

DC-8 crash kills 3, nuclear material OK

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ROMULUS, Mich. — A DC-8 cargo plane carrying five pounds of low-level radioactive material and more than two tons of mail crashed in a swampy area after taking off yesterday, killing all three crewmen.

The United Airlines jet went down at 2:50 a.m. south of Detroit Metropolitan Airport's terminals, sending a fireball hundreds of feet into the sky.

Witnesses said one of the plane's engines appeared to explode before the crash.

The radioactive material, a substance called Americium 241 that is used in fire alarms and smoke detectors, was found intact in its 9-pound lead packaging by Federal Aviation Administration officials and posed no danger, a United spokesman said.

No passengers were aboard Flight 2885, which was hauling 51, 897 pounds of cargo from Cleveland to Los Angeles. United spokesman Chuck Novak said in Chicago.

Besides the radioactive material, the four-engine jet was carrying automotive transmission parts worth 4,500 pounds of mail, which was strewn over the crash site, Novak said.

Romulus police on routine patrol saw the plane take off "and one of the engines apparently blew up," said Sgt. John Vered. The officers reported "there was a large ball of fire with pieces of the plane coming down" and then the plane crashed, he said.

The plane took off, "but it didn't sound right," said Donald Kalinsky, 30, a lineman for Page Avjet Airways at the airport.

"About 10 seconds into the take-off, the left engine caught on fire. The plane was about 500 feet up. It just came right down," he said.

"It went up about 500 to 1,000 feet and there it appeared that one of the engines caught fire," said Irma Clark of the Wayne County Road Commission, that runs the airport.

The plane disintegrated on impact, spreading wreckage over a 200-yard area, and only part of the tail section was recognizable.

Knee-deep mud hindered emergency crews in reaching the wreckage and fighting the four-hour fire, said acting Wayne County Sheriff Loren Pitman.

All three bodies were recovered, Joe Hopkins, a United spokesman in Detroit, said.

The western half of the airport was closed because of the crash, but the remainder stayed open, Lou Sugo, another county spokesman, said.



Thomas Dykstra, a health physicist for the Michigan department of public health, removes radioactive material from the scene of the United cargo DC-8 crash.

Peace-seekers arrive in Tel Aviv

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TEL AVIV, Israel — President Reagan's two Middle East peace-seekers, Philip C. Habib and Morris Draper, arrived in Tel Aviv yesterday to try to break the deadlock in the negotiations for withdrawal of foreign troops from Lebanon.

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and remains a top priority," Habib said the president, at a White House meeting Monday, "emphasized the importance he attaches to achieving the prompt withdrawal of all foreign forces from Lebanon."

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Telling reporters the withdrawal of foreign forces "is essential

state news briefs

40,000 will get additional benefits

HARRISBURG (AP) — Some 40,000 Pennsylvanians will be eligible for additional unemployment compensation under an agreement Gov. Thornburgh signed yesterday with the federal government.

Under legislation signed recently by President Reagan, those who exhaust a total 39 weeks of unemployment compensation and ex-

Pa. could be site for nuclear waste

HARRISBURG (AP) — Pennsylvania is one of six Northeastern states that could be named host for a low-level nuclear waste site, although no decision is likely for several years, an official in the Department of Environmental Resources said yesterday.

Thomas Gerskus, director of the department's radiation protection bureau, said a coalition of Northeastern states, working under congressional orders, is now organizing to address the issue.

The other states in which the regional disposal site could be

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Baker won't challenge Reagan in '84

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Republican Leader Howard H. Baker Jr. of Tennessee has no intention of challenging President Reagan for the 1984 GOP presidential nomination, despite reports of a tentative decision not to seek a new term in the Senate, his spokesman insisted yesterday.

"There is no plan to run for president in 1984 as long as Ronald Reagan is out there as a candidate," said the spokesman, Tom Griscorn.

"There has been no discussion of setting up an exploratory committee for the presidency," Griscorn said, although he said Baker would consider a candidacy if Reagan chooses to retire.

Despite his willingness to defer this year, Baker was an unsuccessful contender for the 1980 GOP presidential nomination that led Reagan to the presidency. Sources said he has brainstormed with top aides about what it would be like in 1984 if Reagan does not run.

Clark could be released from hospital

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Barney Clark could be released from the hospital in "two to three weeks" if the world's first recipient of a permanent artificial heart continues his present rate of recovery, one of his doctors said yesterday.

