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Big Delegation to Attend Lutheran Convention

A large delegation of Washington Lutherans is expected to attend the 16th biennial convention of the United Lutheran Church in America in Philadelphia from October 6 to 14.

Nearly 600 delegates from every State, Canada, Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands will be on hand. The delegates will also include some representing the mission fields of Argentina, British Guiana, China, India, Japan and Liberia.

The Rev. Franklin Clark Fry of New Rochelle, N. Y., is president of the group. The church, largest of the Lutheran bodies in the country, has a membership of 1,880,628.

Dr. Oscar F. Blackwelder of Washington, pastor of the Church of the Reformation, will conduct the devotions at the convention.

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Two Test Pilots Killed As Explosion Shatters Big All-Jet Bomber

By the Associated Press
TULARE, Calif., Sept. 21.—One of the Nation's first all-jet bombers lies in shattered wreckage strewn over Central California farmland, the two civilian test pilots aboard it dead.

An explosion heard for miles blew the North American B-45, four-jet, 500-mile-an-hour plane to pieces yesterday while it was flying 8,000 to 10,000 feet over Alpaugh, 20 miles south of here.

Parts of the plane—big as the wartime B-17 Flying Fortress—fell over an area 4 miles square. The B-45 was on a flight from Muroc (Calif.) Air Base.

190 of Planes Ordered.
North American Aviation, Inc., which has Air Force orders for 190 of the planes, first of its type, identified the dead as:

George W. Krebs, 30, Los Angeles. He was project pilot and was at the controls. Mr. Krebs was the first man to fly a multiple jet bomber. He was the son of W. J. Krebs, Kansas City advertising man, and also is survived by his widow, Alice, and two children.

Nicholas G. Pickard, 31, Manhattan Beach, Calif., test pilot. He was a native of Brooklyn, N.Y., and is survived by his widow, Kathleen, and two children.

An eyewitness, William McAfee, former Air Force pilot who was at an airfield 10 miles away, said he noticed the plane's motors sounded peculiar and that it was trailing gray smoke.

Heard Another Explosion.
"It was making pretty good time with the smoke getting thicker. I lost it in the sun, then I heard a terrific roar," Mr. McAfee said. "I saw parts of the plane disintegrate. I watched the parts float downward, then seconds later there was another loud explosion."

A North American spokesman said the company could not comment on possible causes of the disaster pending an investigation.

Capt. Fitz-Gerald Dies; Flew Faster Than Sound

VAN NUYS, Calif., Sept. 21 (AP).—Air Force Capt. James P. Fitz-Gerald, 28, one of the few men to fly faster than the speed of sound, is dead.

Injuries suffered when his TF-80 jet plane crashed September 9 near Van Nuys airport on a flight from Muroc Air Base caused his death yesterday at Birmingham Veterans' Hospital. He had been unconscious since the crash.

Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg of the Air Force said last June that Capt. Fitz-Gerald and four others had penetrated the sonic barrier during test flights of the XS-1, experimental rocket plane.

Presumably Capt. Fitz-Gerald flew faster than 760 miles an hour, the approximate speed of sound at air temperature of 59 degrees. The world air speed record established last week at Muroc by Maj. Richard L. Johnson in an Air Force F-86 jet fighter is 670.981 miles an hour.

Capt. Fitz-Gerald, born in South Pittsburg, Tenn., was graduated from West Point in 1943 and served with the 8th Air Force in England during the war. His widow and one child survive.

Cacao Trees Destroyed

To curb the swollen-shoot disease, which kills cacao trees, the government destroyed 2,500,000 trees in the Gold Coast last year.

12 Killed and 5 Injured In Indiana Truck Crash

By the Associated Press
LAPORTE, Ind., Sept. 21.—Eleven onlookers and a freight truck driver were killed and five others were injured when an open truck in which they were riding collided with a semitrailer during a heavy rain storm.

The dead included two brothers and a father and his two sons. All were employed by the L. Donchin growers of near North Judson and were on their way home from the fields when the accident occurred.

The dead and injured were scattered along Route 35, 13 miles south of here. The workers' truck, a one-ton vehicle, was battered into a mass of twisted metal on the front and side but remained upright.

The freight-carrying semitrailer, driven by Robert Tweedie, 35, of White, 15, and his brother Mervin Logansport, went off the highway 20, both of North Judson; Shipley into a farm yard. Mr. Tweedie was 20, where he died today of chest injuries.

The other dead were Thomas Forte, 22, of North Judson, the driver of the light truck; Vernon 38, all of North Judson.

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