballot on installing a tablet in Memorial School to recognize the many years of service given the school and health departments by Dr. William L. Coleman of nearby Seabrook, N. H.

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