

Tranquilizers May Be Key To Air Travel

WASHINGTON (UPI)—An airplane crash that took 26 lives last fall has raised a whole new set of questions about a modern American standby — tranquilizers.

Protest Set For Saturday

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. (AP)—A local department store, scene of a sitdown movement by Negroes in August 1955, will be the focal point of a demonstration scheduled Saturday by the National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People.

Melvin Porter, attorney and head of the local NAACP Public Accommodation Committee, said Tuesday night a demonstration of 500 persons in front of the John A. Brown Co. has been planned, but he did not give details.

The 1955 sitdown by Negro students failed to secure integrated eating facilities at Brown's. But two other stores did start serving food to Negro customers.

The accident, involving a Piedmont Airlines DC-3, occurred on a mountain near Charlottesville, Va., on Oct. 30. The pilot, Capt. George Lavrine of Washington, was among those killed. One passenger survived.

The House Appropriations Committee Monday night released testimony that Lavrine had been consulting two psychiatrists about personal problems, and that he had been taking tranquilizers for at least six weeks before the crash.

There was no evidence, however, that he had taken the pills, or had access to them, the day before the fatal flight.

The testimony was given by Oscar Bakke, former director of the Civil Aeronautics Board's Safety Bureau who is now with the Federal Aviation Agency (FAA).

Bakke said that "after eliminat-

ing other possible causes of the crash one by one "it is apparent to us... that the weakest link in this particular operation lies in the captain of this aircraft himself."

The FAA, which lays down and administers flight safety rules, said airline pilots are not specifically forbidden to take tranquilizers. But there is a rule against their flying while under the influence of drugs—which a spokesman said would "apply even to taking too much aspirin."

The spokesman said the FAA is conducting a study to determine whether special regulations are needed to govern the use of tranquilizing drugs.

Bakke also testified that some "unusual occurrence" in the cockpit may have caused an Allegheny Airlines crash during a landing approach near Williamsport, Pa., in December, which killed 25 persons.

He said the co-pilot may have suffered a "sudden seizure." There was evidence the pilot had given up the controls to attend the co-pilot until it was too late to prevent the crash, Bakke said.

Refund Check Snipped By Tot

LEE'S SUMMIT, Mo. (AP)—Cutting taxes is one thing but cutting tax refunds is something else, as 2½-year-old Patty Kay Clark learned Tuesday.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Clark Jr. was wandering about with a pair of scissors, looking for something on which to try them, when she found a slip of paper on top of the television set.

She was whacking busily when her mother found her—and discovered the remains of the family's \$335.95 federal income tax refund check.

The Internal Revenue Service said it will issue a new one.

TWO MINERS KILLED

JEFFERSON CITY, Tenn. (UPI)—Two miners were killed Tuesday by a five-ton slab of rock that fell from the ceiling of a mine shaft 500 feet underground near here.

Spokesmen for the American Zinc Co. mine said Luther V. Wagner, 57, and Billy Tom Edmonds, 21, apparently jarred the 10-foot slab loose while drilling on the ceiling with a pneumatic drill.

Marriages More Popular Says Expert On Families

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Marriage, long a popular institution, is becoming more so, according to an expert on family living.

Dr. Reuben Hill, professor of sociology and director of the University of Minnesota's Family Study Center, says "people are marrying earlier, having more children, spacing them closer together, and probably enjoying them more."

This is a more stimulating climate for children to grow up in, he told the White House Conference on Youth and Children.

Hill listed these trends: —People are marrying earlier, with high school and college marriages much more common.

—More people are married at every age, fewer bachelors and spinsters are left in the population, marriage as a status is highly prized.

—Although in long-term perspective divorce rates have been climbing since the Civil War, divorces have been declining since 1946. Divorces are found most frequently among grammar school educated, working classes, veterans, and teen-agers.

—Completed family size has

been declining since 1700 when it was 7.4 children, to 2.5 children in 1950, but a reversal of this 250-year trend is in the making. More people, such as white collar, professionals and college-educated persons are having more children.

The longest Big Ten run from scrimmage last season was turned in by Northwestern's Ray Pudin. He went 85 yards against Michigan.

—Closely related to family size is the trend to space children closer together.

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