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Rare plane used as crop duster

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VANCOUVER, Wash. — The bright, red paint job on E.J. "Buzz" Gothard's biplane crop sprayer seems only natural — it was built in the Soviet Union. Gothard found the single-engine plane in New Delhi, India, two years ago and just finished a year's worth of restoration in time

to show off what friends call "Gothard's Goose" during a weekend air show at Evergreen Airport.

The huge, red and silver plane is the largest of its kind in the world and one of two such models flying in the West. It was built in 1966 from a design that had not changed since 1949.

DC-4 aircraft used in spraying

Medfly quarantine expanded

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California deployed World War II DC-4 cargo planes to spray the Mediterranean fruit fly Tuesday and expanded its produce quarantine zone to 3,000 square miles. Sen. S.I. Hayakawa, R-Calif., called for an even larger spraying campaign.

The Medfly eradication program also may be getting financial help soon now that a legislative committee designated \$28 million to the campaign.

Richard Steffen, a spokesman for the Medfly eradication team, said extensive spraying was set for early Tuesday using three of the huge DC-4s and 11 helicopters to keep up with new infestations.

The quarantine area now includes the northern portion of San Benito County and all of Santa Cruz County.

Hayakawa, a consistent critic of Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr. and state Medfly officials, immediately called the borderwide quarantine of the Redwood-shrouded coastal county "unjustified."

In an impromptu news conference in Sacramento, where he was taping a television interview, Hayakawa said there was no justification for quarantining all of Santa Cruz county but called on Brown to order an immediate aerial

pesticide attack on one-third of the state's agricultural regions.

"We must start tomorrow preventive aerial spraying of all agricultural areas north of Bakersfield to Sacramento," he said. "There can be no delay. The spraying must begin tomorrow."

The enlarged Medfly war zone — now 3,000 square miles, one-third of which is under orders to be sprayed — came in response to more discoveries of flies that have defied intensive spraying and moved into new territory along the central California coastal valleys and mountains.

A legislative committee added \$28 million to fight the Medfly Monday and sent the bill to the Assembly floor. The estimated cost of the Medfly battle so far is \$68 million.

The areas being sprayed extend from the west side of San Francisco Bay near Palo Alto south past Hollister and the Salinas Valley with two separate areas near Livermore and Fremont and an isolated section around Boulder Creek in Santa Cruz County.

The discovery of three fertile flies and one larva during the weekend outside previously sprayed areas were the first in the rich coastal region, which grows much of the nation's lettuce and fresh vegetables.

During the night Monday spraying was completed on a new area near Ben Lomond in Santa Cruz County and in an area farther north near Woodside in San Mateo County and a section of Santa Clara County, spokesman Dan Dickey reported.

Highway checkpoints were moved southward to the edges of the new quarantine area. Dickey said more checkpoints would be added.

Meanwhile, negotiations continued in Japan between U.S. and Japanese officials over importation of California fruit. Meetings during the weekend were inconclusive, but a source told UPI in Tokyo that Japan would probably agree to let in fruit from non-quarantined zones if U.S. officials could prove scientifically that no danger existed.

In Dallas a federal judge said he would give Texas and the U.S. Department of Agriculture time to negotiate a compromise on how large the California quarantine zone should be to stop the spread of the Medfly.

The decision by U.S. District Judge Patrick Higgins botham came a day before he was scheduled to rule in a suit by the state of Texas against the USDA demanding that the quarantine zone be increased.

Chapman gets 20 years in prison

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NEW YORK — Mark David Chapman, the self-proclaimed

"Catcher in the Rye," was in a heavily guarded solitary cell Tuesday, awaiting transfer to the state prison system where he will serve a minimum 20-year sentence for killing ex-Beatle John Lennon.

Chapman, 26, who pleaded guilty in June saying God had ordered him to confess, was kept under 24-hour guard after his sentencing Monday. He was held in

the same isolated Rikers Island cell where he has been since the Dec. 8 slaying — a lone inmate in a unit meant to hold up to 18 prisoners.

The one-time Beatles fan was to be transferred Tuesday to the Ossining Correctional Facility, a prison that serves as an entry point for all inmates beginning sentences in the state system.

Chapman clutched a copy of J.D. Salinger's novel "The Catcher in the Rye" throughout his sentencing in a state Supreme Court chamber in Manhattan packed with spectators, including a small band of Lennon fans. Chapman read a passage from the novel as his "final spoken words."

Chapman — who was carrying a copy of the book when he was arrested for Lennon's shooting — has said the key to the killing of the rock idol can be found in the novel, an account of a young man's troubled adolescence.

"I keep picturing all these little kids playing some game in this big field of rye and all," Chapman read. "Thousands of little kids, and nobody's around — nobody big, I mean — except me."

"And I'm standing on the edge on some crazy cliff. What I have to do, I have to catch everybody if they start to go over the cliff — I mean if they're running and they don't look where they're going, I have to come out from somewhere and catch them. That's all I'd do all day. I'd just be the catcher in the rye."

The words echoed in the quiet courtroom.

"John, John," a young woman murmured, weeping softly.

Before the sentencing, psychiatrist Daniel Schwartz, called in an effort to prove the defense contention that Chapman is insane and therefore not responsible for the slaying, testified he believed he was the ruler of a king-

dom of "little people" and could destroy them at will.

Schwartz also said Chapman, who had no real control over his actions, actually became Lennon in his own mind, and decided to destroy the real Lennon because he was "evil" and "a phony."

Assistant District Attorney Allen Sullivan, disputing the defense contention of insanity, said Chapman was a publicity-seeking opportunist who killed Lennon to gain fame.

Justice Dennis Edwards, calling the killing a "knowing, voluntary act," said, "There is no doubt in the court's mind that he is accountable, responsible."

He also said Chapman would "benefit" from psychiatric treatment.

Flanked by armed guards, Chapman remained impassive as Edwards ordered him to serve 20 years to life in prison.

Convict asks for death by gas chamber

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RIVERSIDE, Calif. — A convicted murderer who still maintains his innocence has been sentenced to die in the gas chamber — at his request.

"I cannot show remorse for the crimes charged in this case because I am innocent and have already testified to that fact," Michael Ray Burgener said in a statement read to the jury Monday by his attorney.

"I ask you to impose the death

penalty so the remaining years of my life, whether short or long, may be spent with some dignity on death row rather than warehoused in the general population of a maximum security prison."

Burgener, 31, convicted earlier this month of murdering a convenience store clerk during a \$50 robbery last October, also asked his attorney not to let his parents testify as character witnesses in his penalty-phase trial.

"I do not wish to beg for my

life," he explained to the jury. "I cannot ask anyone else to beg for my life."

State prison officials said Burgener, who has been convicted of six previous felonies including the attempted murder of a pawn-shop employee and battery on two San Quentin Prison guards, has been a target of prison gang violence in the past. He was once transferred for his safety in federal penitentiaries in other states.

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