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No signs of more survivors in JAL wreckage

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MT. OSUDAKA, Japan — Rescuers who saw a hand move in the wreckage of a JAL plane Tuesday found four people alive, apparently the only survivors from a jumbo jet that crashed on this remote mountain with 524 people aboard. It was the world's worst single-plane air disaster.

Part of the vertical tail fin of the Boeing 747SR was found 90 miles away, along a route the plane followed before veering off course. Investigators said that might explain why the pilot lost control of the Japan Air Lines jet, which crashed Monday shortly after takeoff.

Searchers told reporters at the

densely wooded crash site there were no further signs of survivors from Flight 123, a summer holiday-season run from Tokyo to Osaka. Its crew reported shortly before the crash that a rear door was broken and they could not control the plane.

The survivors were a mother and daughter, another young girl and an off-duty stewardess. Rescuers said debris had shielded them after the crash.

Among the passengers were 21 foreigners, including six Americans.

The large piece of tail fin was found at sea, about 90 miles southeast of the crash site along the path the jumbo jet followed before veering sharply north.

A pilot cannot control lateral direction without the vertical rudder, but can control altitude by varying engine thrust, said Ryo Saji, another JAL spokesman.

Leaders of the search party said they still had not found the in-flight voice recorder, which might provide some clues to the crash.

There was no immediate explanation why the rudder piece had fallen into the sea. Aviation specialist Kunio Yanagida told Kyodo News Service the broken door might have popped out and snapped off part of the tail fin.

Some of the 2,000 rescuers at the crash site were lowered from helicopters. Others climbed for four

hours through a forest to reach the ridge on 5,377-foot Mt. Osudaka where the crashing plane left an L-shaped swath of destruction.

"Some of the search teams saw a hand moving in the debris," said Tokuo Kurosawa, a volunteer from nearby Uenomura, about 70 miles northwest of Tokyo.

Shinji Watarai, general manager of public relations for JAL, told a news conference the four survivors "were found inside the body of the plane. They were seriously wounded and could not move by themselves."

He said they were in the 54th of the plane's 60 rows.

The survivors were taken by military helicopter to the hospital in the

nearby town of Fujioka. Television pictures showed two of them on stretchers, dirty, battered and bandaged.

They were identified as Mrs. Hiroko Yoshizaki, 35; her daughter, Mikiko, 8; Keiko Kawakami, 12, and Yumi Ochiai, 26, the off-duty stewardess.

Rescuers said they found about 50 bodies, most of which had not been identified.

The 21 foreigners on the passenger list were six Americans, two West Germans, two Italians, one Briton, two people believed to be Indian and four believed to be Chinese residents of Hong Kong, JAL spokesman Geoffrey Tudor said.

The Americans listed were Edward Anderson, 47, of Englewood, Colo., and Michael Hanson, 40, of Aurora, Colo., both employed by Stearns Catalytic Co. of Denver; Ward Wallach, 26, a student from the Los Angeles area, and three members of a family named Kim — Mrs. Okja Kim and two males, Christopher and Scott, whose home addresses were not given.

Watari said there was no indication from the pilots of an explosion before the crash, but the airline has tightened security procedures.

Kyodo, the news agency, quoted police as saying two callers identifying themselves as "radicals" claimed to have blown up the plane.

Arsonists set Mandela's home on fire

Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — Arsonists set fire Tuesday to the home of Winnie Mandela, wife of South Africa's imprisoned black leader, and she accused security police of setting the blaze.

Mandela said the country's white government has "declared war on the oppressed people of this country."

"It is the local security (police) branch sent by their bosses," Mandela told reporters as she inspected the charred remains of her possessions at the gutted house in the black township of Brandfort.

"What they are trying to destroy is a symbol of resistance," the wife of Nelson Mandela said. He is leader of the outlawed African National Congress and since 1964 has been serving a life term on convictions of plotting sabotage.

Mandela was in Johannesburg when the fire broke out. Police blamed the fire, which gutted her home and an adjoining clinic, on "unknown arsonists."

Elsewhere in South Africa, police reported renewed violence in a half dozen black townships and six more people killed. According to figures compiled by the South African Institute of Race Relations, 604 people have been killed in nearly a year of racial violence.

Speculation that the government plans concessions to the black majority were dampened when Cabinet minister Gerrit Viljoen was quoted as saying there was no question of allowing the nation's 24 million blacks to have joint political representation with whites.

Cooperation and Education Minister Gerrit Viljoen told an evening meeting that under coming political reforms "the white will exchange his former position of dominance and only decision-maker for one of partner."

But, he added, laws would protect white "residential areas, schools and politics."

President P.W. Botha is to address the governing National Party congress on Thursday. The state-controlled radio quoted Viljoen as ruling out a common voters' roll and saying segregation of schools and housing will continue. Viljoen is minister of cooperation and education.

The fire at Mandela's home destroyed virtually everything in the gutted buildings.

