

Common Grave Prepared For Crash Victims; Board Named To Probe Crashes

LEESBURG, Va., June 16 (AP)—A common grave in the Little Union cemetery here was prepared today for the 13 unidentified victims of the Friday the 13th air disaster that killed 50 persons.

As those arrangements were completed, investigators stepped up a four-week inquiry into the Capital Airlines crash.

Only last night, Dr. William

Frazer, Loudoun county coroner, had telegraphed the families of persons known to have been aboard the airliner suggesting a mass burial.

While 37 bodies were identified, Dr. Frazer said the prospect for singling out the others "seems remote."

The task of carrying the bodies of the 47 passengers and three crew members out of the treacherous wilderness near Keys Gap, W. Va., was completed yesterday under sunny skies after a day and night of drenching rain.

48 Bodies

One airline official said that while more than 100 searchers had collected all fragments they could find, no more than 48 bodies could be recognized as such.

The cause of the disaster remains a mystery.

In Washington, meanwhile, President Truman appointed a board of five government and private aviation specialists to recommend new safety measures. He picked Chairman James M. Landis of the civil aeronautics board to head the panel.

Landis called the first meeting of the special air safety board in his Washington office Tuesday.

Panel Removed

Two investigators on the scene of the crash near here reported the recovery of the plane's instrument panel.

One airline official said he was informed the altimeter registered 2000 feet which would have given the plane "safe" clearance of the mountain ridge into which it smashed and burned on a Chicago-Washington flight.

But the four-engine craft plowed head-on into an outcrop of granite 100 feet below the summit and burst into flames.

Surratt Death Reported Here

Carroll Eldon Surratt, 33, of Merrill, died June 3 in the veterans hospital in Portland, following a lengthy illness. Services were held June 7 at the Fisher mortuary at Mitchell, Neb., and interment was at Forest Lawn cemetery at Morrill, Neb.

Surratt was born March 24, 1914 at Tecumseh, Neb., and lived most of his life at Morrill. He was married to Arlene Fuller in 1940, and entered the army in October 1944. After his discharge he lived in Merrill.

Surviving are his wife, Arlene, four children, Billie, Gary, Carol Sue, and Linda, all of Vancouver City; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Surratt of Morrill; three brothers, Kenneth and Clyde, of Morrill, Neb., and Elmer of Portland; four sisters, Mrs. Elton Rowlee of Portland, Mrs. Harold Broadbent of Vancouver, Wash., Mrs. Robert Curtis and Hester Surratt, both of Morrill, Neb.

Surratt was affiliated with the Eagle lodge, no. 2090, of Klamath Falls and Lost River post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Merrill.

ADA MEETING

PORTLAND, June 16 (AP)—James Loeb Jr., Washington, D. C., executive secretary of the Americans for Democratic Action, will meet with Portland members of the organization here Friday.

The ADA also has chapters in Salem and Astoria and is organizing in Klamath Falls, Eugene and La Grande.

Wreckage of Airliner That Carried 50 To Death



Only the tail section (right) remains of the rear section of the PAC DC-4 after airliner crashed into side of Blue Ridge mountains near Leesburg, Va., and burned. Body of one of the 50 victims of the disaster is at left foreground.

Lumberjack Uses Axe For Sculptor's Tool In Forest

GRANITE FALLS, Wash., June 16 (AP)—With an axe as his sculptor's tool, and the technique of a totem pole carver, Dudley C. Carter has brought a unique forest art to this Snohomish county vicinity.

The soft-spoken 55-year-old lumberman and timber cruiser has turned one 20-foot high cedar stump into a "forest goddess," with symbolic eagles as a crowning piece.

He now has under way a project of carving symbolic and nature figures up the full height of a 120-foot high cedar tree near his Pilchuk river cabin. He already has completed a

25-foot high figure on the trunk, working from a platform at the base. Carter developed his skill at axe-carving from what he saw of British Columbia Indians' totem pole carving as a boy in his father's lumber camp.

He predicts the tree carving project will keep him engaged in his spare time until the end of the year. He plans to build a studio at his cabin for spare time carving "for fun and for sale."

Carter is a recognized master at the unique art. He was commissioned to carve the wood facade of the Shasta Cascade building at the Golden Gate exposition of 1939-40 and demonstrated his craft in the Palace of Fine Arts during the 1940 exhibition. He was then a Carmel, Calif., resident.

He taught sculpture at the University of Washington in 1945.

DA Probes Building Firm

OREGON CITY, June 16 (AP)—The district attorney's office reported today an investigation into affairs of the Grimsley Construction company was under way and may reach into three states.

District Attorney Stanley J. Mitchell said Maurice Lee Stadler, 38, and A. H. Krasnoff, 40, were arrested on charges of obtaining money under false pretenses and held on \$2500 bond each. A third man, Richard E. Grimsley, 29, was arrested last night.

Mitchell said the three are accused of collecting down payments on building construction and then failing to do the work.

The official said contracts in Toledo, Stevenson and Kelso, Wash., several Oregon counties and Northern California were being investigated.

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Police Question Portland Man

SAN FRANCISCO, June 16 (AP)—Carl Everette Alford, Rainier, Ore., wanted in Oregon for questioning in the gun slaying of his wife at their home June 4, was held in jail here today for Oregon authorities.

The body of Mrs. Alford, 21, mother of a four-year-old daughter and a two-year-old son, was found by her father, George Cameron, Rainier. A bullet had pierced her heart.

Alford is held here for Oregon authorities on a technical charge of being "en route to Sacramento" pending further legal action by Oregon police.

PO Clerks Ask Veto

ALBANY, June 16 (AP)—Veto of the Taft-Hartley labor bill by President Truman was asked by the Oregon State Federation of Post Office Clerks in their 44th annual convention which closed here yesterday.

The group selected Klamath Falls as the 1948 convention site for June 12-13 and elected Lynn Royall, Springfield, president.

Other resolutions urged a 30-hour work week, payment of postage by federal agencies instead of the use of franking privileges and strict conforming to postal rules in promotion of personnel.

Other officers: Lynn E. Propal, Klamath Falls; R. D. Eccles, Baker; J. Boyce Kellogg, Medford; James Lucas, Salem; C. L. Jardine, Portland; Carl Shafer, Pendleton; William Strizak, Eugene, all vice-presidents; C. M. Christensen, Portland, secretary-treasurer.

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SALEM, June 16 (AP)—Charles E. McCulloch, Portland attorney and president of the Willamette university board of trustees, has presented a gift of \$50,000 to the school for the first unit of a permanent stadium on the new 10-acre athletic field tract.

G. Herbert Smith, president of the university, reported gifts for capital purposes to the school the past five years total \$958,865.

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