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FLAMING PLANE HITS HOUSES

Death struck in the early morning on houses fringing Chicago's Midway Airport. A freight plane, one engine on fire, failed to clear the roofs as it tried to return to the airfield. Eleven people were killed (including three of the crew), thirteen injured. The crash was at five-thirty. In the houses everybody was asleep. Among the killed were a five-month-old baby and two teenagers.

Charred wreckage lay scattered about, sad evidence of tragedy that swooped without warning on families asleep in their beds.