

# McNamara Escapes Near Airline Tragedy

PARIS (UPI)—A United States Air Force Boeing jet carrying Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara narrowly escaped collision with a Trans World Airlines jet at Orly Airfield today, a U.S. official

said "the secretary had a close call."  
Airport officials said McNamara took the incident with "absolute calm" and did not make any comment.

The USAF pilot avoided hitting the passenger plane, which was just landing at Orly Airport from Rome, by jamming on his brakes and reversing engines.

The action blew out four of the Air Force jet's big tires. Smoke poured out of the land-

ing gear but the plane jerked to a halt as the TWA plane reportedly filled to capacity, rolled smoothly to a parking area.

An Air Force spokesman who had accompanied McNamara to the airport said the secretary's plane did not burn. The Defense secretary and his aides were unhurt.

McNamara and his party were delayed four hours on their take-off to Saigon, South Viet Nam, on a fact-finding mission. They finally left aboard another U.S. Air Force plane from another airport, Le Bourget, north of Paris.

The Air Force spokesman said the plane's tires would be repaired "and otherwise it is all right."

"The pilot aborted his takeoff when he saw the TWA plane on the runway," the spokesman said. "If he hadn't seen the TWA plane, he would have hit it. He braked hard."

Both Air Force and TWA spokesmen told UPI their pilots were "not responsible." Airport officials did not immediately know whether any further inquiry would be made into the conflicting statements.

The TWA spokesman said the

Flight 803 "had just landed normally, following all procedures, and had been cleared by the tower." The big passenger plane rolled down the runway before the Air Force plane took off, and continued to roll without incident to the parking lot in front of the terminal.

The spokesman said he did not believe any of the TWA passengers were aware of the incident.

## JFK Coin Approved

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Prompt Senate approval is expected for a House-passed bill to authorize a 50-cent piece bearing a likeness of John F. Kennedy.

The measure, approved Tuesday by the House on a 352-6 roll call vote over some Republican protests of hasty action, appeared likely to clear the Senate this week before Congress adjourns.

Another bill to honor Kennedy was before the House Rules Committee today for clearance to the floor. It would help build a national cultural center in Washington to be named the "John Fitzgerald Kennedy Center for Performing Arts."

The cultural center legislation was approved Tuesday by the House and Senate Public Works Committees.

Last-minute House debate over the bill flared when Republicans objected to fast action on the measure.

Rep. H. R. Gross, R-Iowa, asked why the bill was considered before a proposed measure to mint a commemorative coin in honor of the late Speaker Sam Rayburn, D-Tex.

Rep. Paul A. Fino, R-N.Y., added his objection "to the tremendous haste to get this bill through." He said the rush would be a disservice to Kennedy's memory.

## Climbers Describe Death Fall

KATMANDU, Nepal (UPI)—Two companions today told how David Wyatt, 20, of Roseburg, Ore., was killed Dec. 4 in a 500-foot fall while crossing Tashi Lapcha pass in Central Nepal.

Steve McCarthy and Gary Payne, both students at Reed College in Portland, Ore., said they and Wyatt, a Chicago University student, had organized a private scientific expedition to the foot of Mt. Everest to collect specimens of beetles and butterflies for the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C., and the Chicago Museum of Natural History.

"We had finished trekking around the village of Namche-bazhar at the foot of Mt. Everest and were returning to Katmandu through the Rolwaling Mountains," Payne said.

"While crossing 20,000-foot high Tashi Lapcha pass, David suddenly slipped 500 feet to his death."

They said the accident occurred far west of the Everest mountain range in the Eastern Nepal Himalayas.

They said they complied with Nepalese government orders not to climb any mountain peaks since they were considered a non-climbing scientific team.

In Roseburg, Ore., the youths' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Wyatt, got a telegram from Payne and McCarthy Tuesday telling them of the tragedy.

## Johnson Talk Well Received In UN

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (UPI)—Adlai E. Stevenson, U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, called a news conference today to summarize the American view of the 18th General Assembly session's accomplishments.

