

B-25 Jet Bomber Crashes Following Abnormal Takeoff

Spokane, Wash.—An abnormal takeoff apparently caused by a power failure was blamed today for the crash of a B-25 jet bomber in which eight of the nine men aboard were killed.

The eight-jet bomber winged over, then crashed and exploded in a muddy, plowed and wheat field two miles from takeoff at Fairchild Air Force Base here Thursday.

"It was an abnormal takeoff," said Col. W. B. Atwell, base commander. "The plane climbed almost straight up, winged over and cartwheeled when it crashed."

Seemed To Stand Still
Sgt. Richard Stone who was with a drill squad on the base at the time and echoed Atwell's words.

"The plane climbed almost straight up, seemed to stand still and then started slipping on its right wing," he said. "It leveled off and belled in and exploded when it hit the ground."

There were no explosives aboard although the B-25's are armed with nuclear weapons which would not explode in the event of a crash, Atwell said.

The casualty list includes Col. Clarence A. Neely, 42, Sioux City, Iowa, a pilot. He flew the first B-25 into the base last April from the Boeing plant at Wichita.

Other victims were: Captain Herbert H. Spiller, 32, Lowell, Ark.; Capt. Douglas F. Schwartz, 36, Minneapolis, Minn.; Capt. Douglas E. Gray, 33, Guthrie, Ky.; Lt. James D. Mann, 34, Mountview, Calif.; Maj. Ralph R. Alworth, 38, Oilton, Okla.; Capt. Thomas N. Peebles, 34, Carson, Va., and Lt. Jack Oainisi, 26, Oak, Ill.

The survivor was T-Sgt. Gene I. Graye, 25, Augusta, Kan. He was believed to have been in the tail section and was not seriously hurt.

Built by Boeing Airplane company at a cost of about \$8 million each, the huge planes have a wingspan of 185 feet and weigh more than 350,000 pounds. They are capable of near supersonic speeds.

Beck Jury May Begin Deliberation

Seattle—A jury of seven men and five women was expected to begin deliberating the grand larceny trial of Teamster President Dave Beck today.

The 63-year-old Teamsters head, whose term in office has continued indefinitely because of legal challenges to the election of James R. Hoffa, is accused of embezzling \$1,900 from the sale of a union-owned Cadillac.

Judge George H. Revelle will instruct the jury. Then the state and defense each will be allowed two hours for final arguments.

All of Thursday's session was spent in Revelle's chambers. Neither the judge nor the attorneys would comment on the nature of the session but it was believed to be over the question of instructions to be given to the jury.

The car involved in the Beck case is one which belonged to the Western Conference of Teamsters and was sold Jan. 30, 1956 to Martin B. Duffy, a Seattle beer truck driver, for \$1,900.

Beck's son, Dave Beck Jr., was convicted on two counts of grand larceny last month in a case involving the sale of two union-owned Cadillacs.

Medford Man Files Damage Suit in Court

Richard Phair, 424 Ardmore ave., Medford, has filed a complaint in circuit court asking \$20,000 general damages and \$2,305.50 special damages from Warren Archie Carlson, Walla Walla, Wash., for injuries received in an accident Dec. 11, 1955 in Eugene.

According to the complaint the plaintiff suffered severe injuries and will be partially disabled due to an automobile accident on Highway 99 in Eugene. The complaint states that the Phair vehicle was stopped at a red light when struck by the vehicle driven by the defendant.

Phair is represented by Paul W. Haviland, Medford attorney.

President of Indonesia Denies Being Ousted From Post in Coup

Jakarta, Indonesia—President Sukarno of Indonesia today met personally with foreign newsmen and denied rumors he had been ousted from power in a military-civilian coup.

Sukarno met briefly with some 30 members of the foreign press to read a statement. "I am still here," the President noted. "Sukarno made no reference to the announcement Thursday that he would leave Indonesia some time next month for reasons of health."

Assassination Attempt
The Communist New China news agency today quoted an Indonesian newspaper as saying

a new attempt was made on Wednesday to assassinate Sukarno. The agency quoted the Indonesian Nationalist newspaper Suluh Indonesia as saying the attempt was planned when Sukarno attended a rally in Surabaya but that "almost all the terrorists were arrested before they could put their plot into effect."

