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ds - Juan Luis expressed thy and regrets Wednesday he commuter plane crash that l eight persons, including five Baptists on an evangelical

his is indeed a most difficult ad period for all of us in the in Jamaica n Islands," he said. "As mem- Luis als of this small community, I beis are touched by the sorrow you st feel and we share your grief." he Prinair (Puerto Rico Internaal Airlines) plane, bound for St. ts, lost power on takeoff and shed at Christiansted, St. Croix

Earthworm guashes all competition

United Press International RONTO — A s RONTO — A slippery ghbred named Nat showed ing speed - nearly fourof an inch a second — as he ared to the championship of the rat Richview Library Worm

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eorge's first prize was a book: w To Find Worms."

Sharon Geyee and Steven Sapaugh. Also killed were co-pilot William Pinero; Inez Bradley, a native of St. Kitts, and the Rev. Godfrey Tanessee, a Guyanese believed to reside

Luis also expressed best wishes for a speedy recovery to the surthe people of the Virgin Is- vivors who are hospitalized. He commended all who took part in the rescue efforts for their prompt response, including government de-

partments and agencies. In Washington an aide to Rep. Charles W. Stenhom, D-Texas, whose 17th Congressional District includes Abilene and Clyde where 12 of the passengers lived, said that the congressman was "deeply sad-

dened by this tragedy. Lois Aver, the aide, said he is working closely with the airlines to assist the survivors and the families of the victims

Aver said that Clyde, a town of 1,635, had experienced great sor-row. She said Stenholm was concerned over the "confusion and conflicting information as well as about te delay in receiving the names of the survivors." She said Stenholm himself finally telephoned the hospital in St. Croix.

Virgin Islands health commissioner Roy Schneider, in response to complaints, said health depart-ment officials "are not even supposed to deal with the press since the governor's disaster plan clearly prescribes that Government House will coordinate dissemination of vital information to the media.

Scneider said he recognized the importance of keeping the media, and through them the public, in-formed, but he added te primary function of medical personnel is "life enging." He said he intended to take saving." He said he intended to take up the matter of public communication with the governor. After the crash hospital personnel

were involved in caring for the survivors, three of whom were critically injured, and assisting Prinair in

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the crash. The British-made De Havilland Heron propeller aircraft of 1950s vintage smashed into the ground at 9:22 a.m. local time Tuesday. Aboard were 12 Texas evangelists

who had planned to devote 10 days Abilene. for Bible school and religious serv-

ices on the island of St. Kitts. Survivors said the craft flying them to an evangelical retreat took off normally but suddenly lost power and nose-dived to the ground.

"I couldn't figure out why the pilot slowed his engines before reaching his altitude," said Murlene Porter of the Great Baptist Church of Abilene, Texas, who was injured.

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knew he wash t. Isaac F. Spinosa, a service em-ployee at Alexander Hamilton air-port in St. Croix, said he watched the plane spin to the ground after its r.

"It was going around like a snake," he said. Mrs. Porter said in a radio inter-

view that she was pulled out of the twisted wreckage by 17-year-old Lisa Melton, daughter of the pastor of Elmcrest Baptist Church of

Survivors and witnesses said the plane plummeted to the earth nose first and rolled into the right wing, which was crushed under the fuselage. Rescuers reported most of the dead, including the co-pilot, were seated on the right side of the airplane

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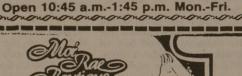
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