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Strictly Political

Odds Get Longer No One Will Run Against Jim Smith

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Rep. Jim Vogler was talking about campaigning this week. "Remember once," he was saying, "when I was told I wasn't going to carry a precinct. 'You won't win because of your son,' a man told me. 'I asked him why and he said it was because my son wore loud pants. Well, I told him I knew there was a law saying he had to wear pants, but I never heard of a law saying what color or they had to be,' Vogler said. He carried the box.

Candidate: Herb Garrison says we've been talking about everybody running for the County Commission chairmanship, and only Ernest Brown running for the Commission. Well, says Squire Garrison, he's just gonna be a Commission man (no pun intended).

Music: The folks in Washington don't know it, but when the Charlotte Safety Patrol's drum and bugle corps marched in the President's inaugural parade it was just for practice. They were merely warming up for a bigger event: Gov. Hodges' inaugural parade next week.

People: Speaking of the inaugural, some Charlotteans will have the privilege of seeing an official seating chart have been prepared showing who's sittin' where.

On the fourth row Herman Moore of Charlotte will be seated next to Marion Marlowe, the television singer of note. Moore, the party secretary, will be surrounded by beauty, for Betty Moore will be on the other side.

Singer: Miss Marlowe, incidentally, is a distant relative of the Governor's. She won't sing what will be left up to Norman Gordon of Chapel Hill who claims his knees are as pretty as hers — but will help with social functions associated with the inauguration.

She is a former wife of Harry Marlowe, the Governor's nephew. Imagine that makes 'em kisser' kin anyway.

Secret: The best kept secret since the A-bomb is the power. "We'll chairman the State Highway Commission."

If the Governor has made up his mind, he's keeping it to himself. However, odds still favor an ex-businessman like Bill (C & D) Saunders or Robert M. Hanes.

Mayor: Who's gonna run against Jim Smith? Odds are increasing daily — but no one wants to make book — that the answer will be no one.

However, you can expect a half dozen names in the pot for the vacant councilman's seat.

Talks Suspended

DUNN # — A former Sunday School superintendent charged with embezzling funds from the Dunn post office court were clerked in to trial during the term of Federal Court opening April 8 in Raleigh.

Thomas J. Jackson, 51, a postal employee for 28 years, waived a preliminary hearing when arraigned before a U.S. commissioner here Thursday. He was released under \$500 bond.

A complaint signed by two Atlanta postal inspectors, J. P. Beecher and J. B. Stokes, charges Jackson with embezzling and converting to his own use \$297.55 in post office funds.

Firecracker Thrill

TO BE SECOND HAND

PETALUMA, Calif. # — Petaluma Chinooks will enjoy the roar of 10,000 firecrackers and recorded Chinese New Year's celebration to night, although its against the law to explode them.

Supermarket operator Harry Chan set off \$50 worth in Kenilworth Park yesterday with police permission, and recorded the sound on tape. Noise from the tape will supply the traditional firecracker trimmings.

Our Weather

Fair and cool today and tonight. Sunday increasing cloudiness and cool with rain likely by night.

Low this morning — 44
Low tomorrow morning — 38
High today — 58
High tomorrow — 62
Sunrise today 7:21 a.m.; sunset today 5:33 p.m.

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FBI Joins In Search For Cause Of Crash

20 Persons Killed In N. Y. Tragedy

NEW YORK # — Six official agencies — with help volunteered also by the FBI — joined today in an effort to peg the cause of last night's crash of a Northeast airliner carrying 102 persons. Twenty persons died in the flaming debris.

The big four-engine craft, laden with passengers happily contemplating reaching balmy Miami in a few hours, thundered to earth moments after taking off from La Guardia airport in a swirling snowstorm.

Of the others aboard, 64 were taken to hospitals; 18 more went home after being attended for injuries. The remainder emerged unscathed.

It seemed that only a miracle prevented all from perishing. Had the giant craft gone down anywhere else in the vicinity, it would have dropped into the East River or heavily populated residential areas.

It smashed into an open spot on tiny Rikers Island, situated in the river between New York's boroughs of Queens and the Bronx. The island is about three-quarters of a mile from La Guardia and the city penitentiary is located on it. Prison inmates did heroic rescue work.

