

Check Bomb Theory On Crashed Plane

MIAMI (UPI)—Who was the mystery man who boarded the ill-fated DC-7B airliner that crashed in the Gulf of Mexico, Nov. 16, killing all 42 persons on board?

Mrs. Alice Steel Taylor of Tampa, Fla., insists it was her missing salesman husband, William Allen Taylor, 58.

Mrs. Robert V. Spears, the young Dallas, Tex., wife of an ex-convict doctor who booked passage on the flight, claims that if her husband were alive "he would be here with me and the babies."

Dr. Robert Spears, 64, whose criminal record dates back 43 years, trick Taylor into taking his place in an attempt to defraud an insurance company out of \$100,000.

The FBI told a Civil Aeronautics Board hearing on the crash that the chief investigator of the Los Angeles County district attorney's office theorized that "Spears might have had someone travel for him to collect a large insurance policy for the benefit of his young wife."

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Spears' Dallas attorney, Charles W. Tessmer, said Spears took out a \$50,000 to \$100,000 "common carrier" policy last September which was good for all commercial airline flights.

The crash investigation began to take on the hue of the Jan. 6 crash of an airliner over North Carolina in which 34 persons died. The FBI and the CAB are checking the theory that Julian Andrew Frank, a 32-year-old attorney from Westport, Conn., carried a bomb aboard the DC-7B in an attempt to defraud insurance companies out of nearly \$900,000 with policies naming his wife as beneficiary.

Both tragedies involved National Airlines flights.

Mrs. Taylor believes Spears induced her husband to take his place on the short hop from Tampa to New Orleans.

"It could have been that he (Spears) could have hypnotized my husband," Mrs. Taylor said.

"We were married for 18 years and I know him," Mrs. Taylor said. "If he were still alive he would have called. But there's been nothing but this dead, dead silence."

"I'm sure he was the man who got on that plane — not Dr. Spears."

Taylor Took Insurance
Spears was reported to have hypnotized his wife for the birth

of their last child. The couple has two children, a 20-month-old daughter and a son, 2.

Spears and Taylor were old acquaintances and were reported to have been seen together two days before the flight that ended 700 feet below the surface of the Gulf.

Mrs. Spears, about 35, told reporters in Dallas she had no reason to believe her husband, under indictment in Los Angeles on abortion charges, was alive.

"I have a communication from the airline saying that he was aboard the plane," she said. She added that she had not received any insurance money.

Taylor, who has not been seen since Nov. 16, was known to have taken out \$37,500 air travel insurance payable to his 17-year-old son just nine minutes before the airliner departed.

Driver Fined Here On Traffic Charge
In city court this morning, one car was fined \$25, and another, a third progressed a little further along in the judicial process.

City Judge Richard J. Sullivan fined Ernest A. Scheer, of Berne, \$1 and costs for disobeying a traffic signal at 13th and Monroe Sunday. Scheer was arrested by city police.

Keith Lamar Brandt, of route 2, Decatur, had his case continued until Jan. 25, allowing him time to contact an attorney to defend him on city police charges of reckless driving and unlawful speeding.

Brandt, 20, was arrested by city police at 13th street at 6:10 p.m. Sunday.

In the Jesse G. Niblick case, the prosecution struck the name of Dave Macklin from a list of three local lawyers to serve as acting judge in the failure to yield case. The defense has until Feb. 1 to strike either the name of Mark Morin or Robert C. Smith. Judge Sullivan will then appoint the remaining person as judge pro tem, because he has declined jurisdiction in the case.

Minor Accident In Decatur Saturday
In a minor damage accident, which occurred at 12:10 p.m. Saturday, a car driven by James A. Custer, of 521 S. 13th street, was struck in the rear by a car driven by Roland J. Miller, of route 5, Decatur, city police reported.

Damage to the Custer car was \$100 and \$50 to the Miller machine. Custer told police that he was waiting in traffic at 316 N. 13th street as a truck was pulling into a driveway. Miller told police that he did not see the Custer car in time to stop.

Income Tax Fax

(Editor's note: As a public service to the taxpayers of Adams county, the Decatur Daily Democrat and the Indiana society of public accountants, an affiliate of the national society of public accountants, presents the following article, which is one of a series that will run weekly until the week of April 11.)

How many dependents can you claim?

Each dependent must meet all five of the following conditions:

1. Dependent must have received over one-half of his support from you in 1959.

2. Dependent did not have over \$600 income in 1959, unless the dependent was your child or stepchild under 19 years of age, or if over 19 years of age, a full time student, in which case the dependent child can earn any amount as long as you actually provide over one-half of the cost of support.

3. Dependent is not claimed by any other taxpayer and does not file a joint return with another taxpayer. For instance, do not list a dependent married daughter who files a joint return with her husband.

