

### Amelia Earhart Disappearance Gets New Slant

New York—UPI—A fantastic new theory has been advanced suggesting that Aviatrice Amelia Earhart, who vanished on a Pacific flight in 1937 actually was killed along with her co-pilot by a Japanese firing squad after crash-landing off the island of Saipan.

A copyrighted article in Parade magazine credited this account of Miss Earhart's death to Josephine Blanco Akiyama, a native of Saipan, who was 7 in 1937 when Miss Earhart disappeared while on a world flight with Fred Noonan. Mrs. Akiyama now lives in California.

Mrs. Akiyama says, according to Parade, that she was riding a bicycle toward the Japanese military area on Tanapag harbor in the summer of 1937, when a twin-engine silver plane crash-landed in the harbor.

**Rushed to Scene**  
She said she and her brother-in-law, J. Y. Matsumoto, a Japanese, rushed to the scene to see what had happened. They found an American woman, dressed in a man's shirt and trousers and with a man's haircut. With her was a man dressed in a short-sleeved shirt.

The man and woman were led away by Japanese soldiers, Mrs. Akiyama reported, and taken into a clearing in a woods. She said shots later rang out and the soldiers returned alone.

According to Parade, Mrs. Akiyama has affirmed after looking at photographs of Miss Earhart and Noonan, taken on their world flight, that they were the persons she and her brother-in-law had seen on Saipan.

Parade said Mrs. Akiyama's account is contained in a book to be published shortly by Duell, Sloan and Pearce entitled "Daughter of the Sky," written by Paul L. Briand Jr., a professor at the Air Force Academy.

Medford, Mass.—UPI—The family of Amelia Earhart said they could not agree with a report that the long-missing aviatrice was executed by a Japanese firing squad in 1937.

A spokesman said that if the story were true, "the fact would have come out long ago. We are satisfied that the Navy and other searchers made every possible effort to find the plane."

The family commented on a copyrighted article in Parade magazine which said Miss Earhart, who disappeared on a Pacific flight 23 years ago, was slain with her co-pilot, Fred Noonan, after crash landing off the then Japanese-held island of Saipan in the South Pacific. "We feel," the spokesman said, "the plane missed Howland island and crashed at sea." He said Howland, not Saipan, was Miss Earhart's destination.

### Hope Emerson Rites To Be Held Wednesday

Hollywood—UPI—Funeral services will be held Wednesday for Hope Emerson, 62, hefty character actress who successfully performed on Broadway, radio, television and in the movies.

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