

Plane Explosion Details Given By Young Murderer

DENVER (AP) — In dispassionate tones, John Gilbert (Jack) Graham related last night how he rigged 25 sticks of dynamite to explode aboard an airliner carrying his mother and 43 other persons.

All 44 were killed Nov. 1 when the big United Air Lines DC6B blew up near Longmont, Colo., and crashed 11 minutes after it had left Denver.

Graham said in his signed statement, it was learned, that he set the mechanism to detonate the bomb 90 minutes after he placed it in his mother's suitcase at 5:33 p.m.

The plane was delayed 35 minutes in takeoff from Denver the night of the crash, which occurred about 7:03 p.m. Had the plane left on schedule, officials said, the explosion probably would not have come until the liner was over mountain country in Wyoming.

William A. Patterson, UAL president, told reporters company investigators knew "within 10 hours" after the crash that an internal explosion in flight caused the tragedy.

He said investigators kept finding a film of "gray stuff" on parts of the plane that "indicated dynamite."

Graham, a 23-year-old convicted forger, did not reply when asked whether he felt remorse.

U. S. Atty. Donald E. Kelly said the Denver construction and restaurant worker signed a "written admission" earlier that he killed his mother Mrs. Daisie E. King, 54, to collect her \$37,500 air flight insurance.

Ironically, the insurance was invalid because his mother had failed to sign it before she left Denver's Stapleton Airfield for Spenser, Alaska, and a visit with her daughter Mrs. Helen Ruth Hablutzel. The policies were taken out at the airport by Graham.

Graham was also in line to receive a fourth of his mother's estate, estimated at \$150,000.

Details of Graham's plot were reported by David Stolberg of the Rocky Mountain News. Construction of the bomb was begun Oct. 18 or 19, Graham said. Parts of it included the dynamite—40 per cent explosive and 60 per cent packing, a timing device, a six-volt dry cell "hotshot" battery, and two dynamite caps. Each of the caps was connected to about eight feet of wire.

Graham said he unpacked parts of the contents of a large suitcase belonging to his mother and replaced them with the bomb.

"I placed this suitcase in the trunk of my car with another smaller suitcase and a briefcase which my mother had packed to take with her on the trip," he recounted.

Graham said he picked up his mother, his wife Gloria and 20-month-old son Allen at a Denver garage, where Mrs. King had stored her car, and drove them to the airport. He let them out at the terminal and parked his car.

Graham, also is the father of a 9-month-old daughter, Susan, said.

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All high school students of Klamath County have been invited to participate. Prizes will be awarded first and second place winners. These two winners will have the opportunity to compete with Lake County winners for the two county championships at Bly on November 1.

District board member Paul Breithaupt will be in charge of the Klamath County program. Modoc Toastmaster Club members will grade the contestants and judge the winners. The public is invited to attend.

Wild Girls No More

Geo. M. ... Two by two, these young African women in training there at the Mission hospital, are dropped off the truck. See the black boys and girls, come running from the jungle. Some have no clothes but a loin-cloth. Come choruses. Bible stories and the Bible Lesson from a flannel board, as in America. Fourteen raise their hands as willing to stay for prayer. Later five boys are seen at the hospital grounds, reciting their verses, to win some reward.

Only yesterday these young women, now in training as nurses, were wild natives out in the jungle, having the vile speech and ways of their tribe. Now, being born into God's eternal family, they have converts away beyond the missionaries who direct the work, for they know the ways and speech of the jungle. And you? Accept Jesus Christ as God the Saviour who died for your sins and eternal life is your also.

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AMONG THE TWENTY nationally known entertainers who make up the cast of Spike Jones Musical Insanities of 1957 none outranks in popularity Little Bill Barty, pint-sized impersonator of Pianist Liberace. The talented midget works with miniature piano and candelabra. The Jones show will play two performances Friday at the Pelican Theater under auspices of the Klamath Falls Lions Club. Tickets are on sale at Derby's Music Store.

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New Farm Legislation May Result From Senate Tour

WASHINGTON (AP) — A tour of major producing areas by the Senate Agriculture Committee may lead to a basis of agreement on new farm legislation.

That word came Tuesday from Sen. Young (R-ND), a member of the committee which began its grass roots hearings at Worthington, Minn., Oct. 24, and was at Pendleton, Ore., for the only Northwest hearing. The committee moves to Montpelier, Vt., Friday and winds up at Utica, N. Y., Saturday.

"I believe that a majority of the committee, working on a non-political, bipartisan basis, will agree on certain things as a result of the hearings," Young said in an interview.

The farm issue could well become the major political issue in 1956, Young said.

"However," he said, "Congress and the administration can avoid such a situation by making necessary changes in the farm program early in the next session of Congress."

The North Dakota senator has been opposed to the administration's flexible price support program. This went into effect with this year's crops. Young has long advocated the 90 per cent support for the basic crops.

Although there was great divergence of opinion by farmers and farm organizations during the hearings in the major farm areas, Young said, there were several things that had "somewhat general approval." He listed these as:

1. Restoration of an average 90 per cent support rate for the basics, with producers of top quality crops receiving 90 per cent or more and those producing poorer quality crops less than 90 per cent.

"This is flexibility, but it is not the kind in the present act," Young said.

2. A program to take 20 to 40 million acres of land out of production as a soil conserving measure with the farmers being paid an incentive to do so.

"There was more support for this than for any other one proposal and it came from farmers belonging to all farm organizations," he said.

"Most felt that in creating surpluses there was little difference between high or flexible supports and that neither was the complete answer towards solving the problem."

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