There was no mention of the newspaper report in dispatches from Jakarta.

Dutch Radio Report
The press conference was called following a report broadcast by a Dutch radio that Sukarno had been overthrown and

replaced by a new government led by Premier Djunda, former Vice President Mohammed Hatta, and Gen. Abdul Haris Nasution, army chief of staff.

The members of the National council surrounded Sukarno as he read the statement.

YOUTH TO THE RESCUE
Sweetwater, Tenn.—A busload of school children got a chance to play firemen Thursday. Bus driver Boney Lile organized the 23 students into a bucket brigade when he spotted a farmhouse on fire. The blaze had been put out by the students by the time firemen arrived.

Happy Camp Places Water Pipe Order

Yreka, Calif.—An order for water pipe was placed with the American Steel company at a meeting of the water board of Happy Camp this week.

The community is now using 3,500 feet of aluminum emergency pipe borrowed from the Siskiyou county civil defense agency. A 30-day extension on use of the pipe was granted Happy Camp, according to Lynn Roberts, county coordinator.

The pipeline was loaned to the community last spring following floods which washed the regular pipe away. The civil defense agency has granted several extensions on the use of the pipe.

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE

Mayor May Enter N.Y. Strike Talks

New York—Mayor Robert F. Wagner was to reply today to a request for face to face negotiation to end the crippling five-day strike of subway motormen.

The meeting would be the first between any official and the Motormen's Benevolent Association since the splinter union defied an anti-strike law and a court injunction to walk out Monday morning in protest against its domination by the huge Transport Workers Union.

The city's Transit Authority, which has refused to recognize the small motormen's union or accept any mediation or negotiation of the illegal strike, indicated the settlement terms proposed to the mayor would not be ac-

ceptable to it.
Service on the five-million daily passenger underground lines was up to about 50 per cent

of normal on the two hardest hit systems Thursday and near normal on the third city subway.
The Transit Authority reported that 97 more motormen had reported for work between midnight and 6 a.m. than during the same period Thursday.

