

# 37 Persons Die In Airliner Crash

## Asian Flu Epidemic Spreading Over U.S.

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Asian flu epidemic now rampaging in 13 states and the District of Columbia will spread to other parts of the country during the next few weeks.

That is the forecast of U.S. Public Health Service officials who are closely following the epidemic's progress.

They said today the flu virus is so widely "seeded" across the nation that further outbreaks are inevitable.

"We look for a large number of flu cases in the next month or so," said one official. "But the incidence probably won't be as great as it was in the 1957 Asian flu epidemic."

At the peak of the 1957 epidemic, more than seven million Americans were down with the flu at one time.

California Hard Hit

No official estimate has been made of the total number of cases in the United States at the present time, but the figure is believed to be well in excess of one million.

One million persons have been estimated afflicted in the Los Angeles area alone. The epidemic has been labeled responsible for nine deaths in Los Angeles County. There are major outbreaks in several other parts of California.

Texas also has been hard hit, with outbreaks centered around San Antonio, Corpus Christi, Houston, Austin and Brownsville. More than 35 per cent of the school population is on the absentee list in Brownsville.

Detroit has reported absentee rates up to 30 per cent in schools and industrial plants. Several other Michigan cities have been hit.

Advises Shots For Some

Other areas with sizable outbreaks include Hawaii, Iowa, Kentucky, Mississippi, Nevada, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Utah, West Virginia and the District of Columbia.

Although the public health service is not recommending mass vaccination programs for the general population, it does strongly advise flu shots for two groups:

1. Persons for whom an attack of flu would be an "added health hazard." This category includes those with heart or lung diseases, pregnant women, and all people over 65 who have any kind of chronic disease.

2. Those engaged in "essential tasks" such as caring for the sick, fire protection, law enforcement, transportation and communications.

FOR THEIR VICTORY OVER POLIO—Boston's Mayor John F. Collins, 40, is shown with his family in New York after they were named "1960 New March of Dimes Family of the Year."

Collins and three of his children were stricken with polio in the 1955 Massachusetts epidemic. With Collins are his wife, Mary, 38; sons Thomas, 7, left, and John Jr., 9; and daughters Patricia, 11 (standing); and Margaret, 6 (on Collins' lap). Patricia, John and Thomas recovered fully while Mrs. Collins and Margaret were not stricken.

## Railroads And Unions Asking For Mediation

CHICAGO (UPI)—The nation's railroads and 16 unions representing 600,000 non-operating employees deadlocked on wage contract talks today asked the National (Railway) Mediation Board to mediate their dispute.

Railroad negotiators said that they and the unions had asked mediation board intervention after failing to reach agreement on union demands for a 25 cent an hour wage increase and the industry's proposal of a 15 cent an hour pay cut.

"Some feelers have been put out and rejected," a railroad spokesman said, "but we haven't been able to reach agreement."

The bargaining teams also asked the mediation board to begin supervising their talks over union demands for two additional holidays a year, extended vacation schedules and increased life, health and welfare insurance benefits.

Mediators already were faced with a Friday deadline imposed by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, one of five operating brotherhoods, in wage talks with the carriers.

The engineers union said it would ask for a proffer of arbitration, try to force its wage dispute into a presidential fact-finding committee and proceed with a strike vote if the carriers did not make a higher wage offer by Friday.

The non-operating unions represent telegraphers, maintenance of way workers, clerks, signalmen, dispatchers, yardmasters and similar "workers who do not actually operate the trains."

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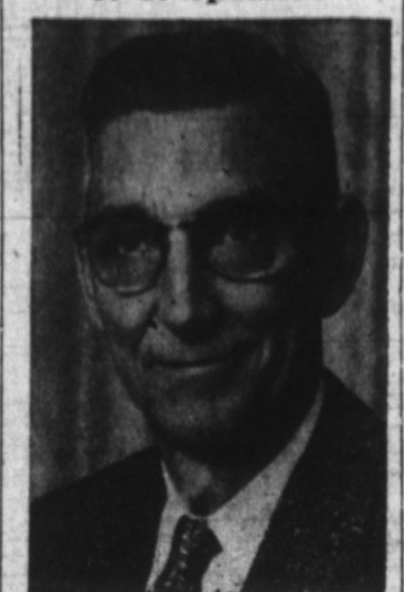
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## C. C. Speaker



Vernon C. Sheldon, Fort Wayne speech instructor and realtor, will speak at the 30th annual dinner of the Decatur Chamber of Commerce at 6:30 p. m. Thursday, Jan. 28, at the Youth and Community Center. The public is invited to attend. Tickets should be obtained before Monday evening at the Chamber office on North Second street.

