U.S. PLANE WITH 51 **DOWN OFF CARACAS**

Wreckage of 707 Jetliner Out of New York Sighted ---'No Signs of Life'

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CARACAS, Venezuela, Friday, Dec. 13 - A Pan American jetliner carrying 51 persons on a flight here from New York crashed in the Caribbean last night on its approach to Maiquetía International Airport.

Venezuelan naval vessels and aircraft spotted the wreckage of the plane, a Boeing 707 on Flight 217, bobbing in the water some 10 miles from the airport runway.

The airport control tower and the port authority at the coastal city of La Guayra reported that "there are no signs of life" around the wreckage.

[A majority of the passengers were Venezuelan citizens, although two Cubans and several United States citizens were also believed to be aboard, The Associated Press reported.]

Radio Cut at 1,800 Feet

The plane, piloted by Capt Sidney E. Stillwaugh of West Islip, L. I., left Kennedy International Airport at 4:40 P.M., New York time. It was due in Caracas at 9:05.

Spokesmen at the airport here said they lost contact with the 707 when it was 18 miles from the airport and flying at an altitude of 1,800 feet. By 9:50 the plane was officially reported missing and a search was ordered.

Venezuelan vessels went out into calm seas and planes flew in clear skies looking for signs of wreckage. These were not found until some two hours later.

A Venezuelan National Guard officer stationed at the airport, Continued on Page 12, Column 1

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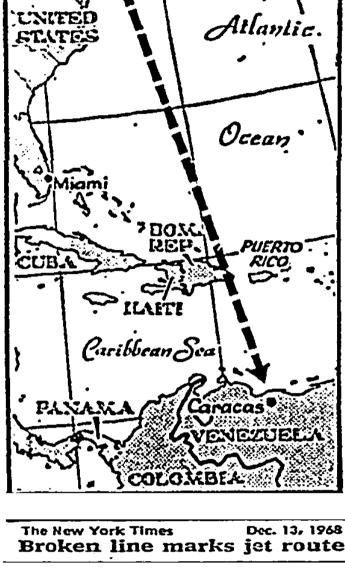
had seen a plane burst into flames and plunge into the sea. Among the passengers on the

flight was Mrs. Olga Antonetti 1963 who in Dugarte, Miss Venezuela. She had been with her traveling young daughter. Pan American officials said the plane was on its final ap-

proach to the airport when it fell. There were no radio messages that it was in trouble. The latest previous crash of a Pan American plane occurred last June 13 in Calcutta, India.

There were six fatalities among

cwYork Atlantic.



last night that the airline had not had a crash in Latin America for more than 15 years.

The Caracas plane, on a non-

spokesman for Pan Am said

the 63 persons on board.

stop flight, was about half full. Following is a list of those aboard the plane: Crew Members STILLWAUGH, Sidney, captain, of 137 Sequams Lane, West Islip,

N. J.
PEREZ, Alfred C.—Purser
AMBERY, M.—Stewardess BULLYARD, Francisca Stewardess CLAPLEN, Heidrun-Female purser

JOHNSON, Eva—Stewardess KANE, Katherine—Stewardess TITUS, Richard H., engineer.

CANELL, John. co-pilot. of Leonia,

BIGOTT, Luis CARECIA, M. CRUZ, Ricardo CURRA, Rafael DE DUGARTE, Olga Antonetti DE DUGARTE, (First name available)

Passengers

available) EUDEMISHELI, (First name available) GONZALEZ, Lui GRAHAM, Nelly Luis

EUDEMISHELI, (First name

DE LA TORRE, O. ENGELEAND, H. EUDEMISHELI, S.

LASKER, Bernardo

GRAY, Norberto GUTTMAN, P. HAYNES, Clemm JARCKE, J. KANTOR, J. KANTOR, (First name unavailable) KLEMIG, H. KORT, Sophia LARIVIERE, L.

MARTINEZ, J. MARTINEZ, Manuel MIERS. Gloria MOLINA, A. (No first name) MOLINA, MORRERO, Antor RODRIGUEZ, Ana

Antonio

LASKER, (first name unavailable)

Sebastian SALAZAR, SCHNIRER. Α. STANEK. SUMPTER, N. TOSCANO, Frank TOSCANO, Maria TOSCANO.

RODRIGUEZ. De Maris

TURDISI, Eugenio VANGAANS, WILSON, G. ZAMBRANO, Erno

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