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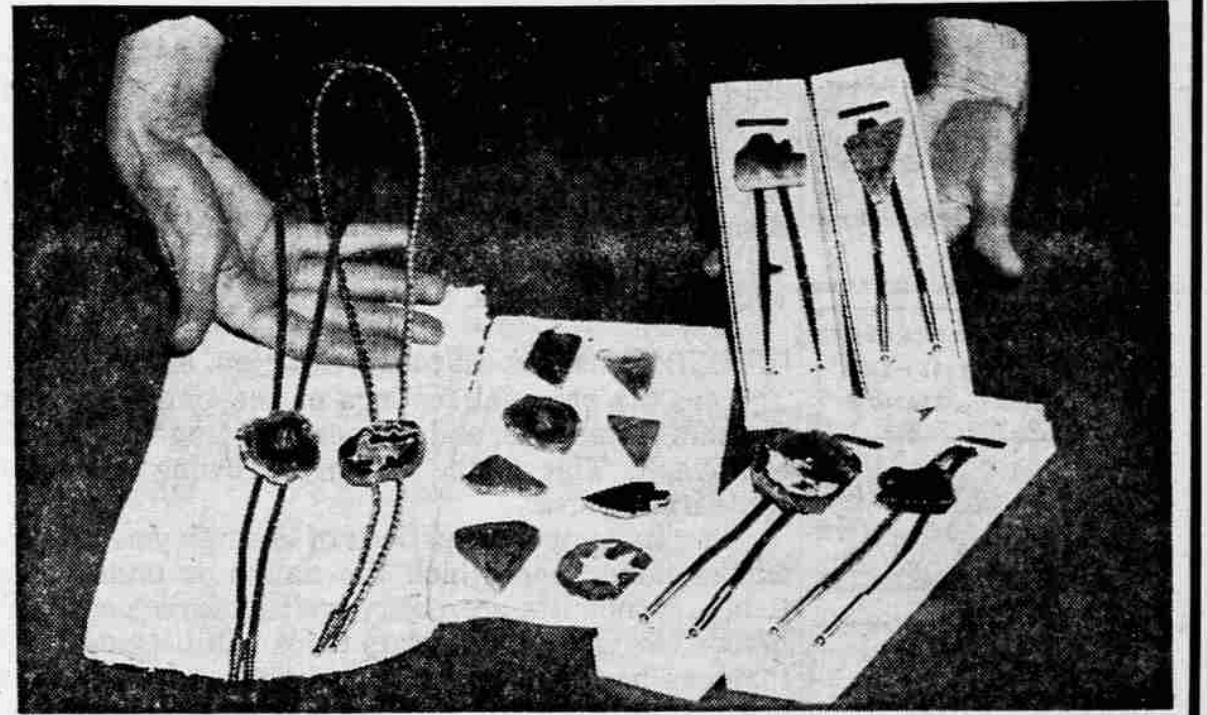
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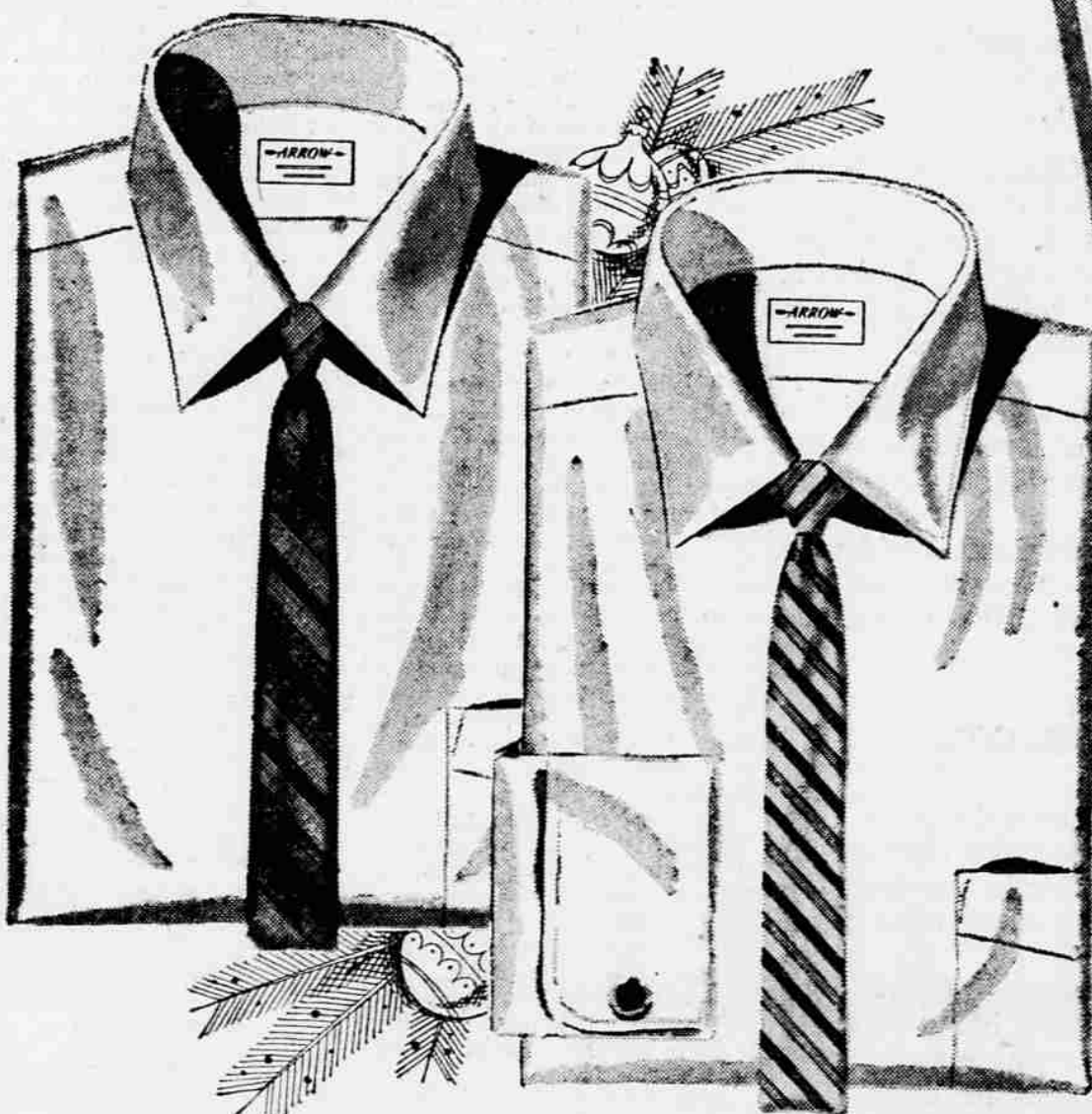
