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An Editorial

Air Crash Emotional 'Quake'

The crash and explosion of the DC-9 charter plane carrying Marshall University's football team, coaches and fans near Tri-State Airport Saturday night was the greatest tragic loss of human life in Huntington's history.

News of the fiery death of 75 persons aboard spread a shock wave like an emotional earthquake throughout the state and the nation, but here it cost a pall that stirred in some dazed incredulity and in others uncontrollable tears.

Thousands joined in a memorial service at the Field House Sunday night, and the city will observe a period of official mourning, but no matter how long this period lasts, the private grief of friends and relatives will extend far beyond.

Leaves Gaping Void

The disaster leaves a gaping and aching void not only at Marshall but throughout the city. The Big Green football team's activities have for years been an important part of the city's life.

The ultimate disaster that virtually wiped out the 1970 squad carried an additional jolt because of the series of misfortunes which the university's athletic department has encountered in recent years.

A long series of defeats was followed by suspension from the Mid American Conference and difficulties with the National Collegiate Athletic Association over charges of violating recruiting rules.

Charges of inadequate facilities by the MAC stirred the state to provide great improvements at Fairfield Stadium and brought additional support from many townspeople.

Both team and morale were improving.

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Condolences Pour in to MU

Four Had \$104,500 Insurance 2 Players Had Policies

By JACK HARDIN

Four persons who were aboard Marshall University's chartered jetliner had taken out machine insurance policies totaling \$104,500 prior to departure from Tri-State Airport Friday night. O. (Pat) Cappadony, airport manager, announced today.

Tom Hansen of Kansas City, assistant executive director of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), said Marshall was covered by the NCAA's travel accident policy through the Aetna Insurance Co. in the amount of \$15,000 for each player, coach and administrative staff member.

Mr. Cappadony identified the four who purchased airport policies and the amount of the policy for each, as:

Donald Booth, \$60,000; Marcolio L. (Pat) Adams, \$15,000; James M. Adams, \$7,500; and Ken Jones, \$22,500.

Mr. Cappadony said: "I know for certain these four took out policies at the airport Friday night with the Continental Insurance Co. Fidelity Casualty in New York handles the insurance machines for Continental in New York and I plan to double check with them today."

Fifth Policy Possible
The airport manager pointed out that there was the possibility that a fifth passenger might have taken out a policy on a Mutual of Omaha insurance machine at the airport and mailed it personally to the firm's home office in Omaha, Neb.

The policies with Continental also were purchased through machines, but carbon copies were left in the slots. No carbon copy was found in the Mutual of Omaha slot, but one policy was purchased on Friday.

"It could have been a member of the Marshall group or it could have been a passenger on another plane,"

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PLANE CRASH SITES — This high-altitude photograph shows where two aircraft crashed at Tri-State Airport here within the last 16 days. 'X' at right indicates where a Southern Airways DC-9 made initial contact with the ground Saturday night, bounced (broken line) and impacted, killing all 75 persons aboard. Between that point and the airport is the spot where a Beechcraft Queen Air went down Oct. 29, killing three U. S. Air Force men.

Team Crashes Dissimilar Except for One Thread...

By JAMES R. POLK
Associated Press Writer

Despite the grim coincidence of two football teams ripped apart in the fiery wreckage of airliners, federal investigators said today they see little or no similarity between the Wichita State and Marshall University disasters.

"We see none," said John H. Reed, chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board, who drew a distinct line between the sleek jet chartered by Marshall that bore 75 persons to death here Saturday and the aging, overweight prop plane rented by Wichita State which smashed into the Rockies six weeks ago, killing 31 persons.

Yet one common thread was woven into both crashes: each involved a plane flown into a hillside by a pilot who was not routinely familiar with the terrain.

"The twin-engine DC-9 jet from Southern Airways was trying to

land in rain and fog Saturday night when it cut a splintered swath through the tops of trees on a high ridge rising near the airport runway and nosedived to the ground.

Although the charter pilot was one of Southern's senior captains, no one could say whether he had ever tried to touch down before at Huntington, a small, one-runway airport that is not on Southern's regular routes.

The airport lacked the more sophisticated landing aids of larger fields.

Killed in the crash were 31 members of the Marshall foot-

ball squad, its coaching staff and athletic director, the plane crew and a group of prominent Huntington citizens flying back with the team from a 17-14 loss to East Carolina.

The tragedy came even as a federal investigation continued into the Oct. 2 crackup of the Wichita State football plane. Officials say the Wichita State jet flew into a dead-end canyon at the foot of the Continental Divide and was unable to escape.

The Wichita State disaster sparked a full federal inquiry into aircraft failures after in-

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Students Abandon Campus

By DAVE PEYTON

A mass exodus of students from the Marshall University campus was apparent today as a result of the airplane crash Saturday night which killed 75 football players, coaches and fans.

More than 500 women from various dormitories were reported checked out from their residence halls and an undetermined number of men reportedly have left for their homes until classes resume Wednesday.

Approximately 239 of 500 women living at Twin Towers dormitory were checked out. Some had checked out for the weekend and had not returned following the crash. Because male students are not required to check out, the number of those away from campus was not available.

The students remaining on campus apparently were staying in their rooms. Shawkey Student Union, the school cafeteria, student lounges and the library all were virtually deserted.

Employees of the student union said Monday morning "only a handful" of students had appeared. Those who came to the union sat quietly. No one spoke. Several wore black arm bands.

The Campus Christian Center was to be open from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., with a full clerical staff available. The chapel was open for prayer.

"At this time the university cannot anticipate the wide range of needs to be served by this fund," Dr. Dedmon said.