4. Dependent must be a citizen of the United States or a resident of the United States, Canada, Mexico, the Republic of Panama or the Canal Zone.

5. Dependent must be closely related to you or be anyone else who meets requirements 1, 2, 3, and 4 above and had your home as his principal place of abode and was a member of your household, even if not related to you.

If the dependent has worked part time and earned less than \$600 in 1959 or was your child under 19 years of age, and a student, and income tax was withheld from such earnings, the dependent should file a tax return to secure refund of the tax withheld.

This will in no way prevent you from also claiming the exemption for the dependent, provided, of course, that dependent meets all five of the above conditions.

Hospital

Admitted

Russel • Powelson, Monroeville; Edgar Gerber, Decatur; Mrs. Jacob Cablitz, Berne; Lloyd Sheets, Decatur; Mike Biberstein, Decatur; Lloyd Lichtenberger, Berne; Miss Betty Bowers, Monroeville; Mrs. Anna Pegley, Decatur; Mrs. Rosetta Jackson, Decatur; Walter Wagner, Monroeville; Mrs. Daise Rhodes, Decatur; Mrs. Mary Carter, Decatur; Miss Joan Alberson, Keystone.

Dismissed
Mrs. Sephus Jackson, Decatur; Mrs. Mathias Minch, Decatur; Paul Strickler, Decatur; Mrs. Richard Miller and baby boy, Willshire, O.; Valentine Laker, Monroeville; Mrs. George Ruble and baby boy, Monroeville; Mrs. Adam Kunowich, Decatur; Mrs. Joe M. Schwartz and baby boy, Berne; Mrs. Dee Byerly, Decatur; Glen McMillen, Pleasant Mills; Mrs. Elmer Ehrsam, Monroeville.

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Find Woman's Body In Abandoned Trailer
NEW ALBANY, Ind. (UPI)—The body of Mrs. Aileen H. Smith, 41, was found Saturday in an abandoned house trailer at a junkyard eight blocks from her home. Authorities believe she wandered into the trailer Friday night and a fire started when she dozed while smoking a cigarette.



NOT B. B., BUT M. B.—Mijanou Bardot, 21, Brigitte's sister, looks up from studying a film script in Hollywood. It's called "Teacher Was a Sexpot."

France Plans First Atomic Bomb Test

PARIS (UPI)—French-led camel patrols and jet squadrons in the Sahara Desert stood by today for orders to start air-raid drills over the parched wastes where France plans to set off its first atomic bomb.

An announcement published Sunday warned airlines operating over the Sahara that flights over a desert area twice as big as France may be banned or restricted at any time for periods of 12 hours or more.

During drill periods, or the time of actual tests, airlines over the desert will be required to heed flight instructions from French authorities.

Although it had been expected that France's first atomic shot would be fired in March, there is now some speculation that it may be scheduled well in advance of Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev's arrival here March 15.

President Charles de Gaulle is known to be anxious to build up France's prestige by making his country the world's fourth atomic power.

Deputy Premier Jacques Soustelle, who runs the French atomic program paid a weekend visit to the desert test center of Reggane, 1,000 miles southwest of Algiers.

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Report Deadlock On Cyprus Conference

LONDON (UPI)—British, Turkish and Greek Cypriot delegates were deadlocked today over a British demand for a 125-square-mile military base on Cyprus as the price for that island's independence on Feb. 19.

The conference, which began on Saturday, resumed again this morning to try to work out details of the year-old agreement under which the former colony is to become an independent nation within the British Commonwealth.

But Britain says it must have a major 16,000-man military base there to be able to cope with "brush fire" wars in the Middle East and because Cyprus is necessary for NATO. The main opposition comes from Archbishop Makarios, Cyprus' president-elect.

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Invasion Plotters Plead Not Guilty

HAVANA (UPI)—The first 19 of 140 alleged invasion plotters to come before a military court here pleaded innocent over the weekend. The pleas of other defendants probably will be heard today.

The pro-government "Second Front of Escambray," former armed supporters of Premier Fidel Castro's revolution, demanded Sunday that nine of the defendants be sentenced to death. The nine are the alleged invaders who flew a plane to Trinidad, Cuba, last August and shot it out with government troops lying in wait for them there. Three soldiers were killed.

Maj. William Morgan, a former American who was second in command of the Escambray group, is expected to be the star witness for the prosecution at the trial. He was not present at the opening session of the trial, however, nor did he sign the statement demanding the death penalty.

Castro and his brother Raul also are expected to testify at some point during the trial, but neither of them showed up at the opening session.

