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Radiation from plane crash not feared

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SALT LAKE CITY — A cargo plane carrying 25 pounds of radioactive material and nearly a ton of explosives exploded in flight Sunday, killing the three crewmen and showing an uninhabited area west of Salt Lake City with debris.

The explosion scattered debris "for miles" over fields west of Salt Lake. No buildings or people on the ground were hit. Two truck drivers whose rigs were pelted by the debris described the explosion as a "meteor" and a "fireball."

Ralph Spencer, assistant chief of the control tower at the Salt Lake International Airport, said the pilot radioed he was having electrical problems just before the crash. The plane was flying through bad weather and was trying to get below the clouds for a visual emergency landing at the airport.

Transamerica spokesman Rick Slakoff in Oakland, Calif., identified the civilian crewmen as Capt. Marvin Dick, 46, Ogden, Utah; First Officer Harry Gardiner, 35, Layton, Utah, and flight engineer Jack Johnston, 54, Warner Robbins, Ga.

Air Force spokeswoman Delah Curry said the radioactive material aboard the plane, Thorium 232 — a substance often used to make watch dials glow in the dark — was actually part of a metal used to harden the case of the gearbox.

Blacks resent pawn role in hostage deal

United Press International
WASHINGTON — Vernon Jordan, leader of the National Urban League, said Monday that black Americans resent being used as pawns by the Ayatollah Khomeini in bargaining for release of American hostages.

Discovered during Kenyan study

1.5 million-year-old footprints found

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WASHINGTON — A scientific expedition in Kenya has scored "a paleo-anthropological hole-in-one" — the discovery of seven footprints believed to be the oldest made by a direct ancestor of man.

"We made our find purely by chance while we were digging in a geological trench," said Dr. Anna K. Behrensmeyer, co-leader of the expedition.

Will vote on increase of \$138 billion return

Senate likely to toughen windfall tax

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WASHINGTON — Preliminary moves indicate the Senate is more likely to toughen the pending windfall profits tax than to reduce it below the \$138 billion return voted by the Senate Finance Committee.

But senators who favor a weaker tax lost a vote Friday to cut the general windfall tax rate from 60 percent to 50 percent, and the 53-32 margin indicates considerable strength by those advocating a tougher windfall profits tax.

The House passed a tougher, \$277 billion bill last June.

Long told Bentsen the amendment was a good idea but did not belong on the windfall bill, and his strong opposition makes it doubtful amendments of that sort will be approved.

Release of captive answer to prayers

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EARLE, Ark. — The mother of one of the hostages released by Iran Monday her prayers had been answered.

Maples said she could not understand Ayatollah Khomeini's contention that other hostages at the Embassy were spies but that the blacks and women were not. The Maples family is black. Khomeini is allowing the release of blacks and women being held at the Embassy.

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Maples said her son told her that the first three days of his captivity (Society for the Amputation of the U.S. Embassy his hands were not treated him badly. Judging from the picture she had seen, Maples said her son looked as though he had been treated well.

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Setting world pepper record burns winning plumber up

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PAMPA — Ronnie Farmer had just consumed 100 red hot jalapeno peppers in less than 15 minutes and was trying to look no worse for the wear. But looking a bit weak and with his body shaking, he said "I'm burning up."

Farmer's feat was recorded for national television cameras and he was applauded by about 75 persons. It was his second attempt at breaking the world record. The unsuccessful previous attempt was made at Midland last March.

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