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Aviation Suffers Worst Single Aircraft Disaster

PARIS (AP) — A chartered Air France jetliner filled with American tourists from the Atlanta, Ga., region, crashed and burned on takeoff from Orly Field Sunday, killing 130 persons in aviation's worst single plane disaster.

The toll rose to 130 when one of the plane's stewards, who had been pulled from the burning wreckage in critical condition, died in a hospital from his burns and injuries.

There were only two survivors—both Air France busboys who were thrown clear of the flaming wreckage—among the 132 persons aboard.

A total of 121 Americans, members of the Atlanta Art Association, were pulled alive from the wreckage. They were burned and in serious condition. Firemen used water and fire-foam against the burning fuel, but it burned so fiercely that those inside must have perished almost at once. The fire was fed by thousands of gallons of fuel the plane had taken on in preparation for the flight to Atlanta via New York.

Tragedy struck shortly before 1 p.m. as the big jet heading for the long Atlanta crossing in clear, sunny weather.

Its four jet engines plunged and it swiftly gathered speed as it headed down the runway at Orly airport for takeoff.

A French gendarme watching it hurtle down the runway said that the plane apparently ran into trouble just as it hit flight speed.

It lifted off the ground only a few feet, then pancaked back again, smashing airport marker lights.

TRIED TO BRAKE

Pierre Loiseux, a member of the Orly control staff, said he thought the pilot, Roland Hoche, tried to brake the plane before reaching the end of the runway.

Loiseau said he thought Hoche must have tried to lock the wheel brakes and put his engines into reverse as the craft rushed towards the end of the runway at 180 miles an hour.

"But he just could not do it," Loiseux added.

Pieces of the craft began to drop from it as it thundered through the air. The end of the runway and roared on toward the village of Villeneuve-le-Roi. Flames, beginning to spout from its forward end.

It plunged through a fence, burst into flames and was rammed into a rolling, wooded hill with a dull roar.

In seconds it was a towering mass of flame and the heat was so intense that trees stood smoked and burned.

HEARD BOOM

Five students of Villeneuve le Rio heard the dull boom of the explosion as the plane hurtled through the air. Some had fled fearfully in their grey stone houses, aware that tragedy had occurred and too fearful to go out.

The Air France charter plane, a Boeing 707, was being repaired through fences as it ploughed into the hill. Had just been taken to the village of Villeneuve le Rio, a short distance from the runway's end.

One elderly resident, Mrs. Robert Metternich, was in the kitchen having lunch with her husband when they heard the booming explosion.

"Flames flew up all around us," Mrs. Metternich said. "Fire flew up the side of the hill and the back door had to get back up immediately because of the flames."

Her legs were slightly scorched.

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COULDN'T REACH PLANE

As the news spread, fire units from nearby towns sped to the scene. Police from Orly cordoned off the area as both police and firemen tried vainly to reach those in the burning aircraft.

One wing lifted upward, smoke trailing from it. Virtually the entire control cabin was wrenched off the nose of the plane and lay to one side, burning fiercely.

The tail of the plane was torn off in the plunge into the trees, and it was this that saved the lives of the young hostesses. They were thrown clear and escaped the fire which swept through the wreckage.

A haze of black smoke hung over the wreckage and drifted above the cluster of homes of the village.

Amplifications echoed the narrow police investigation of the plane's flight in the region was forbidden.

Police and firemen began the serious task of removing the charred bones of the dead. The remains of the fire were put out.

Only a wisp of smoke rose from the charred mass of the plane as the investigation into the cause of the crash. They were at a loss as to what might have happened to the plane.

Ferry, Causeway Promised of Liberals Win Election

OTTAWA (CP)—Prime Minister Diefenbaker has promised a ferry and a causeway to the mainland would be built as a result of action by a Liberal government.

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EVADE ISSUES

In a blistering attack on Conservative federal policies on health and welfare, employment, transportation, finance, trade and agricultural product prices, Mr. Martin charged that the Conservatives were evading the problems of government by appointing royal commissions.

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Near Crash, Ugly Crowd Give PM Most Hectic Day

OTTAWA (CP)—Prime Minister Diefenbaker had the most hectic day of his election campaign Saturday.

The things happened in his order:

1. At Sudbury Airport, his four-engine chartered DC-4B plane just missed a runway collision with a light, single-engine plane which nearly taxied into its path.

2. At Chathamford, 12 miles from Sudbury, there was an ugly demonstration by some 150 persons at a union hall during which Mrs. Diefenbaker elbowed one of the crowd pressing around her and the prime minister.

3. At Pembroke, Mr. Diefenbaker encountered another hard day of heckling which at times nearly drowned out his speech.

At Sudbury, the prime minister's plane had just touched down when the light plane piloted by John C. Doherty of Chathamford taxied across the runway. Doherty, who had just landed, saw the big aircraft at the last second and braked sharply, blowing a tire.

GAVE US A START

Capt. Jack Wells of Vancouver, pilot of the chartered Canadian Pacific Airlines DC-4B told reporters: "I'll give us a start."