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CRAWFORDSVILLE, IND. (Sp.)—Ralph B. Thomas, left, son of Rev. and Mrs. Benjamin G. Thomas, 342 Winchester, Decatur, has been named as one of five Wabash College seniors entering the finals of the Woodrow Wilson national fellowship competition. The announcement was made by Dr. Stephen G. Kurtz, right, Wabash College representative of the foundation.

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The Adams county sheriff's department reported three accidents which occurred this weekend, including one this morning. No injuries were recorded but medium property damage was caused.

At 9 a.m. today about one-eighth mile west of Berne on state road 118, a car driven by James M. Toland, 18, of route 1, Berne, was struck in the rear by the car driven by Robert Dentel, 43, of Bluffton. Toland was attempting a right turn onto county road 34½ when the Dentel car struck it in the rear. Damage to the Toland car was \$200, and \$50 to the Dentel car.

Saturday at 9:45 p.m., about one-quarter mile west of Monroe on state road 124, a car driven by Phyllis Winteregg, 31, of Berne, was struck by a car driven by Merline E. Frank, 19, of route 1, Willshire. O. Estimated damages were noted at \$75 to the Winteregg car and \$350 to the Frank car. The Frank car struck the Winteregg car in the rear.

At 11:05 p.m. Sunday, a car driven by Joe V. Schwartz, 21, of Berne, missed a curve on county road 36 about six miles north and one mile west of Decatur, totally demolishing his car. The estimated loss was \$800. The Schwartz car was northbound.

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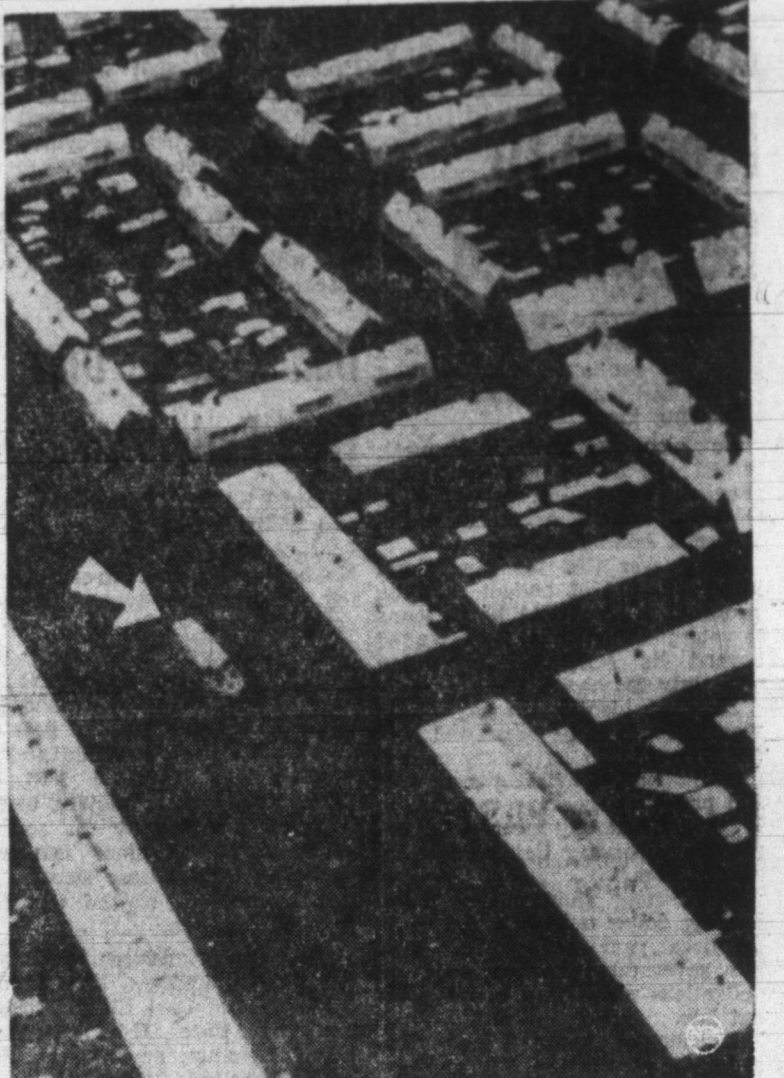
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DUTCH TOWN FLOODED—Rescue boat (arrow) moves up one of the flooded streets of Tuindorp Oostzaan, a suburb of Amsterdam, Holland. Water stood three to five feet deep in most of the section which was swept by water when a dike collapsed. About 8,000 persons were driven from their homes.

Births

At the Adams county memorial hospital:
Weldon and Frances Barkley Soldner, route 4, Decatur, are parents of an eight pound, three ounce son, born at 6:13 p.m. Saturday.

At 11:50 Saturday, a baby boy weighing eight pounds, 13 ounces was born to Elmer and Claranel Sprunger Smith, Berne.

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