

73 persons killed As Belgian Airlines Plane Crashes

18 Skaters From U.S. Lose Lives

Boeing Jet Tragedy Occurs Near Brussels

BRUSSELS, Feb. 15 — A Sabena Airlines 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 61 passengers, the crew of 11 and 18 skaters from the United States.

The American figure skating team was en route to a world championship in Prague. Its members included Mrs. Maribel Vinson Owen, 48 years old, of Westchester, 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 DC-7C crashed at Casablanca, killing 86 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 uneventful flight from New York, where it left at 7:30 p.m. New York time Tuesday night, when it was 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. Passengers in the first few rows were thrown forward as the plane pitched overboard at 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," an airport official said later. Men and women in Berg gave similar accounts. A farmer named Verhoveen said, "It fell like a stone."

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

The plane came down in 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 the De Laet, a young farmer who was noted as an amateur cyclist, killing him. A piece of debris hurled from

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Conference Topics: Pledges To Support United Nations

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 (AP)—Following are highlights of what President Kennedy said at his news conference Wednesday night:

—THE UNITED STATES will back the United Nations against any "dangerous and irresponsible" intervention by anyone in the Congo.

—THE ONLY LEGITIMATE authority qualified to speak for the entire Congo is the government of President Kasavubu but discussions are underway with other countries about the government's political stability.

—ANY ATTEMPT TO DESTROY the United Nations is a blow aimed directly at the independence of every nation, large and small.

—HE HOPES CONGRESS will act quickly on his anti-recession proposals. Meanwhile he has ordered a speedup of federal spending on some government projects in an effort to give the lagging economy a shot in the arm.

—A RECESSION HAS existed for some months and "I think it is well to call these things precisely and I would call this a recession."

—THE SOVIET UNION has continued to maintain its lead in space-rocket propulsion and will continue to do so unless the United States can make a breakthrough. But this country has sufficient booster strength "to protect its military."

—THERE ARE NO PLANS for him to meet with Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev. But he hopes Soviet-American relations will improve and that real progress will be made this year.

Battle Lines Drawn House Prepares For Hot Debates

By LESTER N. INSKEEP
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PHOENIX, Feb. 15—Battle lines were being drawn in the House Wednesday night for the most controversial calendar of bills to be submitted on the floor during the current session of the Arizona Legislature. It was assumed the House would not have time to vote on the bills for Thursday debate during a Wednesday afternoon caucus.

Among the House bills approved for debate are:

HB 115, outlawing membership in the Communist party in Arizona, and providing maximum penalties of \$20,000 and 20 years. It faces little opposition within the northeast of Phoenix, where the airline turning overhead at about 600 feet altitude.

HB 46, prohibiting racial discrimination in places of public accommodation, hotels, restaurants, bars, etc., and prescribing penalties of up to \$200 and 6 months.

HB 59, permitting the state examiner to audit the books of municipalities upon the request of a grand jury. It admittedly is aimed at the tangled fiscal affairs of the town of South Tucson.

HB 102, requiring the parents of juvenile offenders pay all or part of the cost of attorney's fees in state institutions, such as the Industrial School for Boys at Phoenix.

One bill favored by the House leadership for Thursday's calendar ran into a snag in the Banking and Insurance Committee. House will have to be postponed. It would impose fees of \$1,000 for the transfer of No. 4 and No. 9 liquor licenses, either from one person to another or from one place to another.

The calendar includes two bills of particular interest to Tucson voters.

U.S. Won't Let Reds Intervene

President Adopts New 'Tough Line'

By JAMES RESTON
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WASHINGTON, Feb. 15—The Kennedy administration is not going to allow the communication of The Congo even if it has to intervene militarily to stop it. That was the clear implication of President Kennedy's warning to Moscow in his news conference this evening.

In his first three weeks in office, the new young president has been making an effort to talk softly to the Communists. But Moscow's attack on the United Nations and Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld Tuesday and its threat of unilateral intervention in the Congo brought a sudden change in the tone of the President's remarks.

He made clear that he will work through the United Nations and a draft resolution had been submitted to do so. He insisted that it would be the "duty" of the United States to defend the U.N. "by opposing any attempt to destroy the effectiveness of the world security organization."

The official view here is that the communication of The Congo would lead to the intervention of all of central and eastern Europe. It is viewed here that if Khrushchev succeeds in destroying the theory of the U.N. in Africa, it will seriously weaken if not destroy the effectiveness of the world security organization.