"He has clearly improved during the last two weeks," said Dr. Chase Peterson. University of Utah vice president for health sciences, who spoke at the first formal briefing on Clark's condition since Dec. 27.

"Doctor Clark is more lucid than he has been, significantly so. He's physically stronger and his lung function is better. His heart continues to perform normally," Peterson said.

world news briefs

Diana named worst dressed woman

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Princess Diana of England, described as "lucky and dowdy" in her latest fashion choices, was named No. 1 yesterday in designer Mr. Blackwell's annual list of the world's Ten Worst Dressed Women.

The acid-tongued Blackwell also gave a special "award" to first lady Nancy Reagan for "the fashion tip of the year" — wearing knickers to a formal reception in Paris.

Blackwell said of Princess Diana, "She has gone from a very young, independent, fresh look to a tacky, dowdy look."

Institute for debt problems started

WASHINGTON (AP) — Officials from 35 major Western and Japanese banks agreed yesterday to deal with persisting international debt problems by setting up their own institute to gather and exchange information on borrowing by nations.

Recent loan-repayment difficulties of several countries — including Mexico and Brazil — have caused concern among bankers and government officials in the United States and elsewhere.

The new Institute for International Finance, though not making loans itself, could theoretically help lenders make better decisions on loan amounts and conditions.

Since it would give early warnings about financial deterioration in any nation involved, it could keep potential lenders' from being caught off guard by financial surprises such as default by developing countries.

The goal of the institute is "to promote a better understanding of international lending transactions."

stock report

Market declines in heavy trading

NEW YORK (AP) — The stock market's bid to reach a record high for the fourth straight session failed yesterday and prices closed mostly lower in heavy trading.

The retreat came despite an industry-wide cut in major banks' prime lending rates to 11 percent from 11.5 percent.

Steel, retail, mining, oil and drug stocks paced the declines.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials tumbled 8.56 points to 1,083.79. The measure had risen 15.20 points Monday to close at 1,099.35, the third straight session in which it rose to a new peak.

The Dow Jones utilities average also fell yesterday but its transportation index edged higher.

Volume Shares 114,192,510
Issues Traded 1,999

Up 765
Unchanged 340

Down 894

N.Y.S.E. Index 84.11 - .51

S.&P. Comp. 145.78 - 1.00

Dow Jones Ind. 1,083.79 - 8.56

Earthquakes subside in California

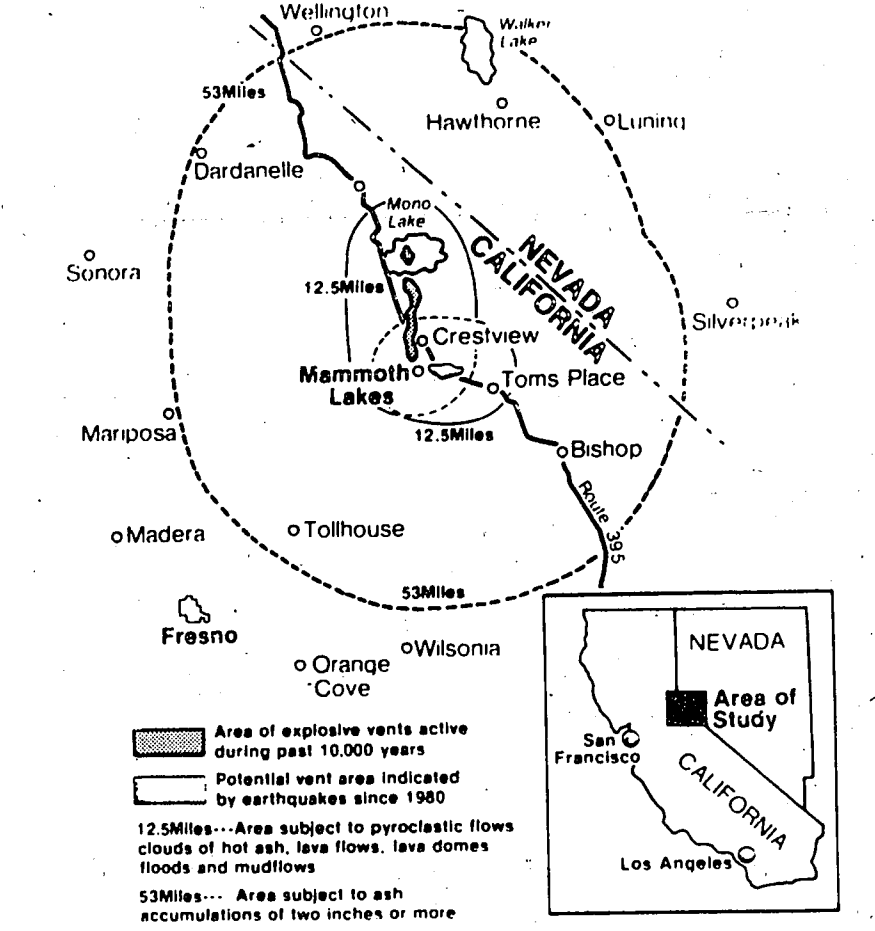
MAMMOTH LAKES, Calif. (AP) — Road crews began working on an alternate route out of this ski resort area in the event of volcanic activity, while scientists said yesterday the possibility of an eruption was decreasing.

