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Hijacking

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Helmut Schmidt.

Most were Germans, but two Americans were reported among them. They were Christine M. Santiago, 44 years old, of Santee, Calif., and her 5-year-old son, Leo. Mrs. Santiago has a heart ailment.

The surviving hijacker, the lone woman in the Arabic-speaking gang, remained in a Mogadishu hospital, officials said.

The identities and nationalities of the terrorists remained in doubt. Somali Information Minister Abdiqazim Salad indicated, however, that the three bodies were being sent to Germany.

The hijackers had demanded the release of 11 imprisoned West German terrorists in German jails and two Palestinians in Turkish jails, along with $15,000,000 in ransom. The couple who headed the list, Andreas Baader and his mistress, Gudrun Ensslin, committed suicide during the night in their cells. Jan-Carl Raspe who was also on the list, shot himself, and Irmgard Moeller, a fourth gang member listed, slashed her wrist. Raspe died in a hospital this morning, and Miss Moeller was reported in critical condition.

The only hostage killed was the chief pilot of the Lufthansa Boeing 737 jet, Juergen Schumann, 37, whose body was put off the plane shortly after it landed Sunday in Mogadishu. Officials said he was shot when the plane was at the airport in Aden, South Yemen, fifth of its six stops in its zigzag 7000-mile journey over southern Europe and the Middle East to East Africa.

The raid, reminiscent of Israel's successful rescue at the Entebbe, Uganda, airport last year, was the first combat operation for the Border Guard Group 9 commando strike force, set up after the 1972 Munich Olympics massacre. Officials said the antiterrorist specialists had rehearsed the attack well, practicing on a plane like the hijacked one before being sent to Mogadishu.

Under cover of darkness, the raiders blasted open emergency exits over both wings of the twin-jet airliner. They poured into the passenger cabin hurling "blinding" grenades that stun with a flash of light and loud bang but emit no shrapnel.

They found that the hijackers had rigged the inside of the plane with explosives and poured gasoline over the aisle carpeting. The passengers had been strapped into their seats with their safety belts.

The hijackers apparently did not have enough time to ignite the gasoline or detonate the explosives.

"There was some shooting . . . There was no panic. The passengers were evacuated as fast as possible by sliding down inflated slides from the emergency exits," a Lufthansa spokesman said.

A Somali government spokesman said that two of the hijackers were killed inside the plane and that the third may died in a hospital.

The Somalis said the raid was started about 2:30 a.m. (6:30 o'clock last night, St. Louis time) and lasted 10 minutes. German officials in Mogadishu radioed Bonn: "The job is finished."

Seven minutes later, all the hostages had left the plane. They included 11 West German beauty queens.

The attack was made an hour before one of a series of deadlines set by the terrorists. The husband of one of the hostages said West German officials told him that the hijackers had threatened to kill one hostage every five minutes after the deadline.

One West German government official said he felt "relief, but tempered relief. We must remember that the pilot was killed and they still have Schleyer. We don't know what happened to him."

The reference was to industrialist Hanns-Martin Schleyer. The 11 West German terrorists whose freedom the hijackers demanded were the same as those whose freedom was demanded by the West German terrorists of the Red Army Front who kidnaped Schleyer on Sept. 5 in Cologne. The kidnapers had threatened to kill Schleyer last Sunday unless Bonn gave in to the air pirates.

The raid at Mogadishu strengthened the belief that the government would not surrender to Schleyer's kidnapers. The hijacking may also provide further evidence of links between West German and Arab terrorist groups.

The hijackers, armed with pistols and plastic explosives, seized control of the Palma, Spain to Frankfurt flight last Thursday over the French Riviera and forced it to Rome, Cyprus, Bahrain, Dubai, Aden and finally Mogadishu.

In all, 40 men of the crack Unit 9 flew aboard a Lufthansa Boeing 707 from the Greek island of Crete to Mogadishu yesterday, landing after dark. A spokesman said the troops had shadowed the hijacked aircraft throughout its wanderings.

West German government spokesman Karl Boelling issued a statement of gratitude to Somalia's Marxist government for co-operating in the raid. Its decision "was a precondition which allowed a catastrophe to be averted," he said.

The London Daily Mail speculated that the Somalis co-operated because they want Western arms for the rebellion by Somali tribesmen in eastern Ethiopia.

