

### Mechanic Steals Plane, Takes Off On Death Flight

HUNTINGTON, England (AP)—A U. S. Air Force mechanic stole a bomber plane early this morning and zoomed off alone on a mystery flight. He crashed to his death a few miles away in the kind of mishap that gives the British the jitters.

Left-wing leaders here insist that the presence of American bombers armed with nuclear

weapons adds to the island's dangers—that someone might go berserk or accidentally drop one of the atomic bombs on Britain.

The plane that crashed this morning carried no bomb of any sort. A hurried announcement from the headquarters of the 3rd U. S. Air Force assured Britons that the plane was not combat-ready.

The Air Force said it was an obsolete Tornado light bomber, one of the last two in use at the U. S. air base at nearby Alconbury.

Just what prompted the runaway flight was not known. The Air Force said the plane was piloted by an airman who had no

instruction in flying.

The plane sped off the runway at Alconbury shortly after midnight. It gained altitude, banked to the right and crashed almost immediately into a railway line.

The crash cut the tracks used for the overnight express between London and Scotland, delaying service four hours.

The runaway crash came only 10 minutes after another accident involving another U. S. Air Force plane from Alconbury—a collision in flight between an American jet trainer and a Royal Air Force

Canberra bomber. Two Americans and two Britons died in that crash.

Names of all three dead American airmen were withheld until their families could be notified.

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### Church School Now Open

McCLOUD — Daily vacation church school opened June 9 at the McCLOUD Community Presbyterian Church with an enrollment of 94. The theme for study this year is "The Life of Christ." Sessions start at 9 a.m. with dismissal at 11:30. Parents are invited to come to a final program at 10 a.m. June 20.

The following persons are working on the staff: Alice Wellman, dean; kindergarten department, Margaret Stoner, Jonetta Cline, Cassie Erro, Barney Selberg, Edith Parentice, Louise Swanson, Dolly Glover, Katherine Hollingsworth; primary department, Albert A. Nash, Coy Gill, Jackie Kirkman, Esther Miller, Peggy Glover, Nadine Pedersen, Thelma Burris; junior department, Ruth Rowett, Pat Smith, Frances Friday, Darlene Prevey, Millie Hamb, Edie Muma, Elizabeth Muma and junior high department, Eva Johnson, Thelma Welch, JoAnn Heidrich, and Jean Washburn.

### Torture Leads To Shooting

PITTSBURGH (AP)—A suburban Bethel Borough man was shot to death early today by his 13-year-old son who told police the father had beat him and lighted matches under his fingers.

John Kohle Sr., 40, a crane operator in a Pittsburgh plant, was killed by four bullets fired into his back from a .32 caliber revolver.

Bethel Police Chief John Misunas quoted John Kohle Jr., as saying he shot his father following an argument over some missing shotgun shells when the boy returned home late from his paper route. The father went out, but continued the argument in the boy's bedroom on his return.

"The boy said his mother made the father stop beating him," the chief said, "but he told me that his father came back to his room a short time later and held lighted matches under his fingers, trying to make him confess to stealing the shotgun shells."

Misunas said the boy then reached under his pillow for the gun and fired.

Detectives said the boy would be turned over to juvenile authorities.

BLEEDER

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A 12-year-old boy bleeder was reported in good condition today after an emergency appendectomy. Billy Whitley is a victim of hemophilia, a hereditary tendency to excessive and uncontrolled bleeding.

The youngster, stricken with acute appendicitis Wednesday, was rushed to a hospital here from his home in El Cajon. He was given a special plasma which causes blood to clot during an operation.

Billy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bluford Whitley.

### Quartet To Visit Here

Now on its seventh annual summer-long tour, the Ambassador Quartet from Pacific Lutheran College, Tacoma, Washington, will appear here in concert Wednesday, June 18. The public is invited. There will be no admission charge, but a free will offering will be taken.

Presenting a program of sacred music, the quartet will sing in Klamath Lutheran Church, 1175 Crescent Street, at 8 p.m.

Included on the program will be its selections, including arrangements of familiar hymns, church music classics and well known spirituals.

The hymns will include "Jesu Priceless Treasure," "O God, Our Help in Ages Past." Enriching the program will be arrangements of Bach's "Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light" and "Te Deum" by Sibelius. Spirituals to be sung will include "Deep River," "Steal Away" and "My Lord, I'm on my Journey."

The program will also include a group of organ solos by David Dahl, who is majoring in music and organ at P.L.C.

In addition to their singing, the collegians will conduct opening devotions, and one of them will give a brief talk on Christian education.

On their current three-month tour, the quartet will give over 100 concerts in Washington, Oregon, California, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Utah, Montana, Idaho and British Columbia.

### Railroads Stall On Merger Move

ST. LOUIS (AP)—Directors of the Missouri Pacific Railroad have delayed until August any action on a possible merger of MOPAC with the Texas — Pacific Railway.

Directors reached no conclusion after a day-long conference yesterday, a spokesman said. A final report on the merger is to be made by Aug. 8. The next board meeting is set for Aug. 18.

Merger of the lines would create the third largest railroad in this country with 11,900 miles of track, ranking only behind the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe and Southern Pacific Lines.

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