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ST. THOMAS

Forty-Seven people have been killed in the crash of an American Airlines plane as it tried to land at Harry Truman airport in St. Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Islands. Apparently, the plane's wheels touched down too far along the runway to come to a safe stop and it was trying to regain altitude when it crashed and burst into flames. Thirty Six people survived the crash - some without injury. Two people are reported missing. The plane, a Seven-Forty-Seven jelliner, had originated its flight in Providence, Rhode Island and made a stop at New York's Kennedy Airport before proceeding on to St. Thomas.

PENNSYLVANIA

Pennsylvania voters went to the polls today in weather more like Winter than Spring. It could prove to be the most important Democratic primary so far. For Jimmy Carter, the Pennsylvania balloting provides an opportunity to refute the indirect charges of Henry Jackson; that Carter can't win in the big industrial states. For Morris Udall ~~UDALL~~ Pennsylvania may be a do or die situation. The polls have just closed in the Keystone State, but as of late afternoon, the CBS News/New York Times survey of more than one thousand voters as they left the polls in thirty sample precincts throughout the state indicated Carter was leading Jackson in the Presidential preference contest. Udall is running well behind, and write-ins for Hubert Humphrey in the preference contest are minimal.

On the Republican side, Ronald Reagan, who is not on the ballot, is getting some write-in votes but Ford will win overwhelmingly.

WHITE HOUSE

President Ford, meanwhile, was looking ahead to the Texas primary - to be held Saturday. The President told a group of visiting newsmen - he still considers himself the underdog in Texas. Added however, he hopes to improve his "situation" there - with a flurry of last-minute campaigning.

The President also defending his policies - both foreign and domestic. He said: "In the twenty-one months I've been here - I have turned the economy around." Adding: "I'm the only President in the last twenty years who can go to our people and say - we've got peace."

The President then took off for Shreveport, Louisiana, and Texas across the river - where he plans to campaign through late Friday.

SENATE

In a speech to the full Senate, Vice President Rockefeller today apologized to Henry Jackson - for suggesting that Communists might have infiltrated the Senator's staff. Rockefeller said "even though I made no charges against anybody - even though it was a private discussion - there is no question - I made a mistake."

Jackson then rose to say: "On behalf of my staff as well as myself, this is the end of this matter."

GHANA

Ghana has cancelled the scheduled visit of Secretary of State Kissinger. The reason given was illness of the Ghanaian head of state. Advance members of the Kissinger party arriving in Kinshasha today, however, feel that Soviet pressure on the Ghanaian government may be the real reason behind the move. Ghana had been a late addition to ~~KISSINGER'S~~ Kissinger's African tour itinerary. It was added only after Nigeria earlier cancelled plans for the secretary to visit there. Kissinger ^{was} in Zambia and then Zaire today. In Zambia, he delivered a major policy address, pledging the "unrelenting" opposition of the United States to white minority rule in Rhodesia, and setting out a ten point U.S. position for solving the dispute.

SALISBURY

The reaction to Dr. Kissinger's speech in Rhodesia - was swift Premier Ian Smith, in a nationwide broadcast - voiced regret at the Secretary's remarks. Smith said he plans to choose seven tribal chiefs - to be the first black members of his Cabinet.

Observers noted however, the Smith move was earlier rejected by Rhodesian blacks - as "too little."

NORMAL

*The death of former CBS News correspondent
Allan Jackson - is reported today from Normal, Illinois.
The veteran newscaster, who often subbed for Lowell Thomas
in this time slot - a victim of complications following
surgery.*

Allan Jackson, dead at age sixty.

SACRAMENTO

At Sacramento - Patricia Hearst's former boy friend Stephen Soliah, was found not guilty today; not guilty of taking part in a Symbionese Liberation Army bank holdup - in which a mother of four was shot to death. The twenty-seven year-old housepainter testifying during the course of his trial - he lived and slept with Miss Hearst and aided her fellow fugitives; but insisting he was in San Francisco at the time of the crime - and the jury apparently believed him.

WALL STREET

On Wall Street - James Needham resigned today as Chairman of the New York Stock Exchange - a post he had held for four years. The former SEC Commissioner - under fire recently from industry critics; insisting he was not forced to resign - he was merely facilitating a "changing of the guard."

Needham's successor - for the time being, at least: William Batten, former chairman of the J.C. Penney Company - who had been serving on the Big Board's board of directors.

For Lowell Thomas, this is Christopher Glenn for CBS News.