

UAL Plane's Instruments Said Wrong Prior To Crash

Washington—UPI—Investigators have evidence that the United Air Lines DC8 in the New York City air disaster was nearly 13 miles away from where its instruments showed it was just before the collision.

United Press International learned this today from a study of the transcript of radio communications between traffic controllers and the jet-

liner before it collided with a TWA Constellation last Friday in history's worst air tragedy.

The conclusion was confirmed by pilots and a veteran air traffic controller who also examined the communications record. They asked that their names not be used.

Awaited Radio Signal
The transcript shows:—The United plane never reached the Preston radio check point in New Jersey where it was supposed to enter a holding pattern until cleared to land at Idlewild Airport.

—At the very moment the United pilot reported he was approaching Preston, unknown to him, the DC8 actually must have been north of that check point and already roaring through a snowstorm into the LaGuardia Airport approach area on a collision course with the Constellation.

—The jetliner captain apparently still was waiting for the Preston radio signal to show up on his instruments when he hit the TWA plane, killing all 128 persons on the two planes and seven persons on the ground.

Suspect Transistor Radio
Why was the United pilot apparently so far off course without realizing it? This is what a Civil Aeronautics Board investigation opening Jan. 4 must determine.

Some kind of navigation instrument malfunction is a possibility. Federal Aviation Agency Chief Elwood R. Quesada has said a preliminary investigation indicates one of the plane's two navigation indicators was not operating properly. A veteran accident investigator and safety expert suggested this might have been caused by interference from stray signals from a transistor radio operated by a passenger.

A second question is why

Ashland Truck, Car Collide Thursday

Ashland—A city truck and car collided at the intersection of B and North Pioneer sts. Thursday about 10:55 a.m. in Ashland, police reported.

The city truck was driven by Dale Harmon, 46, of 832 Harmony lane, Ashland. Mrs. Nelle Walton Burns, 73, of 211 Van Ness ave., Ashland, was the driver of the car. No injuries were reported. No citations were issued, police said.

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Rayburn Promises To Wrest Control

Washington—UPI—Speaker Sam Rayburn has secretly assured President-elect John F. Kennedy that the stranglehold on liberal legislation exercised by the conservative-dominated House Rules Committee will be smashed when Congress convenes in January.

Congressional sources said today the Texas Democrat told Kennedy at Palm Beach, Fla., Wednesday that control of the powerful rules committee would be wrested from the conservative coalition of two Republicans and four Southern Democrats.

The informants, who asked that they not be named, said that Rayburn told Kennedy he would break the power of the committee by persuading the House to change the make-up of the panel, which decides which bills the House can take up.

Rayburn has said little about his meeting with Kennedy.

