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AIRCRAFT MISSING OFF N.S.W. COAST

CRASH INTO SEA FEARED

Civil Aviation authorities fear a missing Dakota, with three men aboard, has crashed into the sea off Sydney.

An extensive air and sea search last night failed to find any trace of the plane.

The Minister for Civil Aviation, Senator Paltridge, said late last night it must now be regarded as certain that the missing plane had met with disaster.

Men on the plane were:

● Flight Captain Raymond Thomas (35), of Castle Hill.

● First Flight - Officer Graeme Thom (22), of East Lindfield.

● Flight Officer Lorin Campbell (25), of Gulgong.

The plane last made radio contact with Mascot at 3 p.m. It was a two-engined plane owned by Airlines of New South Wales.

When the plane was reported overdue, a Navy destroyer, Voyager and frigate, Quiberon, made wide sweeps of the sea about 15 miles east of Botany Bay.

The R.A.A.F. sent two Gannet aircraft from Kiama to help the destroyers.

However the search failed to find the missing plane and was abandoned later because of poor visibility.

The director of the search, Mr. D. Hand, said last night it would resume at first light to-day.

He said the plane was believed to have come down in the sea about 15 miles east of Sydney.

Slim Hope

Although little hope is held for the three crew members, a D.C.A. spokesman said the plane might have landed on an emergency strip along the coast.

All shipping passing through the probable crash area have been directed to watch for wreckage.

The police radio station has received dozens of calls they saw a plane in distress.

The telephone message was relayed by a teleprinter service to D.C.A. headquarters at Mascot.

Radio channels will be kept clear to-day on the slim chance of the plane having made a forced landing.

Senator Paltridge said last night that the search would be continued to-day as long as there was any possible hope of locating survivors.

He said two safety experts would leave Melbourne to-day for Sydney to begin an inquiry.

DIVE INTO RIVER TO FLEE CREW

BRISBANE, Monday.—Eight officers from the Dutch ship Sigly jumped for their lives into the Brisbane River late to-day after a wild wharveside brawl with 35 Chinese seamen.

The seamen had threatened the officers with shovels and crowbars which they hurled at the Dutchmen after they leaped into the water to escape.

The trouble began after one of the officers argued with a deputation of the seamen who had approached him on the wharf.

A colleague came to his aid and he too was attacked.

The attack was switched to six other officers who jumped from the Sigly to help their friends.

The Bulimba ferry went to assist the swimming officers and returned them to their ship.

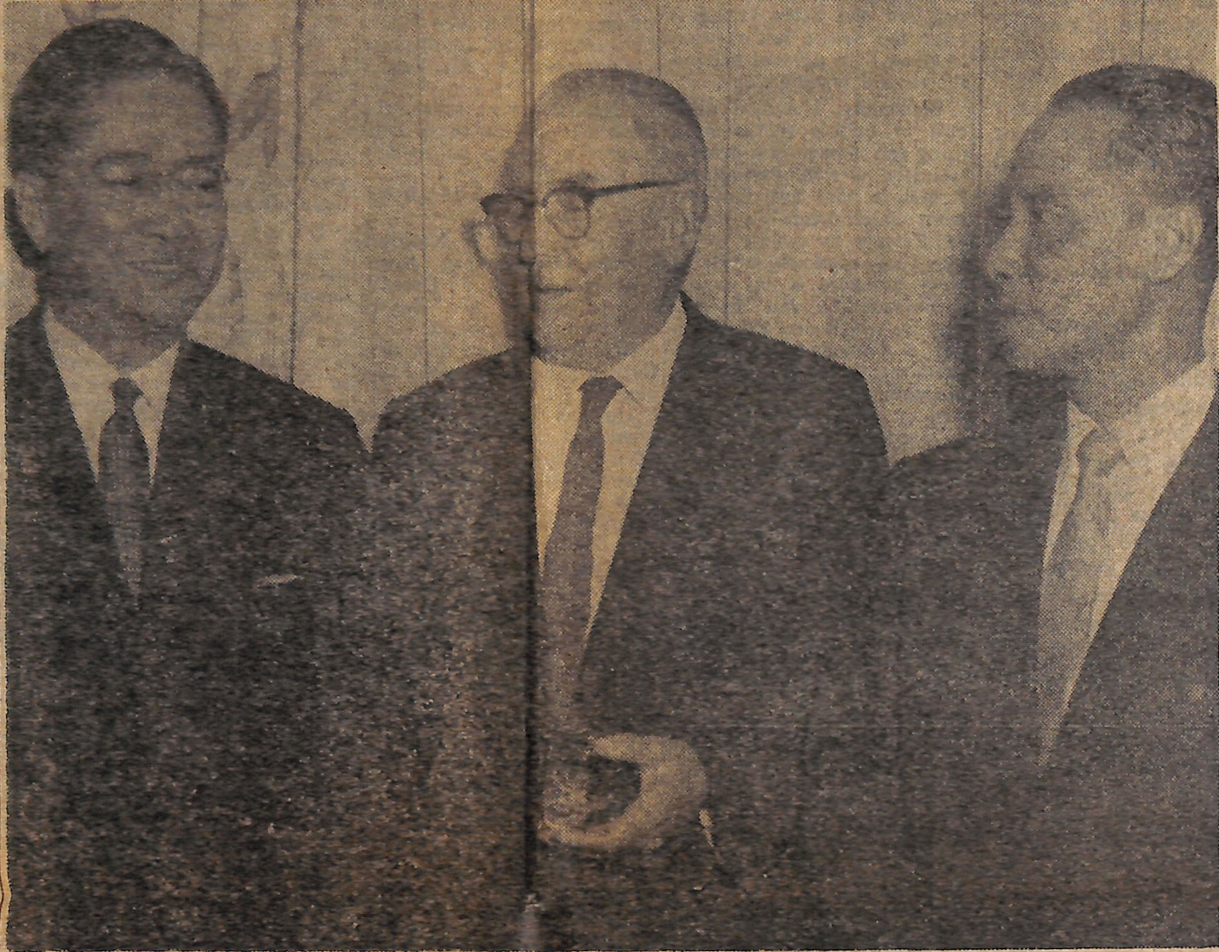
The officers hurt in the brawl were First Officer Eugene Luyk, 28, and Third Officer, Ferdinand Dahrs, 20. Both were given hospital treatment later.

