

# 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,

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17 miles from the city, said he had seen a plane burst into flames and plunge into the sea.

Among the passengers on the flight was Mrs. Olga Antonetti Dugarte, who in 1963 was Miss Venezuela. She had been traveling with her young daughter.

Pan American officials said the plane was on its final approach 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



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Broken line marks jet route

the 63 persons on board. A spokesman for Pan Am said last night that the airline had not had a crash in Latin America for more than 15 years.

The Caracas plane, on a non-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, L. I.

CANELL, John, co-pilot, of Leonia, 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.

## Passengers

BIGOTT, Luis

CARECIA, M.

CRUZ, Ricardo

CURRA, Rafael

DE DUGARTE, Olga Antonetti

DE DUGARTE, (First name unavailable)

DE LA TORRE, O.

ENGELEAND, H.

EUDEMISHELI, S.

EUDEMISHELI, (First name unavailable)

EUDEMISHELI, (First name unavailable)

GONZALEZ, Luis

GRAHAM, Nelly

GRAY, Norberto

GUTTMAN, P.

HAYNES, Clemm

JARCKE, J.

KANTOR, J.

KANTOR, (First name unavailable)

KLEMIG, H.

KORT, Sophia

LARIVIERE, L.

LASKER, Bernardo

LASKER, (first name unavailable)

MARTINEZ, J.

MARTINEZ, Manuel

MIERS, Gloria

MOLINA, A.

MOLINA, (No first name)

MORRERO, Antonio

RODRIGUEZ, Ana

RODRIGUEZ, De Maris

SALAZAR, Sebastian

SCHNIRER, A.

STANEK, O.

SUMPTER, N.

TOSCANO, Frank

TOSCANO, Maria

TURDISI, Eugenio

VANGAANS, J.

WILSON, G.

ZAMBRANO, Erno

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