Frederick A. Fitch Jr., a professor of physical education, was in his office early today to offer help to any students, staff or parents.

The campus clinic, which has been open continuously since the accident, was quiet. Dr. Russell P. Hall, campus physician who has been with the university only a month, said Sunday night was quiet. All persons needing physical care

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Hundreds Of Wires Are Sent City Hall Also Telegraphed

By DAVE PEYTON

Marshall University has received hundreds of telegrams offering sympathy and condolences following the fatal crash Saturday night which claimed the lives of the MU football team, coaches and fans.

The following is a list of some of the persons or groups who have contacted the university.

Clark Ahlberg, president, Wichita State University (an airplane crash took part of WSU's team Oct. 2); athletic department and staff of Wichita State at Wichita, Kan.; the American Football Coaches Association; former West Virginia Gov. W. W. Barron and his wife Opal, of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; Bob Scott, governor of North Carolina; Robert I. White and Dave Puddington, president and head football coach of Kent State University, Kent, Ohio;

Rocketeer Telegram

Coaches and student body of St. Xavier High School, Louisville, Ky.; W. J. L. Wallace, president of West Virginia State College at Institute; Secretary of State John D. Rockefeller IV and his wife Sharon; the mayor and city council of Vienna, Va.; the Student Government Association of Pikeville (Ky.) College; Alumni Affairs Office of East Carolina University; and Ronnie and Camille Henderson, mother and daughter of the late Cam Henderson, former Marshall coach.

Scores of MU alumni have sent telegrams.

Mrs. Florence Williams, city clerk, received telegrams of condolence this morning from Charleston Mayor Elmer Dodson, Princeton Mayor Lucy Shrevebury, and Frank G. Sohn, executive vice president of the Charleston Area Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. Roland H. Nelson Jr., former president of Marshall University, expressed his grief and sorrow when contacted this morning at the University

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Memorial Fund Being Established

Dr. Donald N. Dedmon, acting president of Marshall University, said today he is establishing a memorial fund within the Marshall University Foundation to commemorate those who lost their lives in the air tragedy.

"At this time the university cannot anticipate the wide range of needs to be served by this fund," Dr. Dedmon said.

He also announced a suitable memorial to be placed on the campus is being designed by the faculty of the department of art and members of the student body at the university.

Contributions to the "Marshall University Memorial Fund" may be sent to Marshall University to the attention of the Marshall University Foundation, Inc.



Staff Photography by Jack Burnett

OLD GLORY AT HALF MAST AT MARSHALL.

10 Teams Combing Wreckage of Jet

Marshall University officials reported this morning positive identifications have been made on the bodies of 15 of 75 persons killed Saturday night in a jetliner crash at Tri-State Airport. The crash took the lives of most of the Marshall football team, most of its coaching staff and several fans.

Marshall said those bodies identified thus far are Dany Marion Reese, a Southern Airways crewman; Emmett Heath Jr., Richard Dardinger, Matthew M. Rastin, James "Storky" Moss, Parker Ward, Dr. Ray Hagley, Mrs. Hagley, Donald Booth, Dr. Glen Preston, Ken Jones, C. M. "Red" Arnold, Arthur Harris, Dr. H. D. Proctor and Gary George.

Dardinger and Harris were football players, Moss an assistant coach, Jones a television sportscaster and George a student assistant in the sports information office. The others were fans who accompanied the team on its ill-fated trip.

Hillside Is Combed

Meanwhile, federal investigators divided into 10 teams to search the hillside near the airport for clues to the crash.

Initial findings showed "no evidence of any particular problem" mechanically with the twin-jet DC-9, and no indication

Full Coverage

A full page of Marshall University disaster pictures by Staff Photographers Jack Burnett and Lee Bernard appears on Page 18. Another full page of news coverage on the plane crash and its effects can be found on Page 19.

Each team, headed by specialists from NTSB, also began interviewing witnesses to the crash. Reed said pieces of the plane also would be hauled from the crash scene to an airport hangar for investigation.

Reed, pledging to find a cause of the accident, joined the teams ranging from four to six men each to probe the twisted wreckage strewn over an area of about 500 yards.

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Marshall Tragedy Jolts WVU Team

(Editor's Note: The following column was written by A. L. "Storky" Hardman, executive sports editor of The Charleston Gazette, and appeared in today's editions of that newspaper.)

By A. L. HARDMAN

Bobby Bowden's great joy over beating Syracuse Saturday lasted but a few hours. When news came of the airplane crash which killed almost every member of the Marshall U. squad, and its coaches, the Mountaineer coach said he was crushed with sadness.

"You know, it just shows you how unimportant some things can be," Bobby said. "We worry about winning and losing and forget all about the things that can happen to us in life."

Bobby said he had talked with Marshall Assistant Coach Red Dawson, last week and had been in contact with others on the staff, trying to give them all the information he had on East Carolina, which West Virginia had played the week before.

Dawson was fortunate in that he was not on the plane. He had driven to Ferrum, Va., on a recruiting trip before the game and returned to Huntington by car.

One of the men who tried to persuade Bowden to come to

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Moss Is Hit Hard By Loss

The coach who recruited most of the Marshall University football players who died in Saturday night's crash at Tri-State Airport said today the disaster was "the worst thing that could have happened" to him except the deaths of his own family.

Perry Moss, former MU mentor, now is quarterback coach for the professional Chicago Bears of the National Football League.

Moss, contacted at his apartment in a Chicago hotel, said he received word of the disaster in a telephone call from his wife at 8:08 p.m. Saturday. He had just left a meeting of his quarterbacks in preparation for Sunday's game with the Green Bay Packers.



WREATH AT BUST OF JOHN MARSHALL