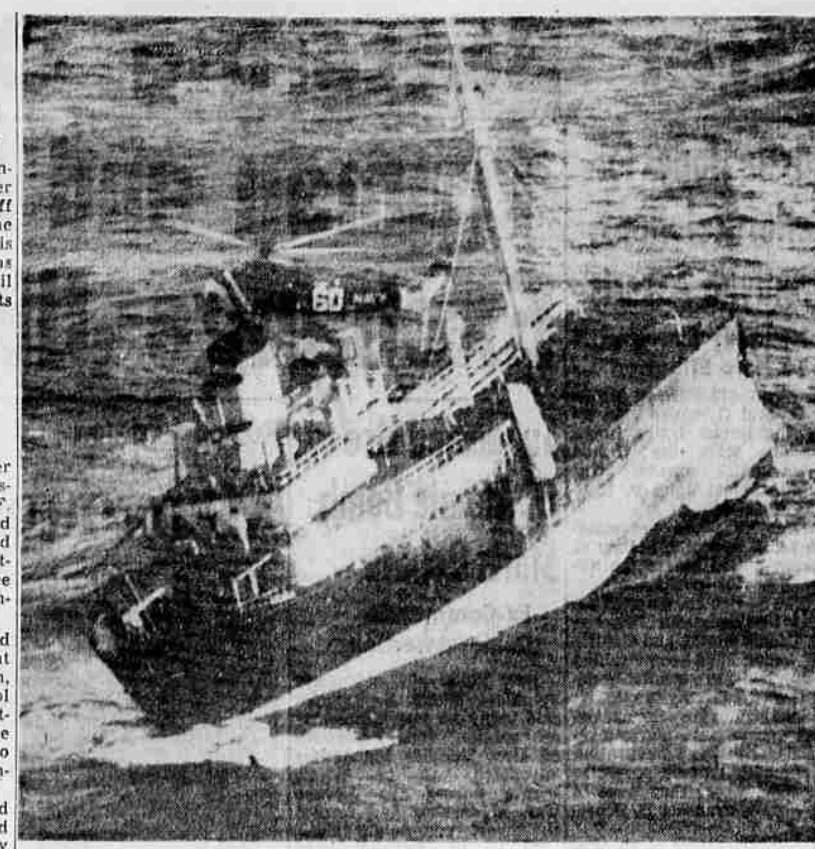
Cape Canaveral Activity Slowed

Cape Canaveral—UPI—A wildcat strike and the approach of the holiday season combined today to slow construction activity at the missile testing center here.

An estimated 900 building tradesmen were expected to remain away from their jobs in at least the early part of the day as a result of a walk-out of ironworkers protesting use of non-union personnel on a Cape job.

The strike erupted Wednesday, but it did not hamper an already light missile firing schedule. A Polaris missile was fired as planned Thursday in one of the last tests of the year.

No break appeared in sight immediately in the unauthorized walkout of ironworkers, members of Local 402 of the International Assn. of Bridge and Structural Ironworkers.



RESCUE OPERATIONS—A Navy helicopter hovers over the stern of the storm-smashed American tanker Pine Ridge during rescue operations off the coast of Cape Hatteras, Va. The captain and eight crew members were killed. Twenty-nine members of the crew survived. (UPI Telephoto)

Stocks Fluctuate Narrowly on Both Sides of Thursday Close

New York—UPI—Stocks spent a cheerless first hour in the preholiday session today, fluctuating narrowly on both sides of Thursday's close.

Oil's share as a group with Sinclair up around a point and Jersey Standard and Texaco each up around a half.

IBM ran up around 8 points in the electronics where Texas Instruments dropped more than 1. Polaroid fell around 3 in the cameras. Steels and autos were mixed.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES
New York—UPI—Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 613.31, off 2.11; 20 railroads 129.10, up 1.02; 15 utilities 98.75, up 0.28; 0.04. Sales Thursday were about 3.82 million shares compared with 4.06 million shares Wednesday.

Thursday's prices on selected stocks:
Allied Chemical 53 1/2
Alum. Co. Am. 21 3/4
American Motors 17 1/2
A. T. & T. 40 1/2
Ansonia Copper 43 1/2
Armco Steel 67
Bendix Corp. 38 1/2
Bethlehem Steel 28 1/2
Boeing Air 38 1/2
Caterpillar Corp. 60 1/2
Chrysler Corp. 38 1/2
Continental Can 35 1/2
Crown Zellerbach 32 1/2
Curtis Wright 15 1/2
Dow Chemical 74 1/2

Du Pont 185
Eastman Kodak 113 1/2
Firestone 33 1/2
General Electric 24 1/2
General Foods 70 1/2
General Motors 40 1/2
Georgia Pacific 32 1/2

Graham Paige 134
Greyhound 20
Gulf Oil 32
Homestake Mining 32 1/2
Idaho Power 32 1/2
Int. Paper 81 1/2
Johns-Manville 55
Kennecott Copper 74 1/2
Lockheed Aircraft 27 1/2
Montana Power 16 1/2
Montgomery Ward 27 1/2
Nat'l Biscuit 71 1/2
New York Central 15 1/2
Pac Gas & Elec 72
Penn. J. C. 42 1/2
Penn. RR 41 1/2
Radio Corporation 54 1/2
Richfield Oil 37 1/2
Safeway 37 1/2
Sears 56
Shell Oil 38 1/2
Socony Mobil Oil 38 1/2
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Southern Pacific 19 1/2
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Standard Indiana 45 1/2
Standard Oil 41
Sun Mines 7
Texas 8 1/2
Texas Gulf Sulphur 14 1/2
Texas Pac. Land Trust 16 1/2
Transamerica 27 1/2
Trans World Air 37 1/2
Tri-Continental 123
Union Carbide 123
United Air Lines 38 1/2
U. S. Steel 77
Youngstown S & T 87 1/2

Fisherman's Wharf Restaurant Burns

San Francisco—UPI—Fire early today burned out the interior of Alioto's restaurant on Fisherman's Wharf.

Owner Frank Alioto said damage would reach nearly \$300,000. A fire department spokesman gave a "conservative" estimate of \$50,000.

Three firemen suffered slight injuries in the fire, which was reported at 3:23 this morning by Charles Fasano, 39, a window washer.

