

Victims of Jet Tanker Crash Are Identified

Westover Air Force Base, Mass. — (UPI) — Here are the names of the 15 men killed in the jet strato-tanker crash:

Air Force personnel: Brig. Gen. Donald W. Saunders, 45, native of Athens, N. Y., and commander of the 57th Air Division, Westover AFB, airborne commander of the flight of four jet tankers.

Aircraft Cmdr. Lt. Col. George M. Broutsas, 39, Brattleboro, Vt., commander of the 99th Air Refueling Squadron.

Pilot 1st Lt. Joe C. Sweet, 26, Chandler, Ariz.

Navigator Capt. James E. Shipman, 35, Kansas City, Kan.

Boom Operator M.Sgt. Donald H. Gabbard, 38, Los Gatos, Fla.

Crew Chief T.Sgt. Joseph G. Hutter, Miami, Fla.

Third Pilot Capt. John B. Gordon, 30, home town not available, personal aide to the commanding general of the Eighth Air Force.

Newsmen Listed

Newsmen: Norman J. Montellier, 37, of United Press International, New York.

Robert B. Sibley, 57, of Belmont, Boston Traveler aviation editor.

Robert A. Ginsburgh, 63, of Arlington, Va., U.S. News & World Report, Washington.

Glenn A. Williams, 41, of Bethesda, Md., U.S. News & World Report, Washington.

Daniel J. Coughlin Jr., 31, Associated Press, Boston.

James L. McConaughy Jr., 40, Time magazine Washington chief.

From the National Aeronautics Association:

William J. Cochran, Hunt-

Honor Patrolman Held as Thief

New York — (UPI) — An honor patrolman admitted Thursday night that he systematically looted two police property safes of almost \$27,000, thus ending one of the most embarrassing mysteries in New York Police Department annals.

Patrolman Jean H. Jackson, 35, a Negro, admitted the thefts shortly before midnight after 10 hours of intensive questioning by some of the department's top brass. He was charged with grand larceny.

Jackson, who won a commendation in 1955 for disarming and arresting four robbers, told his questioners he spent almost \$1,000 of the pilfered funds on redecorating his Harlem apartment, where he lived alone. Some of the money went for several \$150 suits and several pair of \$28 shoes, he was quoted.

Authorities hinted that Jackson, a member of the force since June, 1953, also spent a considerable amount on an unidentified girl friend. Married and the father of two children, he has been estranged from his wife the last 10 years, authorities said.

After confessing, Jackson led investigators to a friend's apartment and a metal box containing \$13,443, representing approximately half of the stolen funds. Jackson insisted, however, that neither the friend nor anyone else knew what the box contained.

San Diego — (UPI) — Ulysses S. Grant was in the Marine Corps today. Grant is a 19-year-old full-blooded Apache Indian, whose great-grandfather scouted for General Grant during the early days of the general's career.

William Enyart, Greenwich, Conn.

Cocktail Party Has Converts in Europe; Repays Obligations

By A. ROBERT SMITH
Mail Tribune Correspondent
Washington — Those who have wondered just what aspects of American culture are being exported and copied around the world these days found evidence in an AP dispatch from Munich the other day, which began:

"That great American folk custom, the cocktail party, is gaining converts in Europe. In West Germany the missionary work has been done largely by the American diplomats and military men who landed here after World War II. They had socially discharged them by inviting German officials and others to massive cocktail parties. The Germans came filled with curiosity and left filled with Manhattans and Martinis. Some liked the idea and tried it on friends."

The cocktail party is for Washington diplomatic and political society a strange and wondrous device. It's full of ironies about life here in general.

In the public taprooms of the nation's capital, it is forbidden to take a drink while standing erect. It's the law, enacted by Congress, enforced by the police, that all drinking must be conducted while the drinker is seated. The only brass rail in town is in the men's bar of the National Press Club.

Lack of Chairs Dictates
In the private cocktail parties, one is virtually compelled to drink while standing erect. It's alright to sit down, as far as the law is concerned, but custom and lack of chairs dictate otherwise. The hostess, as a matter of fact, usually invites so many guests that they can all be accommodated only if they occupy the least amount of space, which requires erect posture.

The party has become a device for quick and easy, if expensive, repayment of what are known as social obligations. One hears it said that a hostess in one cocktail party can wipe clean the slate of such obligations for a year or more.

Although sometimes called a reception or some other euphemism, the party is understood to be a period when booze will flow freely. It is held frequently during the week, starting at 5:30 or 6 p.m., to provide a refreshing sanctuary for the laboring diplomat and politician who is between the office and dinner. Sometimes the hors d'oeuvres take on full meal proportions, and instead of going on to dinner, the guests stay and stay and wash down cuts of ham and beef with more of what they came for.

If one goes to such an affair anticipating some good conversational moments with the host and hostess, he is in for disappointment. He may find them at the door—but hostessing such an affair seems to preclude spending more than a fleeting moment with any but the most special guests. At its best, it is a time of getting acquainted—but no more than that—with a few new faces. At its worst, it is rubbing elbows, backs and middles with a mass of unfriendly freeloaders.

