



"IT WAS UPSIDE DOWN" . . . Using a toy plane to demonstrate, James V. Trospser, 2421 W. 178th St., tells his son, Jimmy, about the plane crash in Seattle, Wash., in which he played a hero's role. A crew member, Trospser's quick action is credited with saving passengers from possible death or injury as the plane overturned as it landed last weekend.

Exams Problem Of Crash Hero

After some quick thinking that may have saved the lives of 50 passengers in a plane crash near Seattle, Wash., Saturday night, a Torrance man was trying to do some fast boning-up for another problem — his final exams at El Camino College.

James V. Trospser, 26, returned to his home at 2421 W. 178th St., Monday night after being acclaimed as the hero of a plane crash at Sand Point Naval Air Station. Trospser was a crew member of a Naval transport which, in landing, lost a wing and flipped over.

Action Praised
His superiors praised Trospser's quick thinking in ordering the passengers to fasten their seat belts tightly, take off their glasses, remove their ties and cover their faces as safety precautions. Since the plane was upside down as it skidded to a halt, all the passengers were tightly strapped to their seats — also upside down. Although there were a few bruises and sprains, no one was seriously hurt.

Trospser, who was not strapped down at the time of the crash, was thrown about the plane and received some bruises and cuts on his forehead and scalp. A patch of his blond hair is shaved off to allow for treatment of the lacerations. However, he declares that he feels fine.

Naval Reservist
A Naval Reservist at Los Alamitos, Trospser is a veteran of six years in the Navy. He now is studying engineering at El Camino College during the day and is employed at North American Aircraft Co. from 4:30 to 1 in the evenings.

One weekend a month, he spends on active duty with the Reserves. Trospser said he had hoped to get a little time to study for his final exams at El Camino after training hours at Los Alamitos last weekend, but instead was assigned to a flight which was ferrying some Seattle reservists back to their homes.

He was delayed in getting back to Torrance after the crash and missed one final exam in algebra Monday and took an English exam for which he was not well-prepared on Tuesday afternoon. He was hopeful that he could pull through despite the excitement and trouble which had wiped out his study time.

Wife Unaware
Trospser's wife was not aware of the crash until her husband called her three hours afterward. She was not even aware that her husband was going to Seattle on the flight, since he had not known about it be-

fore he went to the weekend drill.

Despite the close brush with death, Trospser plans to keep right on flying.

"I figure that when my number's up, it'll come up," he said. "I figure it'll come up whether I'm in the air, on the ground, or in my living room."

Plenty Scared
Although he was plenty scared, Trospser said that the Saturday crash didn't frighten him nearly as much as another close call he had in an airplane several years ago.

"I don't know why, because the other one wasn't nearly as close," he declared.

Trospser related the details of the crash as follows:

Icy runways at the Sand Point Station made the landing difficult. The plane made two approaches and actually landed once and took off again before it came in for the fourth time. It was snowing at the time.

Aided Passengers
Well aware of the dangers of a crash, Trospser ordered the passengers to fasten their seat belts, take off their glasses to prevent cuts, take off ties to prevent possible choking, and to cover their faces both to prevent injuries and to keep the men from panicking.

This time, as the plane was rolling in, one of the wings broke off and the plane flipped over and skidded in upside down. Trospser recalls hearing a tremendous ripping sound as the wing came loose and a sheet of flame shot past the window. He then recalls bouncing around the plane and the next thing he knew the plane had stopped and all the passengers were suspended from the ceiling.

He opened the emergency



NHS PRESIDENTS . . . Talking over plans for the next semester are the new school officers, elected last week. Shown are Presidents Mike Luongo, student body; Sandy Ford, seniors; Jim Warnemuende, juniors; Joann Miller, sophomores; Mitzi Yoshioka, freshmen; and June Nakawatase, Girls' League. Not shown is Ken Knott, Boys' League president.

Two Nabbed As Suspects In Burglary

Although Joseph Santich, 18, 25318 Feijoa St., Lomita, apparently died of an overdose of narcotics, according to coroner's officials, no word was available yesterday on the exact cause of the youth's death last Friday.

Two companions, picked up by sheriff's deputies this week, admitted that they and Santich last week had participated in the burglary of a Bakersfield drug store in which \$2500 worth of narcotics were taken.

Two men—Alfonso Hernandez, 24, and Rudy Rodriguez Lujan, 24, both of San Pedro—were taken into custody and Det. Sgt. Tony Sully said that a third suspect still was being sought. They admitted the burglary, he said.

Santich complained of not feeling well Friday afternoon and was taken to Harbor General Hospital, where he was pronounced dead on arrival, a victim of what sheriff's narcotics squad members said was apparently an overdose of narcotics.

Two More Named for West Point

Two more Riviera students have been named as alternate appointments to West Point, it was announced yesterday in Washington, D. C., by Congressman Cecil King.

Named alternates to a Westchester appointment were Lawrence R. Stackhouse, 675 Calle Miramar, and Robert G. Boss, 101 Via El Chico.

Other appointments from this area were announced in the Sunday HERALD.

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James, 22 months, Monday night.

"You never stop to think how much they mean until something like this happens," he said.

The Trospers have lived in Torrance for about 18 months. Mrs. Trospser works at International Airport, while he goes to school days and works nights. They alternate in caring for their son. Mrs. Trospser will start staying home as they are expecting another addition to the family in June.

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