He estimated that the light plane was 30 to 100 feet off the ground when it was spotted by the plane whizzed by at about 80 miles an hour.

The demonstration of Chathamford was aimed primarily at Progressive Conservative candidate Don Gillis, leader of the breakaway Local 598 of the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers.

Mr. Gillis was hit on the side of the neck with a stick and had a skirt ripped by the demonstrators in the mob outside the union hall. Nobody said a word to the prime minister as Mrs. Diefenbaker thought there was a good deal of pushing and shoving around.

The prime minister had been informed the previous night there would be trouble at the meeting. A deputy said afterwards he was deeply disturbed by the incident.

The organized demonstration began as soon as Mr. Diefenbaker arrived at the meeting. The crowd pressed around him and that of Mr. Gillis. A person stuck the stick into the prime minister's direction and a few women flung out the top of his car with their hands.

Pair Crowl Through Wire, Escape Into West Berlin

BERLIN (AP)—East German police fired on two refugees crawling through the barbed wire fence in the darkness Sunday but the two made good their escape. It was the fourth such shooting incident in 12 days.

West police said the East guards fired a shot at a pair of men who placed second in the race to escape the thicket of wire culminating off West Berlin from the surrounding territory of Communist East Germany. Then four shots were fired but all missed the refugees.

The incident followed the wounding of a teen-age West Berlin girl and the seizure of her companion by East guards Friday night.

Earlier one East German was killed trying to escape and a second made it to the west, although wounded by East German guards.

TEARFUL NEW WALL

Tearful East German laborers have begun building a Berlin-type wall of reinforced concrete at the Iron Curtain border near Herford, a rail line near Kassel.

West German police said the 10-foot-high wall is apparently to replace a 900-yard section of barbed wire fencing torn down earlier.

A U.S. spokesman called the shooting incident Friday night, the third in 10 days, "a serious violation of the cease-fire agreement between West Berlin Mayor Willy Brandt and the leaders of the second East German government."

Digby Driver Wins Road-6-0

NEW GLASGOW (CP)—Dugby, a 10-year-old greyhound, won the Atlantic regional race of the 100-mile race driving Road-6-0 on Saturday.

Both Haldsworth and Kenneth Waterhouse of Greenwood, N.S., who placed second and third to compete in the national race to be held in Victoria, B.C., early next month.

Edward Weeks Jr., Dartmouth, N.S., took third in the field of 20 teenage drivers from throughout the Atlantic Provinces.

The crowd rocked Mr. Gillis' car.

Queen Is Honored At Color Trooping

LONDON (AP)—Queen Elizabeth, looking slim, trim and regal, reviewed her palace guard Saturday on her official 36th birthday and the ninth anniversary of the coronation.

In scarlet tunic and wearing the Kingfisher blue sash of the Order of the Garter, the smiling monarch rode side-saddle onto the Horse Guards Parade ground for the traditional trooping of the color ceremony.

Her big chestnut horse, Imperial, oodled her every touch. More than 1,000 men of the brigade of guards, splendid in their scarlet uniforms and laced beaquin hats, lined up before the Queen for Britain's showpiece pageant of the year.

Bright June sunshine breaking through the clouds played on the polished breastplates and buttons of the guardsmen and the regiment of household cavalry.

There, in the cheers of the throngs, she appeared on a balcony with her youngest child, Prince Andrew.

President Named For Mount A. U.

SACKVILLE, N.B. (CP)—Dr. Laurence Harold Craig has been named president of the United Church of Canada's Mount Allison University here, it was announced Sunday.

He succeeds Dr. W. T. Ross, who resigned last year.

Dr. Craig, 50, is a native of Leithridge, Alta. He has been vice-president of the University of Alberta since 1959 and before that was head of the Chemistry department in McMaster University in Hamilton.

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Pet Monkey Is Drinker

CULROSS Scotland (AP) Tiki, a Monkey, was banished to a zoo Saturday because he was becoming an alcoholic.

"I bought him from a man about a month ago," said Findlay Sinclair, proprietor of this village's Red Lion Hotel. "I thought he would amuse the customers in the bar. But he didn't."

"He began climbing on the counter and drinking the customers' beer. Then he got on the bar staff—whisky. In fact, he was well on his way to becoming an alcoholic."

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Revolt Flares In Venezuela

CARACAS (AP)—Riody street battles raged in Puerto Cabello Sunday night between Venezuelan government troops and remnants of a leftist-led marine garrison that revolted against President Romulo Betancourt's regime.

Unofficial reports from the big port city 65 miles west of Caracas said the marine garrison of 130 died and 300 wounded. There was no immediate estimate of rebel losses.

The reports said the revolt—the second in a month against the government—would spread as one of the earliest in Venezuela's history.

The government spokesman claimed it had smashed the rebel force and driven it out of the Puerto Cabello area, and all air activity had resumed in the city.

The test is scheduled to be carried out on the Pacific at 4 a.m. EDT today.

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