

Dakota crash - 23 killed

At 1.20 in the afternoon 23 people left Nice for Paris. They flew in a Dakota aircraft. At 3 o'clock, in the gaunt wastes of the French Alps, these 23 passengers were dead in yet another crash involving the ill-fated Dakotas. Ski troops and police searched many hours for passengers and crew. No hope of life remained. The driving snow had buried every trace.

With sticks and rods the search continued. Somewhere - beneath this white expanse are the bodies of the 23.

An air journey begun at Nice has ended in Death. Thirteen bodies have been recovered. The search for the others goes on. Since January - in 18 major air crashes - 100 human lives have been lost in Europe alone. A world, increasingly air-minded, demands full explanation.