Bodies of the 20 dead were taken to the Bellevue Hospital morgue in Manhattan early this morning. Police said identification could be made only from jewelry, dental plates and description supplied by grieving relatives.

Meanwhile, six separate investigations were under way in an effort to pinpoint the cause of the crash. FBI chief J. Edgar Hoover voluntarily offered the agency's assistance and it was accepted.

The six-member crew of the plane survived. The pilot and co-pilot said they believed the craft struck a pole on Rikers Island.

A theory also expressed by others was that exhaust from one of the engines might have ignited alcohol used before the takeoff to remove ice coating the plane's wings.

FLIGHT DELAYED

The flight had been scheduled to leave La Guardia at 2:45 p.m. That as a long delay because of the snowstorm, which officially reached more than five inches but totaled greater depths in some places. The plane, a DC-4 antitank, was to carry around 100 persons, was trundled back into a hangar to de-ice the wings.

Finally, according to official records, the plane was cleared for takeoff on runway No. 4 at 6:01 p.m.

It roared down the lane and lifted into the storm blacked sky. The control tower caught its last glimpse of the craft about 30 seconds later over the field's north-west boundary. It crashed between 6:01:30 and 6:02 p.m.

The plane was believed to have reached an altitude of about 200 feet.

The cockpit told investigators after the crash something loomed ahead through the driving snow. He said he had only time to cry out to the pilot.

Ground coming up. . . . Persons watching from the ground reported a bright light, orange or red. Some, including several inmates of the city prison, thought the glow came before the smashup.

Rescuers from the prison raced to the spot and found men, women and children tumbling through the snow and debris of the plane. Some with clothes afire fell in the snow. Others staggered away. A few seemed too paralyzed to move once out.

It's Big Week In Raleigh: Inauguration & Legislature

Middle East Keeps U. N. Right On Job

RALEIGH # — This chapter of government is busily preparing itself today for next week's inaugural ceremony and convening of the 1957 legislature.

The man of the hour in the week-long drama will be Gov. Luther H. Hodges, the first chief executive in modern times to succeed himself as Governor.

The man who was raised on a tenant farm and rose to great heights in the business world will be sworn in on Thursday. He will be joined by Lt. Gov. Luther E. Barnhardt of Concord and eight members of the Council of State.

ASSEMBLY OPENS

On Wednesday the 1957 General Assembly convenes and 170 members of the House and Senate tackle some of the state's toughest problems of finance and reform.

Gov. George Bell Timmerman of South Carolina and Virginia's Gov. Thomas Stanley and other officials from neighboring states, plus a galaxy of Tar Heel headlines, are expected to be on hand for the doings.

THE SCHEDULE

Here's how the week's activities shape up:

Tuesday — Members of the House and Senate will caucus in Raleigh. Rep. J. Kemp Doughton of Allegheny and Sen. Claude Currie of Durham are key figures in the pre-legislative sessions. Doughton should be named speaker of the House, while Sen. Currie is the odds-on candidate for President Pro-Tem of the Senate.

Wednesday — The House will convene at noon and the Senate at 11 a.m. Other activities during the day include an exhibit in the Hall of History, a reception for members of the 1957 General Assembly, and a concert by the N. C. Symphony Orchestra. Highlight to Wednesday's activities is the pre-inaugural ball honoring Governor and Mrs. Hodges, Lt. Gov. and Mrs. Barnhardt and others of the Council of State.

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By TOM HOGE

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. # — The U. N. General Assembly moved into a special weekend session today to push a plan to get Israeli troops out of Egypt and maintain peace in that shaky part of the Middle East.

But as the 20-nation body took up the two-part proposal there was no public sign of acceptance from either Israel or Egypt. Both nations must concur before the plan could be put in operation, even if it gets the expected Assembly support. The plan's main points are:

1. Deplores Israel's noncompliance with previous Assembly resolutions and calls for immediate withdrawal of Israeli forces beyond the 1949 Palestine armistice line.

2. Requests both Israel and Egypt to observe terms of the armistice and endorses recommendations of Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld for use of U. N. emergency force units to keep the peace along the demarcation line.

FORCES POSTED

The resolution says that after Israel pulls out of the disputed centers of Sharm El Sheikh and the Gaza Strip, observance of the armistice requires the posting of UNEF forces "on the Egyptian-Israeli demarcation line."

