

REJECT BERLIN WALL TALKS

Gives FAA Part Blame For Crackup

UAL Says CAB Failed To Note Omissions In Its Report

By James D. Cary
WASHINGTON (AP)—United Air Lines charged Monday that the Federal Aviation Agency was partly to blame for history's worst air disaster—a two-plane collision over New York City Dec. 16, 1960. United asked the Civil Aeronautics Board to make new findings.

Jet Overshot

The CAB found that a United Air Lines jet overshot its clearance area by several miles and held its crew largely responsible for colliding with a Trans World Airlines Super Constellation. The TWA plane crashed in flames on Staten island, killing its 39 passengers and 5 crew members. The United jet plunged into a congested Brooklyn street, killing six on the ground and its 77 passengers and 7 crew members.

United's petition Monday said the board's report teaches no lessons and proposed no action to avoid "a repetition of this disaster."

Its Claim

It claimed FAA personnel controlling approaching aircraft were obligated to track them and give them traffic advisories. But on the day of the collision, United said, the flight controller did not follow the United jet at all times.

"If he had complied with this mandatory requirement . . . he would have known that the flight had progressed beyond its clearance fix" and could have warned it of the error, the petition said, and added:

"The board's report ignores a record . . . replete with a variety of instances of failure of the FAA personnel . . . and of negligent handling by the New York traffic control of the flights involved."

Most Glaring

"The most glaring examples are: improper routing given by the New York air traffic control to the approach control facility . . . a short-cut routing . . . (and) failure to advise TWA . . ."

June Output Increase Lowest Since January

WASHINGTON (AP)—Output of the nation's factories, mines and utilities rose in June by less than one-third of 1%, the smallest monthly gain since January.

Today's Chuckle

When it comes to the matter of tax reduction, never was so little awaited by so many for so long.

Animals Fail To Survive Balloon Test

PRINCE ALBERT, Sask. (AP)—Two monkeys and four hamsters exposed to cosmic rays have been found dead after their capsule was parachuted into dense bush country Sunday from a high-flying U.S. research balloon.

System Fails

Dr. Webb Haymaker, head of the research group, said the balloon flight from Goose Bay, Labrador, halfway across the continent was "90% successful, but the animals didn't make it."

Probe Effects

The monkeys and hamsters had "couches like real astronauts, but otherwise their accommodations differed. They were in a clear plastic, 36-inch capsule allowing maximum exposure to radiation. They had none of the shielding provided astronauts.

Plan More

The capsules' release from the balloon was triggered over Candle Lake in Northern Saskatchewan. U.S. scientists planned to fly the capsule from the recovery site to Edmonton today.

British Ministers Drop from Cabinet

LONDON (AP)—Prime Minister Macmillan Monday announced the resignation of nine more ministers in the second phase of his sweeping cabinet reconstruction.

Painter Dies

SPRING GREEN, Wis. (AP)—Eugene Masselink, 51, painter and muralist and secretary-treasurer of the Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation, died Sunday after a heart attack.

Farm Plan Without Federal Controls

Reduction of the agricultural labor force by about one-third is the heart of the farm problem solution set forth today by the Committee for Economic Development.

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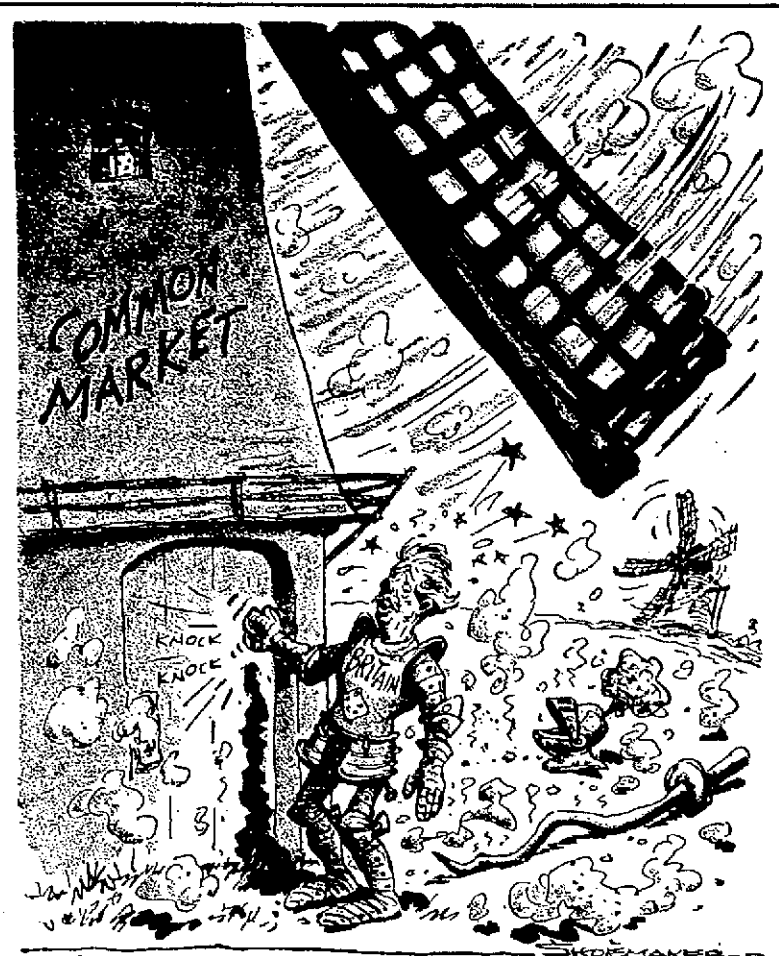
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List Shows Estes Bond Not a Favor