The hijackers viewed Somalia as friendly ground. They had named Somalia, South Yemen and Vietnam as three countries where their freed "comrades" should be flown for political refuge. But the West German government said that all three governments had refused to accept the prisoners if they were freed.

Pope Paul VI had offered himself yesterday as a hostage "if it would be of use" in winning freedom for the Lufthansa passengers.

In London today, the International Transport Workers Federation called for a tightening of airport security around the world to prevent new hijackings. The Cockpit Association, representing all West German airline flying staff, said in Frankfurt that it would begin a campaign to stop flights to countries that harbor terrorists.

Andreas Baader

Gudrun Ensslin

Prison

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fourth and freed all the hostages.

Security officials feared that the raid and the suicides would doom industrialist Schleyer, whose kidnapers acted in league with Lufthansa hijackers and who also demanded the release of the 11 terrorists.

Baader was co-leader of the Baader-Meinhof gang with Miss Meinhof. Miss Ensslin became co-leader with Baader after Miss Meinhof killed herself.

Baader, Raspe and Miss Ensslin, a 37-year old teacher, were sentenced to life in prison April 28 for five killings — including the bombing deaths of four United States servicemen in Heidelberg and Frankfurt in May 1972.

They had ended a 36-day hunger strike Sept. 2, three days before Schleyer was kidnapped.

Miss Moeller was serving 4½ years in prison for membership in a terrorist organization and was awaiting a second trial on charges of taking part in the bombing of the U.S. Army's European headquarters in Heidelberg.

The Baader-Meinhof gang got its start in 1970 with a spectacular series of political assassinations, bombings and bank robberies.

Baader and other gang members have been convicted of five murders, 20 attempted murders in which 34 persons were injured, establishing a terrorist organization, and of several bank robberies and bombings.

A Simple Funeral For Bing Crosby

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LOS ANGELES, Oct. 18 — Bing Crosby's relatives and close friends gathered in the predawn chill today for his funeral, simple and private ceremony.

About 35 persons crowded into the tiny chapel of St. Paul's Catholic Church in suburban Westwood. Mr. Crosby's body lay in an open oak casket, adorned by a single spray of red roses.

The early hour eliminated what Mr. Crosby did not want — a Hollywood-type funeral. There were no fans.

Mrs. Kathryn Crosby, the singer's widow, entered the chapel 20 minutes before the rites with her children — Harry, 19 years old, Nathaniel, 15, and Mary Frances, 17.

The mourners included comedian Bob Hope and his wife, Dolores; singer-actress Rosemary Clooney; comedian Phil Harris and Mr. Crosby's brother, Bob Crosby.

Mr. Crosby's six sons, including four by his first wife, Gary, Dennis, Philip and Lindsay, were the pallbearers. Burial was in Holy Cross Cemetery near Mr. Crosby's parents and first wife, Dixie Lee, who died of cancer in 1952.

Last night, Mrs. Kathryn Crosby met reporters at the airport when her husband's body arrived from Madrid. "Some part of me still expects Bing to come next Thursday from Spain," she said. "Most of me doesn't realize yet that he won't be coming home."

She said that the memorial services at London's Westminster Cathedral Sunday and St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York yesterday were "a joyful thing . . . exactly the kind of service he would have liked.

"Bing forbade me to give a memorial service of any kind. You can't be hated, funerals, and he didn't plan to come in this one."

Comedian Bob Hope, a close associate of Mr. Crosby, announced yesterday he would cancel his two-hour television special, "Bob Hope's Road to Hollywood," Oct. 28, and substitute a two-hour tribute in the dead singer.

The show will include film footage of appearances at which Hope and Crosby first met and of their first experimentation with comedy together, at the Capital Theater in New York 45 years ago, when Hope was booked as an emcee for a Crosby appearance.

It also will include film clips from the "Road" movies and other joint appearances.

And Los Angeles County supervisors ordered the Coliseum torch lighted last night, when Mr. Crosby's body arrived by jetliner from Spain, until his burial today.

The torch, left over from the 1932 Olympics, burned during the games that year and has been lighted only twice since, after the assassination of President John F. Kennedy and his brother, Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

Explosion

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left for work about 6:30 a.m.

The blast occurred more than an hour before his normal departure time. Dillenber said pieces of glass from the car struck Dillenbergers's apartment window, more than 200 feet away.