"Earthquake activity continues to moderate, indicating that the situation is stabilizing, (and) that the likelihood of any eruptive activity ... grows progressively smaller," the U.S. Geological Survey said.

As the shaking dwindled yesterday some scientists began heading home to evaluate data from six days of earthquakes, because "some aspects of field work is done," said geologist Charles Barton of the USGS office in Menlo Park, Calif.

Although many researchers remained in the earthquake-riddled region, he said, others had collected the tests they needed to study the significance of the swarm of quakes that rattled the eastern Sierra since Thursday.

Deep snow caused slow going for road crews trying to clear a dirt road for a northerly exit from Mammoth Lakes as a precaution against potential volcano-caused



closure of Highways 203 and 395, said Bob Cron, spokesman for the Inyo National Forest.

Scientists made no predictions that a volcano might erupt, although they said evidence does point toward movement of subsurface magma — melted rock — as the cause of the steady swarm of quakes.

The tremors continued to diminish in frequency and magnitude after three sharp quakes late Monday night interrupted what had been a steady rumble of quakes too small to feel.

The quakes, recorded between 9:40 and 9:48 p.m., registered magnitudes of 3.0, 3.5, and 3.2 on the open-ended Richter scale. Generally, quakes of magnitude less than 3.0 cannot be felt, although those below a reading of 4.0 are still considered minor.

"Aside from that there were about four to five per hour in the range 1 to 3," said USGS spokeswoman Edna King. "Apparently it's decreasing."

Abolition of the 40 per hour had shaken the popular ski resort area at the peak of the earthquake swarm. The largest quakes were recorded Thursday night.

Britain will decide fate of new reactor

SNAPE, England (AP) — Hearings began yesterday on plans to build Britain's first pressurized-water nuclear reactor, similar in design to the one at Three Mile Island.

The proceedings, expected to last nine months, are likely to decide far more than the fate of the Sizewell B power plant which the Central Electricity Generating Board wants to construct adjacent to the Sizewell A gas-cooled reactor on a windswept stretch of Suffolk coastline 95 miles northeast of London.

At stake, according to the participants, is the whole of Britain's nuclear power program — with implications for other nations.

If plans for the \$2 billion Sizewell plant are approved, the board plans to build 10 other reactors like it around Britain. If approval is denied, plans for future development of British nuclear power would be stymied and the development of the pressurized-water reactor "would be thrown into doubt."

The Sizewell B inquiry is acknowledged by the international

nuclear industry and its opponents as crucial to the future of nuclear power," said the influential Financial Times.

Nuclear power generation, a booming international business in the 1960s and early 1970s, was set back by the March 1979 accident at the No. 2 Reactor at Three Mile Island in Middletown, Pa.

Sizewell B is to be a Westinghouse reactor of a type that, like the Babcock and Wilcox reactor at Three Mile Island, converts the heat of nuclear fission to electricity through the intermediary of water, kept liquid by means of great pressure.

The water is passed over the radioactive uranium core, then channeled away into a steam generator. Steam from that chamber drives a turbine and creates electricity.

It's a relatively efficient and inexpensive method of generating power, as nuclear reactors go, and the design is currently in service in 30 nations. But critics say the design is unsafe.

Rizzo seeks 3rd term as Phila. mayor

By LEE LINDER
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PHILADELPHIA — Frank Lazzaro Rizzo, former cop and mayor, still brash, still bombastic and still branding as "liars" those who call him a racist, is making plans to regain control of City Hall and "rescue my city from serious trouble."