His resignation and the substitution of a three-man committee for the office of Secretary General, he said, would destroy the world organization at its most critical moment. The Swedish diplomat told the council that he meant to say as long as the U.N. needed him.

Hammarskjöld's statement came Wednesday afternoon toward the end of the storm-tossed session of the U.N. has seen.

The Security Council session witnessed what veterans called the worst outbreak ever has undergone. Shortly after noon, as the new United States representative, Adlai E. Stevenson, was launched upon his first major address to a U.N. body, 39 or more demonstrators started a minor riot in the speaker's gallery.

For the first time in U.N. history, blood was shed. The demonstrators, many of them Negroes, fought off guards who tried to eject them. U.S. security forces usually save U.N. security forces found itself faced by the demonstrators who were shouting, his, kicked and clawed.

The outbreak ended after half an hour of uproar. The day's debate in the Security Council was interrupted by a 45-minute session of the U.N. Security Council.

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Keenly Warns Soviets Not To Meddle In Congo

Says Kasavubu Recognized As Congolese Head

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 (AP)—President Kennedy warned Russia Wednesday night against any one-sided intervention in the internal affairs of the turmoil-ridden Congo.

The President said at a news conference—in another blunt case of caution directed toward the Soviet Union—that any attempt to destroy the United Nations is a blow aimed directly at the independence and security of every nation, large and small.

Kennedy also pledged emphatically that the United States will back the United Nations against a "dangerous and irresponsible" intervention by anyone in the Congo.

At the same time, however, Kennedy said anew that he is hopeful Soviet-American relations will improve. On that point he declared:

"I am hopeful that it will be possible, if relations between our two countries can be maintained, can be channeled along peaceful lines, a hopeful real progress can be made this year."

But as for the Soviet precipitated crisis in the United Nations over the Congo situation, Kennedy declared, he agrees with India's Prime Minister Nehru that "if the United States go out of The Congo within a month, the U.S. will be a disaster."

Kennedy said the only legitimate authority qualified to speak for the entire Congo is the government of Joseph Kasavubu at Leopoldville. This was a thrust at Russia's recognition of the regime of Antoine Gizenga at Stanleyville. At the same time, the President said talks are being held about broadening public opinion in the Kasavubu government.

Kennedy vouchsafed his remarks regarding the explosive Congo situation at the start of his news conference, carried live on nationwide television and radio.

Speaking in his usual brisk, businesslike fashion, the President then went on to deal with these other subjects:

The economy—Kennedy pressed the so far slow-moving Democratic administration to get on with action on his anti-recession program. Pending such action, Kennedy announced, he has ordered a speedup of federal spending on some government projects in an effort to give the lagging economy a temporary shot in the arm.

He said, for example, that Cuba—the administration is considering, Kennedy said, that should be done regarding \$70 to \$80-million worth of Cuban fruit and other agricultural commodities slated for shipment to the United States. He also is looking into a \$12-million shipment of Cuban molasses to this country, a transaction arranged by private interests.

Kennedy said "it has been my hope that transaction would not be consummated."

Pope Conducts Rites
ROME, Feb. 15 (AP)—His feastday marked with a solemn procession on Avenue Hill Wednesday, opening the 40-day interregnum of penance in preparation for Easter.

Violence Interrupts Council Talks

Guardia held demonstrators in the balcony at the United Nations Security Council Wednesday in a wild disorder that brought a recess in the Congo debate until the chamber could be cleared. All but a guard holds a demonstrator from behind. Guard at right moves behind another demonstrator. (AP Wirephoto)

Will Stay As Long As Needed U.N. Chief Tells Reds Bluntly He Won't Quit

Council Session Is Stormed In History

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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 that, short course in the 2nd Tucson Open Pro-Am preliminary to the 12th Annual Tucson Open golf tournament yesterday.

January, who has been troubled by a pesky cold late, was as hot as the 80-degree weather yesterday, when ping-pong with five straight holes while a mid-week gallery, estimated at 1,500 watched.

The five individual rounds, along with a record best ball total of 56, enabled the slim, slouching Texan to beat away with most of the \$2,500 prize pot and established him as a definite favorite when firing for the big money begins today.

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

41 Persons Injured Knife Wielders Break Up U.N. Talks

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Feb. 15 (AP)—Demonstrators broke up the Security Council session Wednesday night with a knife attack that wounded 41 persons and injured 20 others.

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