

73 Persons Killed As Belgian Airlines Plane Crashes

18 Skaters
From U.S.
Lose Lives

Boeing Jet Tragedy
Occurs Near Brussels

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BRUSSELS, Feb. 15 — A Sabena airline Boeing 707 jet crashed near the Brussels airport Wednesday, killing 73 persons, including 18 members of an American figure skating team.

The plane, en route from New York, plunged to earth after it had twice circled the airport. The dead included the 61 passengers, the crew of

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eleven, and a farmer in the field where the plane fell. The passengers included 49 Americans, one Swiss, one Frenchman, one German, a Canadian, a Nicaraguan and seven Belgians.

The American figure skating team was en route to a world championship meet in Prague. Its members included Mrs. Maribel Vinson Owen, 49 years old, of Winchester, Mass., and her two daughters. Mrs. Owen was the United States figure skating champion nine times. On the current trip she was the coach for her daughters.

It was the worst air disaster ever suffered by Sabena and the first time that any passengers had been killed in a Boeing 707 accident. The last serious accident for Sabena occurred May 18, 1958, when a DC7C crashed at Casablanca, killing 56 passengers and nine crew members.

The four-engined jet came in sight of the skyscraper tower of the Brussels National Airport Wednesday morning shortly before 10 a.m. in a cloudless sky. It had apparently had an uneven flight from New York, where it left at 7:30 p.m. New York time Tuesday night. It would have landed at once except that another plane was moving along the runway to take off, according to an airport official.

Something happened aboard the plane in the next few minutes. Persons in the little farming hamlet of Berg, northeast of Brussels, saw the airliner turning overhead at about 600 feet altitude. It was also being watched by officials at the airport control tower using field glasses.

"At 10:05 a.m. it fell like a bomb," one airport official said later. Men and women in Berg gave similar accounts. A farmer named Verhoeven said, "It fell like a stone."

Wednesday night William de Swarte, director general of Sabena, expressed the opinion that "something must have gone wrong with the controls of the plane." He said that the only alternative to this explanation could be that the two experienced pilots had suddenly lost consciousness at the same time, which he considered impossible.

The plane came down at a 70-degree angle in a small farm field, crashing into a grove of trees and narrowly missing three houses. In the last instant of its flight it cut down Theo de Laet, a young farmer who was noted as an amateur cyclist, killing him. A piece of debris hurled from

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Fires Record-Tying 61 In Pro-Am

January Eyes 2nd Tucson Open Title

By TOM FOUST

Defending champion Don January used the warm Arizona sunshine to fight off a heavy cold and El Rio's flat, desert course as he posted a record-tying 61 in the \$2,500 pro-amateur preliminary to the 15th Annual Tucson Open golf tournament yesterday.

The fine individual round, along with a record best ball total of 56, enabled the slim, slow-talking Texan to walk away with most of the \$2,500 prize pot and established him as a definite favorite when firing for the big money beginning today.

His amateur partners were Western star James (Maverick) Garner and Tucson real

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