## Tax Distribution To City And County

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI)—Checks totaling \$11,383,357 were sent to Indiana counties and cities and towns today as their share of gasoline tax collections for the quarter ending Dec. 31.

Total receipts for the three-month quarter, less expenses, amounted to \$24,219,909. Of that total, 53 per cent, or \$12,836,552 went to the State Highway Department; 32 per cent, or \$7,750,150, went to the counties; and 15 per cent, or \$3,632,986 went to cities and towns.

Distribution by counties included:

Adams \$66,401; Allen 218,829, Bartholomew 79,179, Blackford 34,481, Cass 101,435, Clark 78,174, Clay 70,297, Daviess 75,791, Decatur 58,736, DeKalb 69,875, Delaware 138,337, Dubois 83,081, Elkhart 147,848, Floyd 46,371, Fulton 69,620, Grant 103,324, Greene 95,736, Hamilton 84,688, Huntington 69,838.

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## 33 Cars Of Erie Freight Jump Track

CROWN POINT, Ind. (UPI)—Thirty-three cars of a 129-car west-bound Erie Railroad freight train jumped the track here Wednesday. Authorities said no one was injured and the cause of the derailment was not immediately known.

## Fourth Major Air Disaster Of The Week

MONTEGO BAY, Jamaica (UPI)—A Colombian Avianca Airlines Constellation from New York City crashed on the airport runway today, killing 37 passengers and crewmen.

Nine persons survived with minor injuries, including four passengers and five crew members, although the big plane was smashed into a fiery mass of wreckage that burned for hours in the early morning.

At least 17 of the victims were from the United States and at least 1 was from Canada. Sixteen of the dead passengers were bound for Bogota, 7 each to Montego Bay and Kingston and 5 to Barranquilla.

The dead included Thomas C. Capehart, son of Sen. Homer E. Capehart (R-Ind.) and his wife Elizabeth. They boarded the plane at Miami with two others when the Constellation made an unscheduled stop because the No. 3 engine was acting up.

## Fourth Disaster This Week

Four luckier passengers grew bored with waiting for the lengthy repairs and left the plane to seek other accommodations. The plane had left New York Wednesday morning on a supposedly non-stop flight to Montego Bay en route to Bogota and did not arrive here until 2:30 in the morning.

It was the fourth major air disaster since Monday night and brought the four-day toll to 145 persons. Fifty died in the wreck of a Capital Airlines Viscount airliner in Virginia Monday; 42 died in the wreck of a Scandinavian Airways Caravelle jet in Ankara Tuesday night; 16 U.S. Navy men were feared dead in a Navy Mercator patrol plane which crashed into the snow-covered Turkish mountains the same day.

Because of the uncertain arrival time of the Avianca plane and the lateness of the hour, there were few witnesses but the handful of waiting passengers at the airport saw the plane's lights suddenly swerve. There was a burst of flames, then the screams of men and women trapped in the wreckage.

Gas Tanks Explode

Nine persons clawed their way to safety through the flaming wreckage but the others died in the wreckage.

The four passengers who escaped were Mr. and Mrs. Ian Kelton, Australians who live in Quito, Ecuador; H. Wytzes of The Hague, Holland, and Falls Church, Va.; and Rad Loven of The Hague and Washington, D.C.

Both the pilot, J. Duque, and the co-pilot, H. Arango, survived the fiery crash. So did a flight engineer, a purser and a stewardess.

Witnesses who live on the low hills surrounding the airport thought they had seen the plane flaming in the air before it touched down, but official spokesmen said this was not true and that they probably had seen the white-hot exhausts from the four great piston engines.

There also were immediate rumors the plane had "exploded" as if a bomb might have been aboard.

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## Russia Fires Giant Rocket

MOSCOW (UPI)—The Soviet Union announced today it launched a giant multi-stage rocket almost 8,000 miles to within 2,100 yards—124 miles of its target in the central Pacific testing grounds Wednesday night (Moscow time).

The announcement by the official Tass news agency said the rocket shot was the first in a series aimed at "realizing space flights toward the planets of the solar system."

The rocket was launched from the Soviet Union at 8:05 p.m. and traveled at a speed of about 17,250 miles an hour.

The announcement said Soviet ships in the area checked the rocket in its flight.

"The nose cone of the last stage of the rocket was tracked during its flight in the atmosphere, and its contact with the water was registered by the ships' radar, optical and acoustic installations," the Tass report said.

(The Tass announcement did not specify the launching site, but Western observers calculated that the rocket probably came from an area near the Caspian Sea.)