Two of the seamen also were hurt.

The cause of the trouble was not known to the police late to-night, but one of the officers said it had been brewing since the ship left Singapore on the voyage to Australia.

"Someone stirred up the seamen against us," an officer said.

CHIEF JUSTICE OF BURMA HIGH COURT GUEST OF HONOUR AT CANBERRA RECEPTION



At a reception at the Burmese Embassy last night (l. to r.) The Honorable U Chan Tun Aung, Chief Justice of the High Court of the Union of Burma; Sir William Dunk, Chairman of the Commonwealth Public Service Board; U Than Hla, Minister and Charge d'Affaires of the Burmese Embassy. The Hon. U Chan Tun Aung is Chairman of the Public Service Inquiry Commission of Burma. With 10 other members of the Commission he is visiting Canberra to consult Australian Public Service leaders on problems of organisation and administration.

Bradley's Garage Door Shut While Furniture Packed, Says Witness

SYDNEY, Monday.—A furniture removal man testified at the Thorne inquest to-day that Stephen Leslie Bradley kept the garage door shut at his home at 28 Moore Street, Clontarf, when Bradley's furniture was being packed for removal into storage on July 7.

Colin Charles Barker, who helped load Bradley's furniture into a van at the Clontarf home, said Bradley opened the garage door only when he himself entered to bring out several articles to the van.

Neither of the two removal men entered the garage.

Bradley, 34, a naturalised Australian of Hungarian birth, is charged with the murder on or about last July 7, of Graeme Frederick Hilton Thorne, 8, a Bondi schoolboy.

Graeme Thorne's body, wrapped in a travelling rug, was found abandoned on a vacant allotment in Seaforth after the boy was kidnapped for ransom while on his way to Scots College on July 7.

In Boot

Earlier in the inquest into Graeme Thorne's death, police witnesses produced to the City Coroner, Mr. C. S. Rodgers, an alleged handwritten statement by Bradley in which he said he placed Graeme Thorne in the boot of his Ford Customline car in his garage at Clontarf on July 7 and later found the boy dead when he opened the boot of the car that night.

Barker said in evidence to-day the removal van arrived at the Clontarf home about 11 a.m. on July 7. Bradley was there.

Bradley was with the removal men continuously until the van left about 3 p.m. to take the furniture to a storage depot at Botany.

Barker identified a standard electric lamp and a vacuum cleaner in court as being identical with items he removed from Bradley's home.

To the Public Defender, Mr. Vizzard, for Bradley, Barker said Bradley helped move a piano. He had offered wine as a refreshment for the removalists, but Barker said he did not remember Bradley saying anything

about the water supply of the house being cut off.

Barker said he saw a small dog at the house, but could not say what breed it was.

Thomas Henry Briggs, subcontractor for furniture removals, said he was with Barker when they moved the furniture from Bradley's home at Clontarf.

He inspected the whole house except for one room, which could have been the bathroom.

In this room he heard a dog, but did not see it. Briggs said he did not see Bradley open the garage door, but assumed Bradley had brought items from the garage.

To Mr. Vizzard, Briggs said he remembered that Bradley offered him wine, which he refused, but he did not remember Bradley mentioning the water being cut off at the house.

Gave Rug

Fogel said he kept the rug over one week-end and then gave it to a Mrs. Wittman who was about to have her second child.

Fogel identified a picture of Mrs. Magda Bradley as being that of the person whom he knew as Mrs. Wittman in 1955.

