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Push Through Wasteland Of Horror Seeking Cause Of Air Crash Killing 63

TELL CITY, Ind. (UPI) — Civil Aeronautics Board experts and the FBI dug into a blackened 50-foot crater today to learn whether a bomb or some other instrument of sabotage sent 63 persons falling 18,000 feet to their deaths aboard a new Northwest Airlines passenger plane.

A CAB spokesman said the \$2,400,000 turbo-prop jet, carrying 57 passengers and six crewmen from Minneapolis and Chicago to Florida, "obviously broke up in the air." He said searchers would "investigate all possibilities, including a bomb."

Edward Slattery, information chief of the CAB, said the agency's men also would check whether "metal fatigue or some other undue stress in the plane" caused the craft to disintegrate over the Ohio River Valley and plunge into a soybean field at 4:20 p.m. est. Thursday.

Slattery said the airliner was "a new plane. It had been in service only a few weeks."

FBI agent in charge Edward Powers, heading nearly a score of G-men at the scene, said the FBI was there "to determine whether there were any violations within our jurisdiction, principally the possibility of sabotage."

Identification Is Difficult

State troopers still were gathering up bodies in bags today and carrying them away to a high school gymnasium in nearby Canfield.

There they were laid out on the polished floor where the school's teenagers usually play basketball. FBI men prepared to take fingerprints or otherwise establish identity.

Slattery said it would be difficult. "In a high speed airplane crash there's usually not much in the way of whole bodies," he said.

Melting snow caused sides of the crater to cave in under searchers' feet and authorities debated whether to use teams of shovels or earth-moving equipment to remove the fragments of plane.

Continental Casualty Co., underwriter for airport sales, started checking carbons today of flight insurance policies sold at Chicago's Midway Airport Thursday and for several previous days.

Mutual of Omaha, another underwriter, said it had not started a check to determine whether any suspiciously large policies had been taken out on the lives of persons aboard the flight.

Mystery Telephone Call

In Washington, Sen. A.S. Mike Monroney (D-Oklahoma), chairman of the Senate aviation subcommittee, urged any persons living near the crash scene to tell authorities of any wreckage they spot—no matter how small—and not to carry it away as a souvenir.

"In determining the cause, and effecting ways of correcting difficulties in the future, it is vital that investigators have available for the mockup all possible parts of the plane," he said.

He stressed that it was "very important" that investigators see the parts in their original locations so "the pattern of disintegration can be determined."

The chance of bomb sabotage was raised after a man telephoned Chicago police to report there was a bomb on a plane at Midway Airport. The call came a few hours after the airliner, which originated in Minneapolis, left Midway at 3:39 p.m. on its last, non-stop hop to Miami.

Police were unable to trace the mystery call.

About 4:20 p.m., while flying in

Floridians Forced To Evacuate Homes

United Press International

A record seige of rain, wind, and tornadoes moved out of central Florida today, leaving behind hundreds of homeless residents and a critical flood threat at Tampa.

Three days of torrential downpours forced a six-inch crack in an earthen flood control dam at Lake Magdalene.

Officials said the break threatened to send floodwaters cascading over 28,000 acres in the Forest Hills section, where heavy rains did a million dollars damage last year.

Authorities asked National Guardsmen and volunteers to help plug the break in the dam.

A snowstorm moving north from Dixie struck New England and the Northeast, but predicted foot-deep snows failed to materialize.

High water forced hundreds of Floridians from their homes at Orlando, Plant City, Dade City and Zephyr Hills. Officials said more evacuations may be necessary if the water keeps on rising.

Among the litter was a Roman Catholic prayer book opened to the litany "Lord have mercy on us... Christ have mercy on us."

The fuselage of the plane plunged through a 12-inch snow blanket and dug a 25 foot crater in the rich Indiana bottomland.

Smoke curled from the crater during the night. Floodlights cast a yellow glow over the scene. Cranes and large earth moving equipment were called in to remove the wreckage and to recover any bodies that might be imbedded in the ground.

The plane is so deep in the ground it's almost out of sight," a coroner's official said.

Five Children Killed

The dead included five children. Most were from Minneapolis and Chicago.

Among the victims were:

Judge John A. Sbarbaro of Chicago, 71-year-old jurist who helped prosecute Nathan Leopold and Richard Loeb for the "crime of the century" murder of little Bobby Franks in the 1920's.

The wife and three children of

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James Newton Heads Decatur Elks Lodge

At the annual election of officers conducted at the Elks lodge in Decatur Thursday night, James Newton was named exalted ruler.