Tass said the rocket followed "strictly the calculated trajectory."

"The rocket's next to the last stage entered the dense layers of the atmosphere at an altitude of 50 to 60 miles and subsequently disintegrated and partially burned up," Tass said.

"The dummy of the last stage of the rocket, adapted to traverse the dense layers of the atmosphere, hit the ocean near the calculated point of its fall."

It was the first official Soviet announcement that Russia had blasted its much-heralded multi-stage rocket into the Pacific area.

U.S. Defense Secretary Thomas S. Gates announced Wednesday that the United States had verified reports that the Soviet Union had launched its rocket into the Pacific.

Tass said the launching was the first in a series of shots "under the program of producing a more powerful ballistic multi-stage rocket for orbiting heavy earth satellites and for realizing space flights towards the planets of the solar system."

The Soviet news agency added that more tests were in the making.

An Australian pilot reported earlier today that he saw a "great big orange flash" Wednesday afternoon when he was piloting a Qantas airliner from Honolulu to Sydney.

Capt. Robert A. Gray said a rocket "was the only thing we could assume." His report followed closely on the heels of Tokyo messages that "garbled radio signals" had been received, and Washington's report of a rocket in the Pacific.

Last Sunday, a Soviet research ship in the western Pacific shot off a weather rocket, presumably to forecast weather conditions for the super-sized missile the Russians launched Wednesday.

## Monk Survives Ride In Space

WALLOPS ISLAND, Va. (UPI)—A girl monkey named Miss Sam survived "apparently in good condition" a violent ride into space today in a test of escape equipment which may someday save the life of a human astronaut.

Miss Sam was boosted to an altitude of more than 9½ miles in a launching at 8:23 a.m. c.s.t. at the Wallops station of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

The one-ton capsule, similar to the one which will carry a Mercury astronaut into orbit in 1961, was recovered from the Atlantic Ocean by a Marine Corps helicopter at 8:33 a.m., 10 minutes after the launching.

The capsule was returned to Wallops Island at 8:55 a.m. Automatic monitoring equipment inside the "biopack" in which Miss Sam rode, showed that she was alive and apparently in good condition.

## To Present History Of Scout Movement

Four well-known local scout leaders will present the history of the Boy Scout movement in Decatur to all interested persons, with a special invitation to scouts and their wives, Tuesday night at 8 p.m. at the Decatur public library.

A brief, one-hour program, which will be completed by 9 p.m., has been planned, Durkin said.

This year the Boy Scouts of America celebrate their golden anniversary, as the scouts were founded nationally February 8, 1910.

Scouting was founded in Decatur in 1913, just three years after it was started in the United States.

Bryce Thomas, a member of the original troop, and an active scout for 47 years, will give the history of scouting to 1930.

Members of that first troop, led by Clark Spahr, were Roy Kalver, Robert Colter, Alex Sutton, Ishmael Macy, Harry Knapp, Albert Gehrig, George Schug, Dick Durkin, Winfield Maddy, Thomas, Murry Sutton, Ralph Tyndall, Carlisle Flanders, and Gregg Ball.

Jaberg, Smith, Everhart

Ed Jaberg will take over at the 1930 marker, and tell about the first organization and training sessions ever held here, and about early trips, merit badge shows, and campfires.

Lowell J. Smith will explain how the scout program has changed since the early days, and show films on summer trips, Big Island, dedication of Camp Quinn by the late historian French Quinn. Adams county sent the second group to ever camp out on Big Island, when the troops had to do all their own cooking, and make up their own program.

Sylvester Everhart will complete the program by telling about scouting as it is today, and about the national jamboree and Adams county's part in them.

## Rensselaer Home Fire Kills Three

RENSSELAER, Ind. (UPI)—A mother and two of her children were burned to death today when fire trapped them on the second floor of their home here.

Mrs. Gladys Bulington, 46, and her children, Constance Marie, 12, and Christopher Faye, 9, died in the flames.

The fire broke out in the early morning hours amid temperatures of nearly zero. Authorities said Mrs. Bulington's son, James Allen, 17, refused a wood heating stove about 1:30 a.m. c.s.t. A short time later, he ran to the home of a brother, Lester Bulington, who called firemen. When they arrived, the second floor had collapsed.

Officials said it would take about two hours to open the biopack, a 125 pound cylinder, 36 inches long and 16 inches in diameter, in which Miss Sam made the trip.

After a physical examination, a drink of water, and a meal Miss Sam will be flown to her home, the School of Aviation Medicine at Brooks Air Force Base, San Antonio, Tex.

After the launching, NASA revised preliminary reports about the altitude reached by Miss Sam and provided new vital statistics on the girl monkey.