Mass Production
The big cocktail party on the Washington scale is a mass production device. It is employed by those who feel obliged to entertain a long list, a mass, of personages in this city because of their position. When they fall from position, they are scratched from the lists.

Foreign Aid Cut By \$872 Million
Washington — (UPI) — The House Appropriations Committee today chopped \$872 million off President Eisenhower's foreign aid program for the 12 months starting July 1.

It recommended new military and economic aid appropriations totalling \$3,078,092,500. The President had asked for \$3,950,902,500.

The slash recommended by the committee exceeded by \$597,500,000 that already imposed on the aid request in a compromise authorization bill which was about ready to be sent to the White House.

The cut also was \$115 million higher than committee members had predicted.

Mount Katahdin, Maine, is the first point of land in the United States to catch the rays of rising sun.

Bing Crosby To Seek Pardon for War Hero Robber

Hollywood — (UPI) — Singer Bing Crosby and his brother, Larry, are planning to seek a pardon for a war hero, who attempted to rob Bing's promoter tournament at Pebble Beach, Calif., last Jan. 13.

"Bing has told me to do my best to get a pardon for Colonel Blair," Larry said Thursday in announcing plans to file a petition of pardon with Gov. Goodwin J. Knight within a week.

Melvin Blair, 42, a retired lieutenant colonel with 21 years of Army service, was overpowered by Sheriff's Deputy Tom Martin when he attempted to take \$40,000 from a safe the officer was guarding.

Spotless Record
The former Army officer, a decorated veteran of Merrill's Marauders during World War II and Korea, was convicted and imprisoned at China.

"He has a spotless service record," Larry said. "We believe that after strenuous service in two wars this man was not adjusted to civilian life. But we think that he can be, and he should not lose his citizenship rights and his pension."

Larry explained he and Bing did not interfere with the course of justice because they were not asked to appear at Blair's trial.

"Now we want to take the only avenue to help Colonel Blair," he said. Authorities said Blair confessed attempting to rob the safe because he was in financial difficulties.

Portlander Says Russ Buzzed Him
Portland — (UPI) — A Portland pilot said today that Russian jets buzzed his plane "too close for comfort" while he was on a flight to Warsaw, Poland this week.

The pilot, L. D. Scott, said he was flying a C-54 owned by General Airways of Portland from Denmark to Warsaw to pick up Canadian businessmen who had been visiting relatives.

He said that "a half dozen Russian jets that looked like MIGs intercepted us and made passes across our nose." He said the Russian planes did not fire any shots or try to force the C-54 down but "they gave us some bad moments."

Sultan's Troops, Money Missing
Aden — (UPI) — The Sultan of Lahej has been informed that some of his troops and a lot of his money are missing.

The Sultan, Sir Ali Abdul Karim, went to London recently for a three-month visit. One of his military commanders and about 70 members of the 600-man army disappeared Wednesday night. A "substantial amount," reported to be \$280,000, of the state treasury disappeared with them.

The Aden government said the deserters, and the money, were believed to be in neighboring Yemen. Lahej is the strongest of the eight semi-autonomous sultanates in Britain's West Aden protectorate.

Luck Runs Out for Contest Winner

Columbus, Ga. — (UPI) — Lady Luck has finally deserted Mrs. C. Lee Revell, whose knowledge and good fortune recently won her more than \$25,000 in prizes on a national television program.

The Columbus, Ga., woman was in Miami, Fla., with her husband, taking a vacation she won on the quiz show, when she received a call from her son Thursday telling her that their home had been badly damaged by fire.

Cause of the blaze? A short circuit in the color TV set she won on the program.

BANKER DIES
Cortland, N.Y. — (UPI) — Burr P. Cleveland, 61, a former director of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, died Wednesday night after a heart attack. He was president of the First National Bank of Cortland and a former president of the New York State Bankers Association.

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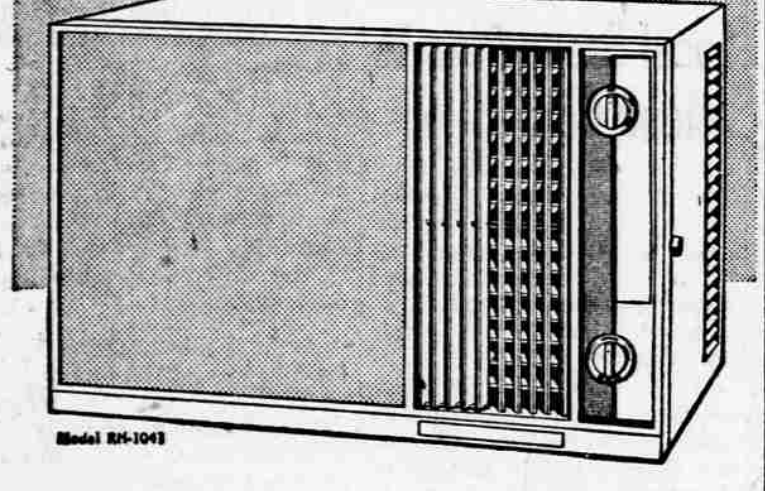
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