

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo



Odds Against Plane Passenger Being Sucked Out Very High

Editor's note: A passenger fell to death through a broken window on an Air France plane Sunday. The following dispatch discusses why such mishaps occur and what is being done to solve the problem.

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Washington (U.P.)—The odds against being sucked out of an airliner window or door are 150 million to 1. They will be even greater in the coming jet transports.

Civil Aeronautics Board files show only two passengers have been "blown out" of U.S. airliner cabins since pressurized planes went into general service in 1946. In that period the regularly scheduled U.S. airlines have carried nearly 300 million persons.

Cabin pressurization is required for planes flying above 15,000 feet. At 20,000 feet the pressure inside an airliner is 8½ pounds per square inch greater than outside the plane—and a fractured window or suddenly opened door can whisk a 200-pound man through the opening in a split second.

Smaller Windows in Jets
When the window on the Air France plane broke over Iran last week end, the ill-fated passenger was suddenly subjected to 850 pounds of pressure on his head—enough to suck him toward the window. Once his head was through, his entire body was jolted by approximately 4,700 pounds of pressure and was drawn out the window.

Designers of the new jet planes have taken special steps to prevent this from happening. These include:

1. Windows so small a human body cannot go through.
2. Triple-strength windows with three glass panes, each so strong that fracturing of the other two will not affect the remaining one.
3. The doors on jetliners will be of the "plug type"—designed so pressurization merely locks them tighter instead of exerting a pushing force as in present planes.
4. Even on present airliners the danger of a double-pane window fracturing is extremely rare. A CAB official said the government requires regular inspection of plane windows for scratches that might weaken the glass. A scratch can lead to a crack and a crack will mean an eventual break.

"Windows can be scratched when the plane is cleaned and also by passengers themselves," he said. "We've had cases where passengers scratched their initials into windows and I myself once stopped a youngster who was banging on a window with an iron toy. His mother got mad and told me the boy wasn't bothering anybody."

CAB records show these fatal instances of unexpected depressurization, most of them caused by door failures:

1947—An astrodome in a TWA Constellation blew out while the navigator was making star sights, sucking him to his death over the Atlantic.

1950—A woman passenger in a Pan-American Stratocruiser was pulled through a cabin door that suddenly opened.

1952—Another passenger went through a PAA Stratocruiser door that unexpectedly opened.

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American Indians Emigrating To East in Search of Employment

St. Louis (U.P.)—The American Indian is heading back to his "happy hunting grounds" in the East to hunt for a job.

And he is taking his family with him.

That's why the new relocation office at St. Louis turned a reception room into a nursery. The uprising of Indian tiny tots forced the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs to forget dignity and turn to graham crackers and rattles.

Since the St. Louis office joined a chain of relocation centers from San Francisco to Chicago, 93 Indian families and 23 persons have found homes, jobs, hot and cold running water, and the white man's addiction to super markets here.

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the man said he wanted to quit. He told Hazard, "I've been there all week and I haven't even seen a complete machine. Let alone build one." So Hazard explained the white man's assembly line.

The relocation office sponsors the families here until they become settled, usually about one month. Hazard said a recent survey showed that the government was getting back its money almost immediately in income taxes taken out of the Indians' pay checks.

Home visits by relocation

Grange Notes

Gold Hill Grange
Gold Hill Grange met April 18 with overseer Alva Walker in the master's chair, due to the unavoidable absence of Master Hal Bishop.

The meeting was conducted in the usual manner. The minutes were read and approved, committee reports were given and new business and good of the order were taken up.

The group voted to send Mr. and Mrs. Alva Walker as alternates to the state Grange.

Herman Kamping informed the Grange on some of the resolutions that are coming up at the state Grange. There is a worth-while resolution on meat inspection in the state legislature, that will benefit everyone if it is passed.

The lecturer's program was spent in reading and group singing.

Last-minute details for the float to be entered in the Pear Blossom parade are being worked out. Gold Hill Grange members are pleased that their candidate was chosen queen of the annual Pear Blossom festival.

It was reported that the dances held Saturday nights at the Grange hall continue to be successful.

The next serving committee will be Mr. and Mrs. Page and Dorothy Parker. Grange closed at 10:30 with the retiring drill.

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

Approaches to Bridge Under Construction

Crews are working on earth to County Engineer Paul Rynning. The new bridge is expected to be open to traffic in about a month if weather conditions permit completion of the approaches on schedule.



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Around Hollywood

By ALINE MOSBY
United Press Correspondent

Hollywood (U.P.)—When she was the wife of a big movie star, the woman lived in a fabulous happy one about success and bosoms, and the to Tita Purdon Beverly Hills mansion, but today she looked around her shabby, bare apartment and cried, "It's that frantic fear that I can't pay the rent!"

Not every story in Hollywood is a her four years in movietown have been sad.

She and Edmund Purdon arrived here from London to live in a garage while he looked for acting jobs. It was an exciting story when the garage-dweller turned out to be signed by MGM in 1953 for such big films as "The Student Prince."

Seeks to Rebuild Career
After studio and personal difficulties, Purdon left Hollywood and now is trying to rebuild his career—with a new bride.

But back in Hollywood his ex-wife said wearily, "I've had nothing but \$1,100 from him in a year. I expect nothing for myself, but his two children!"

After being evicted from two apartments for not paying the rent, Tita is living in a \$60-a-month, three-room apartment with her daughters, aged 2 and 4. Her doctor and Norma Shearer "who has been wonderful" gave her odd pieces of furniture, a stove and refrigerator.

"My American friends have been very kind to me," smiled Tita. "Jan Sterling gave me a dress. Thanks to my friends, we have food."

Her doctor says Tita and both children "definitely show signs of malnutrition."

Tita, an actress, tried a nightclub act for a while and works occasionally in television on the Alfred Hitchcock and Loretta Young shows.

"It hasn't been enough to live on," she said. "I've tried to get other jobs. I've been to department stores but when they hear my name—I can't type, but I've tried to find work as a file clerk."

Recently Tita spent the night in jail for five overdue traffic tickets on a car she long ago lost. The judge let her off with a small fine after she explained four of the tickets were her ex-husband's. She goes to court next month on a \$60 milk bill she claims was incurred while they were married.

Local Man Bound Over To Grand Jury Monday

Donald Babcock, 27, of 1427 Lawnridge drive, Medford, was bound over to the grand jury Monday after appearing for preliminary hearing in district court.

Babcock, charged with larceny in a building, is being represented by Ed Kelly, Medford attorney.

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