The attack came a week after police raided Mandela's home in pursuit, they said, of rock-throwing demonstrators. Mandela's lawyers kept her at an undisclosed address in the Johannesburg area after the Aug. 6 raid, saying they feared for her life if she returned to Brandfort.

Mandela, herself a prominent national figure, has lived in Brandfort since 1977 under a state order banning her there.

Visiting U.S. Rep. Stephen Solarz reported after meeting Botha this week that the South African president compared the jailing of Mandela with that of Nazi war criminal Rudolph Hess, still held in Spandau prison in Berlin.



Fish Out of Water

These 1985-86 freshmen are about to get their feet wet at Texas A&M's Fish Camp, the largest freshman orientation in the country. This is one of

20 buses that carried 650 freshmen from Kyle Field's parking lot to camp at Lakeview Methodist Assembly in Palestine Tuesday.

Photo by Scott Sutherland

Gas prices expected to fall as much as 10 cents

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Consumers can expect to pay at least a nickel and maybe as much as a dime a gallon less for gasoline by Christmas as a surge of imports forces U.S. refiners to reduce profit margins and cut wholesale prices.

Both government and private economists agree that gasoline imports are having more of an effect

on reducing the price motorists pay at the pump than OPEC's inability to halt a continuing gradual erosion in crude oil prices.

The Energy Information Administration, a statistical and analytical arm of the Energy Department, predicts in its latest "Short-Term Outlook" published this week that retail gasoline prices will fall from an average \$1.22 a gallon in June to \$1.13

by the first quarter of 1986.

Wholesale prices already have dropped a nickel a gallon in the last month. And the lower prices that first began appearing in the Northeast, the Gulf Coast and West Coast markets are beginning to make their way inland, according to private analysts.

Normally, residential heating oil prices could be expected to begin ris-

ing this month as homeowners fill their tanks for the winter. But even that is not occurring this year.

The EIA says consumers this fall can expect to pay about 3 cents per gallon less, or \$1.02, for home heating oil than they did a year ago.

The savings on gasoline and home heating oil may be offset by higher prices for electricity. The EIA predicts residential electric rates will in-

crease an average 4 percent for all of 1985 and another 4 percent next year — to an average \$8.33 per 1,000 kilowatt hours.

Natural gas, the other primary fuel for keeping homes warm in winter, is expected to cost slightly less than it did during the coldest months last season.

Death certificate changed

Just 24 years later ...

Associated Press

AUSTIN — A judge ruled Tuesday that an Agriculture Department official whose death 24 years ago was linked to former President Lyndon Johnson by a convicted swindler was the victim of murder, not suicide.

State District Judge Peter Lowry said it was "clear and convincing" that the 1961 gunshot death of Henry Marshall was not self-inflicted and ordered Marshall's death certificate changed.

At the time of his death, Marshall was investigating Billie Sol Estes, a flamboyant West Texan who claimed close ties to Lyndon B. Johnson. Estes eventually was con-

victed of fraud over a non-existent fertilizer business.

Marshall's body had been hit five times with shells from a bolt-action rifle, but local authorities had called the death a suicide.

Marshall's widow, Sybil Marshall, who had tears welling in her eyes, was unable to comment after the verdict, which followed a day-and-half hearing.

Assistant Texas Attorney General Lou Bright unsuccessfully argued that there wasn't any new evidence to justify changing the cause of death.

Marshall died in a central Texas cotton field in 1961. A local justice of peace ruled suicide. There were five

.22-caliber rifle wounds in his side, a cut on his head and a 15 percent concentration of carbon monoxide in his lungs.

Phil Paschall, former Robertson County district and county attorney, testified Tuesday that he presented the 1961 death to a 1984 grand jury because he had heard "rumors" it wasn't suicide.

Former Texas Ranger Capt. Clint Peoples, who investigated the 1961 slaying, said Monday there was no question that Marshall was murdered. He said there was evidence of "a terrific struggle" at the death scene.

Speaker's aide quits

Associated Press

AUSTIN — House Speaker Gib Lewis accepted the resignation Tuesday of his executive assistant, former Rep. Neal T. "Buddy" Jones.

Lewis said Rep. Gordon "Doc"

Arnold Jr., D-Terrell, would replace Jones, who will practice law in Austin.

A special election will be called to choose Arnold's successor in the Legislature, Lewis said.

Arnold, 35, is a 1971 graduate of Baylor University.

Officials appointed

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Gov. Mark White on Tuesday reappointed former White House press secretary George Christian, who now is an Austin political consultant, to the Texas Historical Commission.

Lunelle Anderson of San Marcos, assistant to the president of

Southwest Texas State University, was appointed to the commission, and Virginia Long of Kilgore was reappointed.

Anderson, 63, is replacing Woodrow Glasscock Jr., Hondo, whose term expired.

The three new terms extend to Jan. 1, 1991.