The plan was sponsored by the United States, India, Brazil, Colombia, Indonesia, Norway and Yugoslavia. Disagreements with the United States caused Canada to withdraw from the list of sponsors. Canadian delegates said the plan should contain more specific instructions for use of U. N. forces in the disputed areas.

The proposal was announced last night in an atmosphere of tension as delegates received word of a shooting clash between Israeli troops and Swedish soldiers of the UNEF.

NORODY HURT

An official U. N. announcement from Cairo said the Israelis opened fire on the Swedes and the U. N. unit returned the fire. It said there were no casualties.

Plane Crashes Take 44 Lives In Three Days

Premonition True, But Family Lives

NEW YORK # — "Gary's clothes were on fire. I pushed him out through one of the holes, then I rolled him in the snow to put out the flames."

This is how a 23-year-old mother with another baby due in two months, said she reacted when a Northeast Airlines plane crashed and burned on Rikers Island last night.

Mrs. Sandra Selmonsky, of Syosset, N. Y., and her 2-year-old son were reunited with her husband, Robert, in The Bronx. The survivors had been freed from Rikers Island.

Selmonsky, 27, had been reduced to hysteria in front of the Northeast Airlines ticket counter at La Guardia Field shortly after the Miami-bound airliner crashed.

The stewardess burst into tears and screamed at ticket agents. "I begged, I pleaded with you to take my wife off that plane and you wouldn't do it. . . you wouldn't do it."

As he shrieked, a woman ticket agent broke into tears and fled into an adjoining crew room.

Reminded with his family before his wife and child were taken to Fordham Hospital for a complete checkup, Selmonsky was calmer but still insisting he had a premonition.

"I told her to get off," he said. "But she didn't want to, I was driving home, on the Grand Central Parkway, when I heard the crash and saw the flash. I knew what had happened."

As first survivors came off the ferry they presented a grim, heart-rending scene.

First off the ferry was a man, slung on a stretcher, his hand heavily bandaged.

Next came a woman carrying a small child. She was sobbing hysterically.

There was an old man. He shuffled slowly and was supported on both sides by firemen. A blanket covered his face. It was glistening with oil — first aid for burns.

A sootey fireman was next. He carried an infant in the crook of each arm. The babies were swaddled like cocoons in bandages and blankets.

Charles Naylor, a concert pianist, and his wife, Phyllis, of Bayside Heights, N. Y., wrapped in blankets and supporting each other, walked off the ferry together. They carried their children, two years old and six weeks old.

Mrs. Naylor, half dazed, asked "My husband. His hands. Are they all right? Will he be able to play again?"

Naylor's face grayed by smoke, murmured: "When the plane crashed, all that I remember was looking from the outside into the plane and through the flames I saw See FAMILY on page 3-A



Firemen Pick Through Wreckage Of Wrecked Airliner.

Aircraft Test Curbs Slated

WASHINGTON # — The government has moved to restrict aircraft tests over populous areas in the wake of a plane collision over Van Nuys, Calif. Part of the wreckage plunged into a schoolyard.

The collision two days ago involving a DC-7 airliner and a jet fighter — claimed seven lives and injured 78 persons. Most of the injured were school children. Both planes were undergoing tests.

These developments came yesterday amid mounting demands for federal action.

Admiral James T. Pyle of the Civil Aeronautics Administration ordered his regional officials to work toward immediate establishment of "voluntary local flying areas" for test flights pending more formal action.

President Eisenhower's instructive Edward P. Curtis, his assistant on aviation planning, to investigate means of preventing any more such accidents.

The House Commerce Committee ordered an investigation of the California tragedy. Hearings tentatively were set for Wednesday. James R. Durrice, chairman of the California Inauguration, is scheduled to appear at that time.

While lawmakers from California were urging federal action yesterday as a result of the Van Nuys crash, an Air Force jet smashed into a house in Mountain View, Calif., killing the pilot. This plane, however, was not being tested.

Pyle's order to seek establishment of voluntary test zones was contained in a telegram sent to regional offices in New York, Fort Worth, Tex., Los Angeles, Kansas City, Hawaii and Alaska. He said the zones should be in sparsely populated areas where air traffic is light.

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