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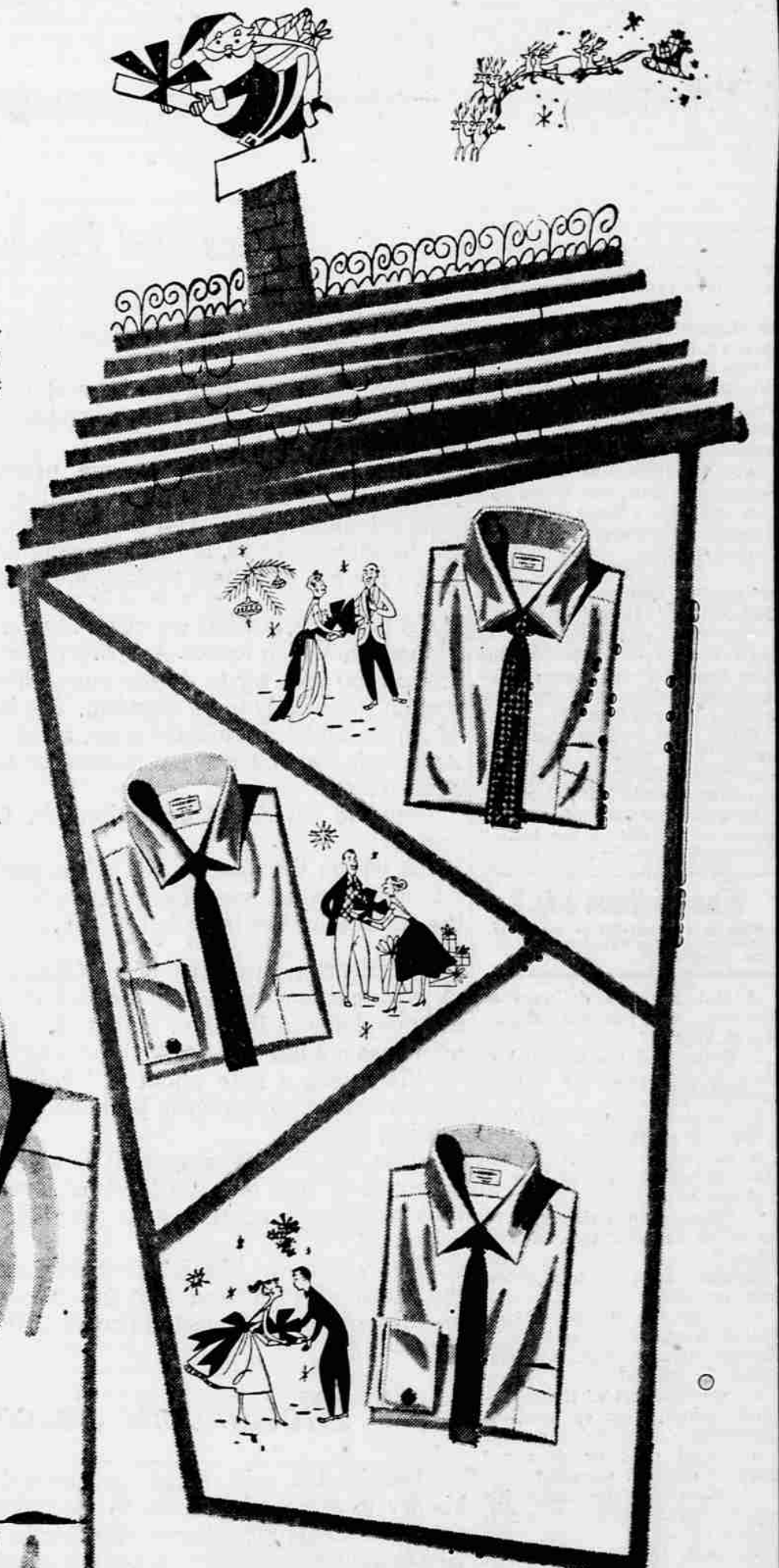
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