One resident said she heard a noise that "sounded like an earthquake." She said she smelled smoke and started to go to her window to look.

But she said she decided that a bomb had exploded, and she turned away from the window out of fear that she might be seen by someone fleeing from the scene.

Jackson joined United Parcel Service as a driver in Kansas City in 1965 and was promoted to a management position in 1967, the company said. He was unmarried.

The company spokesman said Jackson was well-liked by fellow employees and that his job would not be one that would be likely to cultivate enemies.

Robert C. Jackson
Apparent bombing victim

Abstainers Held Part Of Majority

JEFFERSON CITY, Oct. 18 (AP) — Members of a six-director school board who abstain from a vote on district business are considered to have voted with the majority of the other board members, according to Attorney General John D. Ashcroft.

In an opinion requested by State Representative Danny Staples, (Dem.), Ensimeo, Ashcroft cited two state court decisions that reached the same conclusion.

Staples had questioned the legality of a school board hiring an employee on a 3-to-1 vote with two abstentions in light of the legal provisions that a clear majority of the board approve such hirings.

"It being the duty of every member of a public body to vote, if any member remains silent and does not vote, he is regarded as voting with the majority," Ashcroft said.

Man Shot 6 Times In Quarrel At Home

Robert Wraggs, 36 years old, is in serious condition at City Hospital today after being shot six times in a quarrel yesterday at his home in the 4100 block of Blaine Avenue, police said.

Wraggs began quarreling about 5:30 p.m. with Ann Stewart, 26, also of the Blaine address, police said. Ms Stewart left and returned a short time later with a revolver, shot Wraggs once in the chest and threw the revolver on the floor, police said.

Ms Stewart's brother, Byron, 27, who lives nearby, then entered the apartment, picked up the revolver, shot Wraggs five times and ran out, police said.

Ms Stewart was arrested at the scene and booked suspected of assault. Stewart was being sought. The revolver has not been recovered.

Senate Passes Bill To Extend Social Programs Temporarily

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WASHINGTON, Oct. 18 — The Senate has passed legislation to continue various social programs through January 1978 while Congress considers the Administration's welfare revision proposals.

The bill, passed 91 to 0 yesterday, now goes to a House-Senate conference committee.

Affected are several social programs that could not have operated in the current fiscal year unless Congress had voted for a temporary extension while it considers the over-all welfare proposal.

The measure included matching federal grants to states for child care services and extends the practice of granting income tax credit to employers who hire welfare recipients for child care jobs. It also continues a waiver for states that have yet to meet federal staff standards for child-care facilities.

In other congressional action, the House voted to exempt farmers who list their crops because of drough or flood from the 1977 limits on federal farm subsidies. The exemption measure passed on a 265-to-147 vote and was sent to the Senate, which is expected to give final congressional approval.

Meanwhile, a House interior subcommittee began consideration of a new Alaska lands bill that calls for setting aside 102,000,000 acres of federal land as parks, wildlife refuges, national forests, and wild and scenic river zones.

The proposal calls for an immediate wilderness designation for 41,000,000 acres of the 200,000,000 federal acres of land in Alaska. Another 61,000,000 acres owned by the Federal Government would be subject to a seven-year federal study to determine whether they should be set aside as wilderness.

Under legislation passed by the House yesterday, American citizens returning from overseas could bring in $200 worth of duty-free foreign goods instead of the $100 now allowed.

The legislation, passed 366 to 11 and sent to the Senate, would also make various other changes in customs laws, limits and procedures.

The House also approved changes in last year's tax revision act, brushing aside complaints from some Representatives that the amendments would benefit particular companies.

Armed Men Kill Two On Airliner

DJIBOUTI, Oct. 18 (UPI) — Two men with submachine guns halted an Air Djibouti airliner before take-off and shot to death the French pilot and a Cabinet Minister's mother, police reported yesterday.

Several passengers were wounded in the attack today at the tiny, new republic of Djibouti on the Horn of Africa.

The men were described as nationalist extremists involved in the racial strife gripping neighboring Ethiopia. Djibouti's Afar tribesmen are divided in their loyalties to Ethiopia and Djibouti. The police report made no mention of what happened to the armed men, and it was assumed that they had escaped.

Police reported that the men shot to death the mother of Justice Minister Ismail Ali Youssouf, one of the members of the 16-man Cabinet ruling the Djibouti Republic.

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