He said he knew Bradley slightly at that time, but under the Hungarian name Baranyay.

Mr. Vizzard successfully appealed to the Coroner to have questions about the travelling rug asked before the rug was produced in court for Fogel's identification.

Fogel said the rug included the colours grey, black, red and lilac.

U.N. TROOPS SEIZE CONGO TOWN

ELISABETHVILLE, Monday (A.A.P.).—United Nations Ethiopian troops were in control yesterday of the Northern Katanga town of Kongolo which was attacked by rebel Baluba tribesmen on Saturday.

A U.N. spokesman said the 1,500 Africans living in Kongolo had asked for U.N. protection and that a force of about 150 Ethiopians had moved in.

Rebels were driven off soon after dusk on Saturday after bitter fighting with Katanga gendarmerie on the southern outskirts of Kongolo, in the extreme north of Katanga.

Reports reaching Elisabethville on Saturday said eight African policemen were killed and 10 injured in the fighting, but the first official figures issued by the Katanga Government in Elisabethville yesterday said only two deaths had been verified.

One of these was a Belgian Gendarmerie commander, Adjutant Randour, whose body was flown to Elisabethville from Kongolo yesterday.

The other gendarmerie casualty was an African private.

A Katanga Government spokesman said the rebels had suffered "heavy losses" in the fighting, but he was unable to give precise figures.

Unconfirmed reports said at least 50 rebels were killed and scores injured.

Italy Knocks USA Out Of Davis Cup

PERTH, Monday.—Italy to-day staged one of the greatest shocks in a Davis Cup inter-zone final to defeat the U.S.A. three rubbers to two.

The brilliant victory took Italy into its first Challenge Round.

The Italians' win ended the long run of Australia-U.S. finals.

With Australia, America had dominated Davis Cup tennis since 1938.

America will miss the Challenge Round for the first time since 1936.

The Italians began to-day down one rubber to two and were given little chance of defeating America. Then Italy's number one player, Nicola Pietrangeli placed Italy in a position to win by downing Earl Buchholz in a dramatic five-set thriller.

He won 6/1, 6/2, 6/8, 3/6, 6/4.

Then giant Italian, Orlando Sirola, became the toast of Italy when in just 83 minutes he blasted America's number one player Barry MacKay in straight sets 9/7, 6/3, 8/6.

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LABOUR COUNCIL SACKS OFFICIALS

The A.C.T. Trades and Labour Council has carried a motion of no confidence in the council's executive committee.

As a result the council treasurer, Mr. R. Baldwin, has frozen all council funds.

Four members of the nine-man executive voted at the meeting in favour of the no-confidence motion.

The council now has no executive body but members of the outgoing executive have agreed to act as a "caretaker committee" until January 18, when elections for the new executive will be held.

The no-confidence motion was brought by the Federated Engine Drivers and Firemen's Association delegate, Mr. J. Applebee.

The council carried the motion on the grounds that: ● The executive had contravened the wishes of the council in failing to implement a "black" ban on the construction company, Karl Schreiner Pty. Ltd., in October.

● A senior member of the executive had ignored a council ruling by giving information on council proceedings to a Sydney journalist.

Ban Deferred

On Wednesday, October 19, this year the council carried a motion that work should stop on all Karl Schreiner Pty. Ltd. projects after October 21.

Members of the executive conferred with representatives of the National Capital Development Commission on Friday, October 21, and at a special meeting afterwards agreed to defer the imposition of the ban for a week.

At an extraordinary meeting of the full council on Sunday, October 23, some members of the executive reported they believed full back payment would be made to all Schreiner's workmen by the Department of Works if no stoppage occurred.

The full back payment was not made by the Department. Council members, speaking for the no-confidence motion, said the executive's handling of the situation was "incompetent."

Council members had been deceived by the judgment of the executive.

Members also said a senior member of the executive had ignored a council ruling by giving details of council proceedings to a Sydney journalist in Canberra in November, 1959.

The council in 1956 had carried a motion that no information was to be given to the journalist.

Publication of the information later led to an unsuccessful libel action brought against the journalist and a Sydney newspaper by the N.S.W. State secretary of the Australian Workers' Union, Mr. C. T. Oliver.

STORY OF BLAST AT JORDANIAN PALACE

LONDON, Monday (A.A.P.).—The Arab Palestine broadcasting station in Cairo yesterday reported "a strong explosion" at the Royal Palace at Amman on Saturday morning.

There was no confirmation of the report from any other source and it was denied by the Jordanian Embassy in London.

The report said the explosion occurred at 7.30 local time and rocked the capital. Later, Jordanian authorities carried out "widespread arrests."

An emergency cabinet meeting was held that afternoon, the report said. In London, the military attache at the Jordanian Embassy, Colonel Abdullah Bitar, said he spoke to officials in Amman after hearing the reports but "everybody was in good health."

He said there was no mention of an explosion and was told "life is routine."