



SISTERS REUNITED in Birmingham after narrowly escapes airline disaster in the Pacific ocean. Mrs. Lucille Hine (left) and her sister Katharine Araki, Pan American stewardess have a brief family meeting last week.

Sea Rescue Told in B'ham By Stewardess

By JACK KEHOE

"The point of no return," a calculated point over the far stretches of the Pacific Ocean between the Hawaiian Islands and the west coast of United States. It is a point that even seasoned trans-oceanic pilots have brief quills of fear as they approach.

Pan American's Stratacruser, "Sovereign of the Sky" winging its way eastward on October 16, the plane had just passed the point when the passengers were abruptly awakened from their sleep by a sudden and loud noise.

KATHERINE ARAKI, who was one of the two stewardesses on that flight, explained in Birmingham last week, "we were all surprised and felt the plane losing altitude."

The rest of the heroic story has been splashed across the headlines on how the passengers and crew of the downed airliner were rescued from the ocean.

The very pretty Hawaiian-born stewardess related her personal story while visiting a sister, Mrs. Lucille Hine who is employed at Macbus Fastry Shop, 160 W. Maple, Birmingham.

For four and a half hours after the initial shock of the runaway engine, the crew started the efficient procedure of preparing the passengers for ditching.

PLANE COMMANDER, Richard Ogg, informed the passengers via the PA system about the plane's condition. He spoke quietly, declaring they would circle back to the Pontchartrain, a coast guard weather ship.

When questioned on what she thought about during this time, Katherine replied, "we were really too busy to think of anything, the 24 passengers were issued life jackets, shoes and sharp obstacles were removed and baggage dropped to the lower lounge."

"Many people went back to sleep, some smoked, others quietly talked."

Another engine had given trouble, so the plane was now flying at three thousand feet on the remaining two motors.

AS THE MINUTES were called out for the gradual descent and the long awaited ditching, everyone prepared themselves for the shock by tightly strapping their seat belts and grasping a pillow. Then Kathleen softly said, "Each of us prayed in his own way."

The slim stewardess continued, "the first touch on the sea was

fairly smooth, like a boat going through the water but the next hit was a thunderous boom accompanied by a loud crunching of metal.

Rubber life rafts were inflated and the passengers quickly slipped in. Some passengers who had saved their cameras stood on the wing and started to take pictures.

THE HAPPY ENDING to an otherwise likely disaster ended when the ship arrived in San Francisco on Friday. What was the first thing the young dark-haired girl did? Get on another Pan American plane in the afternoon and fly back to Hawaii and assure her family she was all right.

The one good thing that came out of this, Kathleen mentioned was a ship rescuing the airline gaver her. She is now on her way to join her husband in Rhode Island where he is training as an officer candidate for the Navy.

"QUIT FLYING," I won't be doing that for some time yet, Mrs. Araki declared firmly.

Story Hour Set

Saturday story hour features "No Room" by Rose Dobbs, and "Rumpelstiltskin" to be told by Mrs. Kathleen Burgess from 10:30 to 11 a.m. at Baldwin public library. Stories are destined for kindergarten through sixth grade children.



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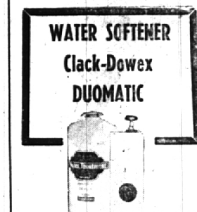
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Liggett School May Have Branch In Birmingham

Alumnae of Detroit's Liggett school are enthusiastic about the possibility of a branch school in the Birmingham area.

Katharine Ogden, headmistress of the school, stated Tuesday that the alumnae group is working hard to push the idea and is also looking for property in the Birmingham area. She thought Birmingham would be the site rather than Bloomfield Hills, since reports are that Bloomfield Hills has no available tax-exempt property for such a building.

Plans are in the preliminary stages and in the very near future a committee will be set up to handle details.

The Headmistress also remarked that the trustees have given their approval and support.

There's to be an Alumnae tea dance Saturday at the Grosse Pointe Hunt club, with part of the proceeds going to the building fund.

Mrs. Thomas (Nancy Burgess) Torgeron of Woodland avenue, Birmingham, daughter of the M. J. Burgesses of Country club drive, Bloomfield Hills, is chairman of the Liggett Alumnae.

Local Men Head American Motors

George Romney, Vaughan, Bloomfield Hills, president of American Motors Corporation, today announced realignment of the company's autonomous divisions, election of two new executive vice presidents and appointment of an automotive policy committee.

Under the realignment, the company will have three separate divisions, instead of four as in the past. These will be automotive, appliance and special products. The fourth division, export and subsidiaries, will be absorbed into the appropriate product operation.

B. A. Chapman, 19320 Riverside, Southfield township, vice president of operations, will become executive vice president and general

manager of the appliance division.

E. W. BERNITT, 2840 Amberly, Bloomfield township, vice president of manufacturing and procurement, automotive division, becomes vice president for operations for that division. Richard T. Purdy, 225 Wellesley, Birmingham, vice president and manager of the automotive export division, becomes vice president of finance, and treasurer.

Through the automotive policy committee the chief executives of the automotive division will formulate basic automotive policies, Romney said. In addition to Chapman, Bernitt and Romney, who will serve as chairman, the committee will include Roy Abernethy, 1060 Stratford, Bloomfield Hills, vice president of automotive marketing and distribution, who is responsible for the sale of Nash, Hudson, Rambler and Metropolitan cars.

Thursday. The seminar will be held at the Engineering Society building in Detroit.

Bychinsky will discuss the philosophy and practices behind organization changes occurring at Chrysler Corporation.

Sadler will discuss the somewhat informal approach to organization planning of the J. I. Hudson company, which is at present involved in an extensive program of expansion and organization changes.

Smith Sentenced

Raymond Smith, 19, of Drayton Plains, was recently sentenced in Oakland county circuit court to 18 months to four years in Jackson prison for violation of probation.

Birmingham police said Smith was originally charged with larceny from a building after he and several companions were observed taking beer and other articles from Cummingham's drug store, Maple and Woodward.

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