Arson inspector Earl Grimm said the flames apparently originated in a linen closet on the second floor, which is used as a service area. Damage was heavy on all three floors.

More than 150 firemen fought the blaze and two fireboats stood by in the adjacent lagoon to guard against a spread of flames to other establishments and the fishing fleet docked nearby.

The restaurant was founded 30 years ago and was among the first eating places on the wharf.

PAPER FOUNDER DIES
Perth Amboy, N.J.—UPI—Daniel P. Olmstead, 89, founder of the Perth Amboy Evening News, died Thursday.

Canada has had no reported cases of cholera, plague, typhus fever or yellow fever since 1931.

Kennedy Plans To Retain Secretary of Cabinet Post

Washington—UPI—President-elect John F. Kennedy has decided to retain the Eisenhower-created post of secretary to the cabinet and soon will name a young California political whiz to the job, informed sources said today.

They said the post would be given to 37-year-old Frederick G. Dutton, a member of

the Kennedy campaign team.

Dutton was executive secretary to California Gov. Edmund G. Brown until he resigned last summer to come to Washington to work with the Citizens-for-Kennedy Committee.

Dutton managed Brown's successful campaign for governor in 1958. In 1956 he was Southern California chairman of the Stevenson-Kefauver presidential campaign.

The post so far has been held by only two men, Maxwell M. Rabb and the present secretary, Robert K. Gray.

President Eisenhower created the job of cabinet secretary six years ago in an effort

to eliminate aimless discussions at cabinet meetings and to make the cabinet operate efficiently.

If Kennedy assigns the same duties to the cabinet secretary as Eisenhower did, Dutton's job would be to prepare the agenda for cabinet meetings, arrange for cabinet papers on the agenda items, keep a record of any action taken at the meetings, and then follow through to make sure the policy decisions were carried out.

Two Accidents Reported in Area

Two accidents were reported to state police yesterday, both of them in dense fog.

Police said they would seek a complaint from the district attorney's office charging Irving Augustus Mirick, 50, of 2517 Lucky lane, Medford, with failure to stop at a stop sign.

The Mirick car and a motor scooter operated by Richard Leroy Rushton, 16, of 283 Oak Grove rd., Medford, collided at the intersection of Thomas rd. and Stewart ave. yesterday morning. Mirick apparently misjudged the location of the intersection in the heavy fog, and was unable to stop for the stop sign, police reported. The car skidded 65 feet through the stop sign and hit the motor scooter, state police said.

Rushton was treated for bruises at Sacred Heart hospital and released. His passenger, William Gates, 16, of 126 Renault ave., was treated for bruises and was released from Crater Osteopathic hospital today.

Another accident in the fog occurred a mile south of Phoenix yesterday on Highway 99. A car driven by Carolyn McGuigg, 22, of 533 Austin st., Medford, was turning into a driveway off the highway when her car was struck from behind by one driven by Paul Aaron Ferguson, 17, of 147 Granite st., Ashland, state police said.

Car Rebounds Into Station Lube Room

Under normal conditions, employees at the Big Y Signal Service station are glad when a car drives into the "lube room." But, when a car drove in yesterday morning, they were far from happy—the car was out of control.

The car, operated by Lulian Anlo Manson Penwell, 77, of 223 Beatty st., had collided with another car on Highway 99 and then rebounded toward the gas station. The car struck a battery rack and oil pumps and then came to a halt inside the lube room.

Penwell received several cuts on his head, and was taken to Sacred Heart hospital by Medford Ambulance service. Penwell was issued a citation for failure to yield the right of way to oncoming traffic.

Driver of the other car involved in the accident was Howard Arnold Jamison, 31, of North Vancouver, British Columbia. The accident occurred about 10 a.m. Both cars sustained heavy damage and had to be towed from the scene by wrecker.

Income Tax Forms To Be Mailed Soon

Salem—UPI—State income tax forms for 1960 will be mailed to taxpayers after Christmas and the simplified form 40 card is slightly revised, the Oregon Tax commission announced today.

The commission said many taxpayers have asked for an additional worksheet for the itemization of "other deductions," and additional instructions relating to them. A new instruction sheet has been prepared and while it will not be included in the general mailing of form 40 to all taxpayers, the worksheets are available at all commission offices.

The state income tax card form was introduced in Oregon last year and was first used for filing 1959 returns.

The commission said public acceptance of the card "was excellent." If the legislature simplifies the income tax law by adopting proposals of the legislative interim committee on taxation, the commission said filing and auditing problems for tax purposes "will be virtually eliminated."

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