She weighs 6 pounds, instead of 7 as first reported, and is 3 years and 4 months old instead of 2½ years.

Robert Krieger reported that early information indicated that the entire experiment was "completely successful."

## Sen. Capehart Son Killed In Airline Crash

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI)—Sen. Homer E. Capehart's son and daughter-in-law and a millionaire Muncie meat packing executive were among 37 persons killed in a Jamaican airliner crash today.

Thomas C. Capehart, 36, Indianapolis industrial plant executive, his wife, Nancy Elizabeth, 36, and John H. Marhoefer, 55, were the Indiana victims.

Capehart, one of two children of the Indiana senior senator, headed the Packard Manufacturing Co. plant here, a family-owned firm. The couple's death orphaned their four children, ages 2 to 9.

Marhoefer was the wealthy founder and president of the Marhoefer Packing Co., a meat packing concern which operated plants in three states, including Indiana. He was the second wealthy businessman to be killed in a plane crash in less than a year. The other was Eral Marsh, head of Marsh Foodliners of the Muncie area, who was killed last summer in a private plane plunge near Logansport.

The three Jamaican crash fatalities raised to eight the number of Indiana persons or persons with Hoosier connections killed in a series of four major air crashes this week. A Carmel crash and a Danville couple's daughter-in-law and grandchild were killed in Virginia.

A Navy lieutenant commander from East Gary was killed in one Turkish crash and an Indianapolis-born drug firm executive in another Turkish crash.

Marhoefer and the Capeharts were traveling together to study the feasibility of opening a meat packing plant in Bogota, Colombia. They had boarded the plane at Miami shortly before it crashed while landing in Jamaica.

Mrs. Capehart's sister, Mrs. A. L. Gardner, contacted by telephone, broke into sobs when informed of the accident. She said she had not been notified that her sister and brother-in-law were on the doomed plane.

"Oh, no," she said. "Oh, no!" She was unable to answer questions.

However, Earl Capehart, Indianapolis attorney and Thomas' brother, said Thomas and his wife left Indianapolis Tuesday morning for a brief trip to Bogota.

Thomas was president of the Packard Manufacturing Co., Indianapolis, a metal machinery firm founded and still owned by the senator.

Earl said his father, who had come to Indianapolis to stay with his ailing wife, had gone back to Washington Wednesday, along with his wife. Earl notified his father of Thomas' death.

The young Capeharts' children, Thomas Jr., 9, Lucy, 7, Mary Ann, 4, and John, 2, had been left in the flames.

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## Supposed Air Crash Victim Is Seized

PHOENIX, Ariz. (UPI)—The investigation into the mysterious crash of an airliner in the Gulf of Mexico with a loss of 42 lives was cracked wide open today with the arrest by the FBI of an ex-convict listed as one of the victims.

Robert V. Spears, 64, a self-styled doctor wanted in Los Angeles on an abortion charge, was nabbed by federal agents late Wednesday when he dashed into a waiting taxi after checking out of a lavish motel hideout.

Spears arrest strengthened the possibility of a link between the Gulf crash last Nov. 16 and the Jan. 6 crash of a New York to Miami airliner near Bolivia, N.C. with a loss of 34 lives.

Julian Frank, 32, a New York attorney, is suspected of carrying a bomb aboard the Miami flight in an effort to defraud insurance companies out of nearly one million dollars.

Suspected Of Trickery

Spears is suspected of having tricked an old acquaintance, William Allen Taylor, 58, of Tampa, Fla., into boarding the ill-fated Tampa to New Orleans flight in an effort to collect \$100,000 in insurance.

Both men named their wives as beneficiaries.

Spears was linked to Frank by Donald Loomis, 50, Spears' co-defendant in the Los Angeles abortion case. Loomis told investigators when he and Spears were arrested last July that Spears told him Frank was his attorney. He quoted Spears as saying: "I think I'd better call my attorney in New York, Julian Frank."

Spears also is reported to have admitted to the FBI at the time of his arrest Wednesday that he knew Frank, but only as just another New York attorney.

Authorities thus far have been reluctant to link the two air tragedies but the possibility of a tie-in was being investigated.

Crashes Under Investigation

The FBI was handling the possible criminal phases of both crashes while the Civil Aeronautics Board attempted to determine the cause of the wrecks.

Spears, a pudgy 220 pounds, was dressed in a gay, black and white checkered sports cap and a brown topcoat at the time of his arrest.

Asked by a reporter if he placed a bomb aboard the National Airlines flight that crashed in the Gulf, the white-haired, bespectacled Spears replied: