

Dynamite-Like Substance Caused Crash of Airliner

Centerville, Iowa—UPI—Explosion of a dynamite-like substance in a rear washroom caused last week's jet airliner crash which killed 45 persons, the Civil Aeronautics Board disclosed Sunday night.

One official at the scene said, "As practical people we can only assume it was a bomb."

The Continental Airlines Boeing 707 plunged 39,000 feet into a shallow gulley near Unionville, Mo., 20 miles south of here, Tuesday night.

CAB crash investigators, reconstructing the tail section of the stricken plane, learned late Sunday that the blast occurred in a washroom under the vertical fin of the aircraft. The washroom, on the right side of the plane, behind a coat rack which was directly back of the galley, was used by both men and women passengers and crew.

Blast Powerful
John Pahl, engineering division chief of the CAB's Bureau of Safety, said the blast was caused by a "high velocity explosive" he could not yet say that dynamite was used.

However, Pahl said that dynamite was the "most convenient type" of explosive which would cause a blast of the intensity of that which destroyed the airliner and ended Continental's record of 28 years without a passenger fatality.

Pahl said the explosive substance blew a hole the height of the entire rear portion of the plane's fuselage and immediately severed the tail section, although the tail assembly might have remained attached by control cables for a few seconds or minutes after the explosion.

Skin scrapings of victims were under analysis at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology in Washington, D. C. in an effort to determine the type of explosive used.

Pahl said that present laboratory techniques are so fine that if enough residue from the explosive is found, not only the type but the manufacturer of the substance can be determined.

FBI Gets Briefcase
Earlier Sunday the Federal Bureau of Investigation took possession of a briefcase bearing the initials "T. C. D." from Centerville police.

The briefcase was found Sunday by Gabe Rackie on his farm a mile east of Cincinnati, Iowa, 12 miles north of Unionville, Mo., and eight miles south of here.

The passenger and crew list released by Continental Airlines after the crash contained no person with the three initials on the briefcase.

Insurance companies which write in-flight policies began over the week end to process their records and determine the amount of coverage of persons aboard the plane.

FBI agents in Chicago were attempting to trace the travel patterns of the 37 passengers who boarded the plane at O'Hare International Airport for the flight to Los Angeles, by way of Kansas City, Mo.

Appeal by Brinks Robbers Rejected

Washington—UPI—The Supreme Court today again turned down an appeal from eight of the men sentenced to life for the notorious \$1.2 million Brinks robbery in Boston.

The court, in a brief unsigned order, refused to hear a new appeal from the eight. A similar appeal from the convicted gang members was turned down by the justices in 1959.

In other actions today, the court: — Refused to consider its April 23 order which sent back to the Michigan Supreme Court a voting apportionment case which challenged the geographical allocation of the state's senatorial districts. Michigan officials had urged the court to reconsider.

— Denied a hearing to Bernard August, a Philadelphia school teacher dismissed from his job in 1954 on grounds of "incompetency" because of his action during an inquiry into communism.



REASSEMBLING JOB—The remains of a Continental Airlines jet plane are strewn over the floor of an old exhibits building at Appanoose County Fairgrounds at Centerville, Iowa, as Civil Aeronautics Board experts start the job of reassembling the rear section for clues in the explosion and crash which took 45 lives. (UPI)

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The Red Cross Bloodmobile will visit Central Point when it comes to Jackson county next month, Jackson county Red Cross officials announced.

"The bloodmobile has never visited Central Point, but the rapid growth of the community and the desire by many of the residents prompted Red Cross officials to conclude arrangements for a twice-yearly visit to that city," Red Cross officials said. "Date and place of the visit will be announced."

Opening Listed for PO Clerk-Carrier

Applications are now being taken for a clerk-carrier examination for the Medford post office. Applications will be taken until June 8.

Persons 18 years of age, and older, are eligible to take the examination, and application papers may be obtained at the finance window in the Medford post office at Sixth and Holly sts. Persons must live within the delivery area of the Medford post office, (including Central Point), to be eligible to take the examination.

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Electronic Stock Service Available

A modern electronic stock quotation service, the Quotron, is now serving the Medford office of Zilka Smith and company. Richard E. Watson, vice president and manager stated, "This mechanized midget, half the size of a typewriter, will answer questions direct from both the New York and the American Stock exchanges within seconds."

The latest transaction or a scan of the market for the day's transactions of any stock listed on either exchange may be sought and answered immediately.

The Quotron is installed in the Portland office of Zilka Smith and company and the questions and answers are relayed through Medford and Portland by direct wire.

Building Permits Show April Decrease
Building permits decreased in Medford in April, 1962, compared to April, 1961, the University of Oregon bureau of business research has reported.

In April, 1962, the total was \$451,874, compared to \$598,785 in the same month last year.

Building permits from 147 identical reporting centers in Oregon totaled \$27,972,940 in April, 1962, which was 32.9 per cent higher than in April, 1961.

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