The announcement, scheduled for today will make formal what Rizzo has been doing unofficially for months as he raised more than half of his \$1.5 million political war chest through dinners and cocktail parties.

It's no impossible dream for the trimmed down, "raring to go" Rizzo, now 62, even though he's running behind a black lawyer, W. Wilson Goode, in polls for the Democratic primary May 17. Goode, the top appointed official in Mayor William Green's cabinet, resigned as managing director late last year to enter the race.

"So what?" Rizzo said, flexing his muscles and smiling broadly as he mapped his come-from-behind strategy in his headquarters on the 18th floor of a bank building only a block from where he bossed America's fourth largest city from 1971 to 1979.

The City Charter barred Rizzo from seeking a third consecutive term, and when he tried to have the restriction eliminated he was trounced 2-1 at the polls, with the biggest turnout of blacks in city history.

Rizzo, nicknamed variously "Big Bambino" and "Supercop," said he is ready and eager for battle, his beefy, 6-foot-2 frame slimmer down to 230 pounds as he straightened a designer tie knotted around a 20-inch shirt collar.

In a slightly softer voice, Rizzo denied he has deliberately crafted a more lovable, more moderate image. Friends and associates also insist the old flashes of hot temper have been cooled.

"I'm wiser," he said, smiling slyly, eyes twinkling. "They can't bait me anymore. I'm not going to fight 'em, I'm going to bug 'em."

Rizzo, who once called Richard Nixon the greatest president the nation has ever had, said he's not very happy with the way Ronald Reagan is running the

country, especially cutting social programs.

"The federal government has got to help," he said.

Rizzo leaned back in his armchair and said he wanted to debate his main primary opponent on the street corners, in every neighborhood, on radio and television and prove he's "a stoned-out liberal when it comes to human rights" (but) "hard-nosed, very hard-nosed, on violent crime because I don't like guys that beat and rob and murder."

"I want to ask the former managing director what he did except try to get Bill Green's job," Rizzo said. "I want to ask him why crime has gone up, and why the streets are so dirty."

The decision by Green, who succeeded Rizzo, not to seek another term has attracted not only Goode, in a city that is 85 percent black, but also former city controller Thomas Leonard, a young lawyer Rizzo promoted and pampered.

The three-man contest doesn't worry Rizzo. "The more the merrier," he said about a primary campaign predicted to be the most expensive in Philadelphia history. The Democrats expect to spend around \$3 million. The Republicans, who haven't elected a mayor since 1967, are likely to spend an additional \$1 million.

Leonard said Monday, though, that he has decided not to run against Rizzo and Goode in the primary and will instead be on the primary ticket as an independent.

"I'm more experienced, and I have more leadership capabilities, and I make decisions," he said. "The people who can bring jobs to Philadelphia. People must work. It gives people dignity to have a job, and government must help people who can't help themselves."

Rizzo said that during his previous administration he started more than \$2 billion in construction work that provided 20,000 jobs "and I can do this again in the '80s."

Rizzo bristles most readily when he is asked about relations with blacks, especially about his opponents' accusations that he's a racist. He is alleged to have



A workman paints a "Rizzo for Mayor" sign in preparation for Frank Lazzaro Rizzo's scheduled announcement today that he will again run for mayor of Philadelphia.

urged his supporters to "vote white" in the unsuccessful charter change campaign that black leaders publicly opposed.

"That is an absolute lie!" he said, his fist hitting the top of his desk, sending an ashtray holding a half-smoked cigar skittering close to the edge. "I served all the people, as mayor and as a policeman. Cop means peacemaker, and I'm proud of my record."

The son of an Italian immigrant who became a Philadelphia policeman, Rizzo said, "I never heard a racial slur from my parents or my brothers (one of whom he appointed fire commissioner and who still holds that job). Race or religion doesn't enter into my thinking."

Rizzo has blacks on his staff, both volunteer and paid, and he claims support of some black labor leaders, ministers and former heavyweight boxing champion Joe Frazier.

He believes he will get a lot of votes in the city's black ghettoes because "the blacks don't want anything different than I do. They want a better city, they want less crime, they want better schools, they want jobs."

At the end he came back to his work as a tough cop, ignoring the charges that under his mayoral term Philadelphia police officers were often brutal. The charges brought a federal lawsuit from the Justice Department, withdrawn when Rizzo left office.

"When Rizzo came, the rioters went home," he said.

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