George Bair, Sr., the immediate past exalted ruler, made the announcement. He was elected as alternate to the grand lodge.

George Bair, Jr., was elected as esteemed leading knight, with Denzil Dowell being chosen as esteemed loyal knight. Franklin Lybarger is the esteemed lecturer knight.

V. J. Bormann was reelected as secretary for the local group, and E. J. Clark was re-elected treasurer. Cal Yost was named to the three-year term as trustee. Roger Blackburn will be the treasurer.

Rural sections this week were:

Section 7 of Washington township, solicited by Mrs. Oscar Geisel, \$22 and 100%; section 14 of Preble township, Albert Ewell, \$18 and 100%; section 6 of Union township, Virgil Barkley, \$9 and 100%, and section 12 of Monroe township, Glen Winkler, \$6 and 100%.

A total of \$7,783 has been raised so far, including the cities of Berne and Decatur. Red Cross section workers this week included: Mrs. Forrest Dryer, Anthony Wayne Meadows, section 1B of Washington township, \$10; Mrs. Clara Rumschlag, sec. 7, Washington township, \$7.75; Harvey Haggard, Kirkland, sec. 12; Robert Burger, Union sec. 18, \$10; Glen Workinger, Monroe sec. 11, \$7.50; Alfred Grote, Union, sec. 29, \$10; Herman Ehlerding, Preble, sec. 23, \$5; A. W. Adams, Preble, sec. 33, \$17; Leroy Werling, Preble, sec. 27, \$6.75; Mrs. Wilbur Stanley, Washington, sec. 26, \$8; Ernest Thiemer, Union, sec. 22, \$12; Arnold Scheumann, Preble, sec. 16, \$9; Raymond Heilmann, Washington, sec. 10, \$13.

Lenten Meditation

(By Rev. Wayne A. Smith, Nuttman Ave. United Brethren)

INCENTIVE

Matt. 6:27-34

If you have been searching for an incentive for real living and have not yet found it, possibly it is because you have been focusing your ambition towards the wrong objects. Jesus did not fail to establish in the heart and mind of his disciples the fact that neither wealth, pleasure nor power would be a satisfactory incentive for real living.

For those who have sought these as a means to an end have only come to the realization that they do not sufficiently supply the need for all of life. Jesus said, "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all of these things shall be added unto you." This is in actual reality the only incentive for life and its goals.

\$2,310 Yet To Be Raised By Red Cross

With the month of March more than half over, \$2,310 remains to be raised in the Red Cross rural fund drive, Homer Winterrong and Silvan Sprunger, co-chairmen of the fund drive, warned today.

A total of \$182.50 was reported this past week, with four section leaders reporting 100% of the residents contributing.

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Police theorized the women must have been surprised in front of the cave by their killer or killers shortly after they took the photographs.

Officers mounted an intensive search for the assailants. Illinois State Police Chief William Morris

Fort Wayne Senior Oratorical Winner

James DeVinney, a senior at Central Catholic high school in Fort Wayne, won the Knights of Columbus regional oratorical contest at Marion Bennett high school Wednesday. DeVinney will appear in the state finals at Indianapolis against five other regional winners throughout the state April 24.

The Weather Bureau said the drenching thunderstorms would move out of Florida up the southeastern Atlantic coast today, but predicted a few isolated downpours and damaging windstorms during the day.

The storms that buried the Midwest and southern Appalachians under mountains of snow petered out as they reached the Northeast Thursday.

Light snow covered most of the New England, but heaviest snowfalls Thursday night were the two inches at Lebanon, N.H., and the one inch at Portland, Maine.

The Weather Bureau predicted mostly dry weather for the nation today, with light rain along the Carolina coast and snow flurries over the northern Great Lakes, West Virginia mountains, New York State and northern New England.

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SLAYING VICTIMS—The bodies of three women were found in a desolate, ice-encrusted cave in Starved Rock State Park near Ottawa, Ill. The women, wives of prominent Chicagoans, had been bludgeoned in a bitter struggle against their killers. The victims, left to right, Mrs. Lillian Oetting, 50; Mrs. Frances Murphy, 47, and Mrs. Mildred Lindquist, 50.

George C. Thomas Heads Rotary Club

A full discussion of the Castro's Cuba by Jack Heller, vice-president of the Decatur Daily Democrat and a recent visitor in that country, entertained the Decatur Rotary club Thursday night.

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