He was expected to emphasize three outstanding themes of the three-month session — disarmament, development and decolonization.

The assembly wound up its quietest session in recent years on a note of optimism Tuesday with President Johnson's pledge to work for peace, civil rights and human welfare.

The speech was generally well received by U.N. diplomats.

Soviet Ambassador Nikolai T. Fedorenko responded favorably to Johnson's call for an end to the cold war. Fedorenko said he hoped for further East-West agreements to follow up the Moscow nuclear test ban treaty.

Assembly President Carlos Sosa Rodriguez adjourned the session an unprecedented three days ahead of schedule Tuesday night.

The general optimism among U.N. delegations was typified by the remark of Carl W. A. Schurmann, Netherlands ambassador and chairman of the main political committee, who said issues which stirred acrimonious debate in previous years were passed by acclamation this fall.

A key problem left unsolved

was the financial question, on which a showdown appears certain next year.

The United Nations will be \$134 million in debt by the end of this year because of the refusal of the Soviet bloc, the Arab nations, South Africa, Portugal, France and several other countries to pay all their assessments for peace-keeping operations in the Congo and Middle East.

Money was appropriated during the session to keep the peace-keeping operations going through next year.

The assembly made no concrete progress on disarmament

but it called on the 17-nation Geneva conference to reconvene as soon as possible. The conference will renew negotiations next month.

The session approved a U.S.-Soviet agreement banning nuclear weapons in space and endorsed a set of legal principles agreed on by Russia and the

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## Salem Woman Burns In Car

JORDAN VALLEY, Ore. (UPI)—A Salem woman burned to death near here Tuesday in the fiery crash of an automobile.

Oregon police said the woman was Vera B. Harris, 37. Her husband, William D. Harris, 39, was driving the car and was hospitalized with superficial burns. Police said the woman burned to death inside the car where it went off the Polly Farm grade on state Highway 8.

Police said they found Harris unconscious beside the burned auto.

## Motion Filed To Intervene

SALEM (UPI)—A motion to intervene in the case of the Department of Fish and Game of California versus the Federal Power Commission was filed in the ninth U.S. Court of Appeals, Atty. Gen. Robert V. Thornton said today.

The case involves construction of a \$1 million fish hatchery on the Klamath River near the site of the Pacific Power and Light Company's new Iron Gate Dam just south of the Oregon-California border.

Thornton said the power commission's decision requiring California to assume 20 per cent of the operation and maintenance cost of the fish facilities "creates a precedent which will have a serious impact upon projects in Oregon."

Thornton said he thinks the case may establish a valuable precedent for requiring the Idaho Power Company to build one or more hatcheries on the Middle Snake River to make restitution for 10,000 salmon killed at the Oxbow Dam in 1958.

## Weather Roundup

Northern California: Occasional rain.

The Dalles and Hood River: Partly cloudy or foggy tonight, rainy Thursday; gorge winds east 15-25; highs 37-45; low 33-37.

Bend: Partly cloudy tonight, showers Thursday; highs 45-50; low about 25.

Baker and La Grande: Partly cloudy, showers by Thursday evening; highs 38-48; low 22-28.

Portland - Vancouver: Rain through Thursday; high Thursday 46-52; low tonight 37-42.

Western Oregon: Occasional rain; high Thursday 44-54 except 35-40 south interior; low

tonight 35-45.

Eastern Oregon: Partly cloudy, showers likely Thursday; highs 33-38 north to 44-48 south; low 24-32.

Tatoosh to Blanco: Small craft warnings for southeast winds 15-30 becoming south to southwest Thursday; occasional rain.

Temperatures during the 24 hours ending at 4 a.m. PST today.

	High	Low
Astoria	33	36
Baker	40	18
Brookings	38	—
Medford	34	30
North Bend	36	38
Newport	—	—
Pendleton	33	31
Portland	45	30
Redmond	51	26
Salem	49	30
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