

Bush Pilots Save Six In Alaska Crash

CURRY, Alaska (AP)—Two veteran Alaska bush pilots were credited today with saving the lives of six men who were killed when a C-47 transport plane crashed in a snow-covered mountain wilderness near here Friday when the plane in which they were riding exploded.

Two of the other 10 men aboard the Air Force C-47 when it left Elmendorf Air Force Base near Anchorage on the ill-fated flight were known dead.

Eight were missing and bush pilot Cliff Hudson who with Don Sheldon was credited with effecting the rescue of the six survivors, said there was little chance any of the others were alive.

The Air Force withheld names of the dead and missing pending notification of next of kin.

The Air Force said Hudson and Sheldon saved the lives of the six wrecked two-engine transport was two days in subfreezing temperatures. Hudson spotted the wreckage late Friday. The following day Sheldon located the first three survivors huddled in the snow 15 miles from the wreckage where they had floated down in their chutes.

Sheldon, Hudson and an Air Force doctor flew to the spot in a blinding snowstorm Saturday. They were grounded overnight when the weather worsened.

Hudson struck off then on the arduous trek through 3 1/2-foot snow to reach the crash scene. Sheldon, meanwhile, flew his trio of survivors yesterday to Anchorage, 75 miles southwest of here. The others were picked up by helicopter.

Hudson said the survivors told him the plane exploded as it was flying between Air Force bases at Anchorage and Fairbanks, some 200 miles north of here.

There was no warning, he quoted the survivors. They were "riding along smoothly one minute and the next thing they knew they were floating down to earth." All the men were wearing parachutes, he said.

None of the survivors was seriously injured. The Air Force identified the six as: Airman J.C. Rupert C. Prall, son of Mrs. Glenn Morrison, Salt Lake City, Utah; Airman J.C. Edward J. Fox, husband of Mrs. Florence Fox, West Ulita, N.Y.; Airman J.C. Huey T. Montgomery, Rt. 1, Eldridge, Ala.; Airman J.C. Edward W. Olson, Elkader, Iowa; Airman J.C. Bobby G. Salls, West Helena, Ark.; and Airman J.C. Eli R. LaDuke, Au Sable Forks, N.Y.

Ailing Pope Still Weak; Rests Well

VATICAN CITY (AP)—Pope Pius' private physician said today the Pontiff rested well last night and his "improvement continues."

It was the third straight day that Dr. Riccardo Galeazzi-Lisi had cited at least some improvement in the condition of the ailing head of the Roman Catholic Church.

But the brief words and the previous hopeful reports did not quell the fears that have arisen for the health of the frail Pontiff, now 77.

For the past 15 days the Pope has been secluded in his Vatican Palace apartment, confined to his bed with a stomach ailment of undisclosed nature which has greatly enfeebled him. He is able to retain only a little liquid food.

Prayers for the Pontiff's health were repeated in Roman Catholic churches throughout the world. Thousands of letters and messages poured into the Vatican from far points expressing hope for his recovery.

Galeazzi-Lisi's report this morning was terse. "The Pope rested well and his improvement continues."

After issuing it, the doctor left the Vatican to go shopping in downtown Rome—an indication that perhaps slightly less concern was felt for his patient's condition today.

The Pope is also being treated by a Swiss glandular and internal specialist, Dr. Paul Niehans. For the past several days, one or the other has been in attendance at all times at the Pope's simple apartment.

Yesterday's communique was the most heartening since the Pontiff was stricken. It said: "The Pope last (Saturday) night slept rather well. Signs of improvement are noted in the condition of the stomach, which is quieter and less disturbed. However, in his general condition there continues to be considerable weakness."

Last night the Vatican announced the Pope's ailment is glandular, but his inability to hold down fluids given to patients for X-ray tests has apparently kept his doctors from learning the specific nature of the illness.

Death Toll Low in Mexico Quake

MEXICO CITY (AP)—Fears of a heavy death toll in the earthquake-shattered region of Chiapas state in southern Mexico, diminished today as new reports trickled in from the remote mountain region.

But 5,000 families were believed homeless following the severe shock Friday.

The quake centered in a 50-mile-wide coffee producing area 60 miles west of the Guatemalan border. Four towns were reported devastated.

Chiapas State Gov. Efraim Aranda Osorio said yesterday telephone reports from four major cities in the hardest-hit region did not list any fatalities.

Officials said the light construction of village houses probably accounted for the lack of heavy casualties although damage was estimated at 20 million pesos (23 million dollars).

Legal Notice

NOTICE BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF WILLOW VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT. In the Matter of the Petition of Lloyd Gift and Bobbiette Gift, husband and wife, and Esther Noble and Mary Noble, husband and wife, to include lands in Willow Valley Irrigation District. Notice is hereby given to all persons interested that the above named petitioners have filed their petition to include within the boundaries of Willow Valley Irrigation District the following described lands in Klamath County, Oregon: In Township 40 South, Range 14 E, W.1/2, Klamath County, Oregon. In Section 22, NE 1/4. In Section 23, W 1/2 E 1/4, E 1/2 W 1/2 and SW 1/4. In Section 28, SE 1/4 SW 1/4 and SW 1/4 SE 1/4. In Section 29, NW 1/4 SE 1/4, NE 1/4 SW 1/4, and SW 1/4 NE 1/4. In Section 20, W 1/2 SW 1/4 and SE 1/4 SW 1/4. In Section 16, The portion of NE 1/4, NW 1/4, and SE 1/4 E 1/2 lying Easterly of Langel Valley, Langel Road. In Township 40 South, Range 14 E, W.1/2, Klamath County, Oregon. In Section 3, SW 1/4 NW 1/4. In Section 4, Lots 1 and 2 and SE 1/4 NE 1/4. All persons interested are hereby notified to appear at the office of the Board of Directors of said district at the residence of Lloyd Gift, in Langel Valley, in Klamath County, Oregon, on Tuesday, March 2, 1954, at 10 o'clock a.m. to show cause, if any they have, why said petition should not be granted. Bobbiette Gift, Secretary. Feb. 8, 1954, No. 722.

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