

Bulgaria Admits Airliner Shot Down And 58 Killed



News Staff Photo by Tom Franklin. Franklin

WORK IS NEARING COMPLETION on the giant two-face sign telling air visitors to the Queen City just where they are. Zeke Ford of Gray Sign Co., builders of the big sign, is down putting the finishing touches on the face of one of the letters. Next step is the neon tubes. The sign is being built in two sections so visitors will be able to read

it no matter where they land at Douglas Municipal Airport. The City Council ordered the sign erected after a story in The News pointed out that many air passengers, stopping over briefly, were favorably impressed with the new air terminal but didn't know what city they were in.

Communist Regime Expresses Regrets

LONDON (AP)—Bulgaria admitted its anti-aircraft guns shot down an Israeli airliner, killing all 58 persons aboard. It said the plane was off course for 100 miles over Communist territory.

Bulgaria expressed regret for the tragedy and appointed a government commission of cabinet ministers to inquire into the disaster in which 12 Americans perished.

Breaking a 24-hour silence, the Bulgarian Telegraph Agency, in a broadcast communique, said the El Al Constellation left its course over Yugoslavia yesterday entered Bulgarian air space "without warning" over Tim. The town is about 35 miles northwest of Sofia. The airliner was flying from London via Vienna and Istanbul to Israel.

The plane, by Bulgarian account, moved within a short distance of Sofia on an erratic course. Then it flew south before being shot down in flames near Petrich, just a few miles from the Greek border.

Aboard the plane were 51 passengers and a crew of seven.

The Bulgarians said their anti-aircraft defense was "unable to identify the plane, and after a few warnings, fired."

A storm of protest arose in the British House of Commons when R. H. Turton, foreign undersecretary, informed members that Bulgarian admitted shooting down the plane.

Herbert Morrison, former Labor foreign minister, called it a "terrible thing to do." Turton said he shared Morrison's views, adding, "I can't envisage any circumstances in which a civil airliner on a civil flight can be legitimately shot down."

The plane crashed into the side of Mt. Orvis, less than five miles north of the Greek border and about 18 miles east of the Yugoslav frontier. Greek military source in Salonika said yesterday the pilot, a Briton, apparently had followed the Struma Valley just inside Bulgaria instead of his regular route along Yugoslavia's Vardar Valley, 60 miles west of the frontier.

A communique from the El Al Israeli Airline today indicated the big four-engine Constellation exploded while trying to make a forced landing on Greek territory after being hit by the Bulgarians.

The communique, quoted a report from the Israeli legal in Jerusalem, said Greek military police officers who witnessed the crash gave this account:

"The policemen heard four gunshots and afterwards saw smoke, a fire and a small fire. The aircraft turned left to prepare for a forced landing over Greek territory near the Greek village of Patricia. Suddenly an explosion was heard and the aircraft came down in flames over Bulgarian territory, some 10 kilometers (6 miles) from the border."

"Twenty minutes after the accident, crews were seen moving to the scene."

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Evening Prayer

Forgive us, our Father, for our selfishness and unbelief. Grant to us this day a feeling of responsibility for others, and strength, courage, and boldness to witness for Thee. In our Saviour's name. Amen.

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Senator Sorry About Liquor Law

Mecklenburg Gets Apology

By ANN SAWYER
Charlotte News Staff Writer

ROCK HILL, S. C.—A state senator, who opposed the "contraband" law being used to buy the state's liquor, has apologized for any inconvenience the law may have caused Mecklenburg citizens.

Sen. W. Lewis Wallace told two Mecklenburg County Commissioners yesterday that the law was not intended to be used against any individuals engaged in a legitimate business.

He added that it was passed "for the people who cross over into North Carolina to buy the 'contraband' products, thus escape the South Carolina tax."

"HIGHHANDLY" HE SAID
Sen. Wallace said he did not believe that legislators who voted for the bill intended for it to be used as it is being enforced.

He expressed the opinion that tax author-



Map Shows Petritsi, Where Airliner Went Down. (AP)

Ike Wants Road Plan Reconsidered

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower today expressed concern over the House rejection of new highway legislation, and urged that Congress reconsider the matter before ending its session.

In a statement, the President said differences over financing methods should not be permitted to "deny our people these critically needed roads."

"The House in a series of votes yesterday killed all new national highway legislation."

It rejected 224-193 President Eisenhower's plan for a multi-billion-dollar program of construction to be financed by a long-term bond issue.

Then it defeated 293-123 a Democratic pay-as-you-go substitute plan calling for increases in gas-

taxes and some other automotive taxes to raise \$12,423,000,000 over the next 16 years.

"I am deeply disappointed," Eisenhower's statement said, "by the rejection by the House of Representatives of legislation to authorize a nationwide system of highways."

"The nation badly needs new highways. The good of our people, of our economy, and of our defense, requires that construction of these highways be undertaken at once. There is difference of conviction, I realize, over means of financing this construction. I have also

proposed one plan of financing which I consider to be sound. "Others have proposed other methods. Adequate financing there must be, but consistent over the method should not be permitted to deny our people these critically needed roads."

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European Stay Ends

Graham Leaving For Home

By ALVIN STEINKOPF

LONDON (AP)—Billy Graham sails home tomorrow after captivating thousands of European hearts.

By careful estimate, the North Carolina evangelist has spoken to 2½ million people since he opened a six-week campaign in Glasgow last March. Many more have heard him on radio or television.