Decision Influenced by False Statement of Net Worth

WASHINGTON (AP)—The agriculture department produced figures Monday it said proved there was no favoritism in setting bond on Billie Sol Estes for government grain stored in his warehouses.

But Dabney Townsend, acting chief of the warehouse branch, said the method of setting bond has been changed "to eliminate any possibility of criticism."

Townsend was the first witness as the house government operations subcommittee resumed its hearings on the 37-year-old Pecos, Texas, financier.

Lists All

Townsend produced a tabulation of all grain bonds fixed at \$700,000 or more. Estes' bond was \$700,000. Unless other factors are involved, the normal maximum bond for grain storage facilities is \$200,000.

"Of all the bonds set above \$200,000 on judgment alone," Townsend said, "Estes' was the highest."

He said Estes' bond was increased through the latter part of 1960 from \$200,000 to \$700,000 to keep pace with his rapid expansion.

False Statement

Late in 1960, it was decided to boost Estes' bond to \$1 million, but he produced a net worth statement which satisfied the then head of the warehouse branch, Carl Miller, and it remained at \$700,000.

Later, the net worth statement proved to be fraudulent.

Townsend, Miller's assistant at the time, said he agreed completely with the decision, because after making allowances called for by an audit "the net worth was far in excess of what was required at the time."

Re-elected

VIENNA (AP)—Albania's Communist Premier Mehmet Shehu has been unanimously re-elected by the new Albanian parliament, radio Tirana reported Monday.

26 Dead in Air Crashes In Vietnam

Our Proposal Seen as Home Affairs Bar in East Germany

SAIGON (AP)—Three air crashes in 24 hours in South Vietnam's guerilla-infested jungles Monday left 26 dead, including four American servicemen.

Five more Americans were missing in the air crashes, and another was killed in an ambush Saturday in one of the bloodiest weekends in recent months.

On Takeoff

The C-47 transport caught fire and crashed on takeoff at Kontum airport, 260 miles northeast of here.

Seven planes and six helicopters searched for the wreckage of a two-engine U. S. transport believed to have crashed Sunday against a mountain while on a flight from Saigon to Ban Me Thuot, 160 miles to the northeast. The C-123 transport had a crew of four Americans aboard.

The search was hampered by heavy rain and mist over the foothills and mountains around Ban Me Thuot.

Other search crews probed the mountainous jungle 280 miles northeast of Saigon where a U.S. army helicopter crashed in flames after being hit by guerilla gunfire.

Find Bodies

Ground parties found the charred bodies of two U.S. army officers and an enlisted man. But an American enlisted man and two Vietnamese were still missing.

The only known survivor, a U.S. army captain said to have been the pilot, was found walking through the jungle five miles from the crash. He was only slightly injured and accounts here shed no light on how he survived.

The names of all dead and missing Americans in the air crashes were withheld pending notification of kin.

But the American killed in an ambush 40 miles north of Saigon on Saturday was identified as U.S. army Capt. Don J. York of Asheville, N.C., an adviser to Vietnamese airborne troops. Guerillas killed 23 Vietnamese in the ambush.

The confirmed deaths brought to 27 the number of U.S. servicemen killed in Vietnam, 10 of them in combat, since the U.S. began its stepped up assistance here last December.

Reds Claim U. S. Plan Interferes

Replies Sent

MOSCOW (AP)—The Soviet Union Monday rejected a U.S.-British-French proposal that four-power talks be convened in Berlin to ease tension over shootings along the wall dividing the city.

"Such a proposal cannot but evoke surprise," said a note to the U.S.

"If the U.S. government advances its proposal with a view to interfering in the home affairs of the sovereign and independent German Democratic Republic (East Germany), the Soviet government regards this question in general not subject to discussion either on a four-power or any other basis," the note added.

Blames West Axis

The Soviet reply rejected this interpretation. It blamed the trouble on "provocative actions (against East Germany) by West Berlin police and Fascist elements."

"What is more, the American occupation authorities in West Berlin, and indeed the government of the U.S., openly encourage and support the organizers of hostile sorties," the note charged. "As a result, the criminal provocative activities against the GDR, (East Germany) are becoming increasingly brazen and dangerous."

It cited what it called "armed raids, murders, blowing up of border installations and other criminal actions" and said these were not isolated incidents but a planned campaign of aggressive acts.

"All this further reinforces the government of the U.S.S.R. in its conviction that the situation in West Berlin must be normalized without delay on the basis of a German peace settlement," the note said.

This was a reference to the Soviet demand that Western occupation forces

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