Kelvin Hall in Glasgow accommodated about 7,000. He filled it every weekday night for six weeks, and frequently came out to address overflow crowds. He filled the Hampden Park football stadium near Glasgow, largest in Europe, to its capacity of 100,000. He preached for a week in London's Wembley Stadium, where the 1948 Olympics were held.

After that he went to the United States and took his message to Frenchmen, Swisss, Germans, Danes, Norwegians, Dutch, Seredes and American servicemen. Despite language barriers these audiences totaled almost half a million.

BACK TO BRITAIN
Once more he came to Britain, and this month at the Arsenal football hall, a 40,000 London, he preached to 45,000 at the closing meeting of the Baptist World Alliance.

There remained a few dates with American servicemen in France and now, says Graham, "it's time to go home."

Most clergymen who have expressed opinion as to Billy Graham and concede that his methods bring results. And he is pleased with his reception on the Continent.

"We heard a few discordant voices, as one would expect," he said. "But the press and religious groups were more cooperative than they were a year ago."

SPIRITUAL HUNGER
He feels there is great spiritual hunger on the Continent, particularly in France and Germany.

In Germany original doubts about Graham appeared to have been overcome largely by the sincerity of his appeal.

"Christ and the World, a Protestant magazine, has said that



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evangelist of Stuttgart, said, "Graham is certainly a deeply religious man. But one must ask whether it is good to include

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BILLY'S MOTHER EXPECTS A VISIT FROM HIM SOON

Billy Graham will probably stop in Charlotte for a brief visit with his parents before rejoining his family in Montreal.

Mrs. W. Frank Graham, mother of the famed evangelist who lives at 4501 Park Rd., said today that her son expects to arrive in New York Tuesday.

She said he will probably come from New York to Charlotte by plane, then continue to Montreal after visiting family here.

Asked to comment on effect of her son's prayers for the summit conference in Geneva, she said, "We're still praying that something will come out of it, but just can't tell."

Reflecting on his over-all European tour, Mrs. Graham said she believed it was even more successful than last year and much more extensive.

As for Billy's proposed evangelistic trip to Russia, she said she definitely believed her son would make the trip if extended the invitation.

"She has no fears for his safety on such a trip. 'If the Lord takes him there, He'll take care of him.'"

While service you have rendered is a suitable substitute for a strong back."

Dr. Hamilton then mentioned "a controversial subject about which I have definite opinions—the problem created by the modern house and apartment which are poorly adapted to the needs of today's children, their parents and the grandparents are subjected to great stress and strain which might be avoided by making everybody unappreciated."

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Rain Yours, Not City's, Says City

By HARRY SHUFORD

Charlotte News Staff Writer

The problem of drainage on private property is the sole responsibility of the property owner, City Manager Henry A. Yancey said today.

Mr. Yancey issued a statement on the city's policy toward drainage after a request for it was made by the City Council yesterday.

Concillman H. E. R. M. n. A. Brown inquired the request for the drainage problem, Mr. Yancey said.

Calling water a "common enemy" in the drainage problem, Mr. Yancey emphasized that the city does not own water when it falls on private property, in the form of rain.

NO PUMPING DITCH
He added that ditch basins running under streets only facilitate the natural flow of drain-water and do not dump excess water on anyone's property.

Some creeks running through low residential neighborhoods overflow on occasion during heavy rains. In other instances rain turns low places in private property into virtual streams.

In the latter cases City Council members receive frequent complaints that the city is draining water from the streets into private property.

ACTION RESTRAINED
Mr. Yancey explained today that frequent requests that the city install drainage pipes on private property could not be granted even if the city wanted to. He said such action is restrained by law and charter.

He explained the city's position in this way:

"Water is a common enemy. It is the duty of every person to get rid of it as best he can and not dump it up so it backs up on the man above him."

"Water does not belong to the city. As many people seem to think, when rain falls it falls on everyone, the just and the unjust alike, and is everyone's problem."

LOWEST POINT
"Nature determines that water should run to the lowest point and it is not the duty of the city to attempt to build a street over the city, to build a street over a drainage course. It builds catch

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Our Weather

Partly cloudy and warm today and tonight. Tomorrow partly cloudy and continued warm with scattered afternoon and evening showers—95.

High tomorrow—95. Low this morning—71.

Low tonight—76. Sunrise 5:28 a.m.; sunset 7:30 p.m.

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Doctor Says Placing Aged Parents In Homes No Reason For Criticism

Young people should not be criticized for placing aged parents in boarding or nursing homes, a North Carolina health official said today.

This view was expressed by Dr. John H. Hamilton, Assistant State Health Officer, in a letter congratulating The News and Reporter Charles Kuralt on last week's five-part series devoted to the problems of the aged.

In a letter, addressed to News Managing Editor Tom Fessenden, Dr. Hamilton thanked The News for "the high public service you have rendered." He said the series was presented in a "very comprehensive manner."

CONGRATULATIONS
"I extend to you and through you to Mr. Kuralt my sincere congratulations for the worth-

while service you have rendered in bringing this important problem to the attention of your readers," Dr. Hamilton wrote.

"In my opinion," he added, "we will take a great deal of effort to change the attitude of the public toward many of the problems of old age. Most people think in terms of chronological age. They should think in terms of physiological age."

"There are encouraging trends, however, as you have pointed out, in regard to compulsory retirement at the chronological age of 69 or 70. Younger industries are now endeavoring to place these older persons in positions where they can render worthwhile service. The development of machines have made

skill a suitable substitute for a strong back."

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