

3.44 PM. SECURITY STERLING
SECURITY STERLING IS QUOTED AT 2.81 3-8 - 9-16

3.45 PM. CAMPBELL CRASHES IN BLUEBIRD
BONNEVILLE SALT FLATS, UTAH, FRIDAY. DONALD CAMPBELL WAS
CRITICALLY INJURED AND HIS RACING CAR BLUEBIRD COMPLETELY
DEMOLISHED TODAY AS HIS CAR BEGAN THE SECOND TRIAL RUN OF THE DAY.

3.46 PM. U.N. CONGO DEBATE.
UNITED NATIONS, NEW YORK, FRIDAY. THE SECURITY COUNCIL
RESUMED DEBATE ON THE CONGO CRISIS TODAY.

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3.51 PM. ADD CAMPBELL CRASHES IN BLUEBIRD BONNEVILLE, SALT FLATS, UTAH, FRIDAY.

CAMPBELL WAS RUSHED TO A HOSPITAL, 80 MILES FROM THE FLATS, IN AN AMBULANCE WITH POLICE ESCORT WITH OPEN SIRENS.

WHEN REMOVED FROM THE CAR CAMPBELL HAD A SEVERE GASH OVER THE LEFT EYE AND HIS EYES WERE UNCO-ORDINATED. HE COULD NOT REPLY TO QUESTIONS BY POLICEMEN AND OFFICIALS.

HIS WIFE TONIA WAS AT THE SCENE AND RODE TO HOSPITAL BY HIS SIDE IN THE AMBULANCE.

A SERIES OF MINOR FAULTS IN BLUEBIRD PREVENTED CAMPBELL FROM MAKING HIS TRIAL RUNS IN THE PAST FEW DAYS PREPARATORY TO HIS ATTEMPT ON JOHN GOBB'S 13-YEAR-OLD WORLD LAND SPEED RECORD OF 394,196 MILES AN HOUR.

CAMPBELL ALREADY HOLDS THE WORLD WATER SPEED RECORD.

TODAY BLUEBIRD HAD MADE A RUN OF 300 MPH DOWN THE 10-MILE COURSE AND 34 MINUTES LATER HEADED BACK TOWARDS THE STARTING POINT. IT HAD GONE ABOUT THREE MILES WHEN IT WENT INTO A MASSIVE SPIN IN POWDERY SALT.

THE CAR FLIPPED THREE TIMES, TRAVELLED ABOUT A QUARTER OF A MILE, THEN RIGHTED ITSELF. BUT IT HAD LOST TWO WHEELS AND THE BODY WAS COMPLETELY CRUMPLED.

TOMMY WISDOM, OF THE BLUEBIRD CREW, SAID ; "IT'S ALL OVER. THE CAR'S GONE."

AFTER TWO TRIAL RUNS YESTERDAY, IN WHICH HE REACHED SPEEDS OF 165 AND 250 MILES AN HOUR, CAMPBELL REPORTED THAT BLUEBIRD HAD PERFORMED PERFECTLY.

THE STEERING, WHICH CAUSED CONCERN ON THE FIRST RUN ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO, HAD ALSO OPERATED PERFECTLY.

4.16 PM. CAMPBELL'S BLUEBIRD CRASH

NEWS THAT DONALD CAMPBELL WAS TODAY CRITICALLY INJURED AND HIS £1 MILLION "BLUEBIRD" DEMOLISHED IN TRIALS FOR HIS ATTEMPT ON THE LAND-SPEED RECORD, SEEMS TO WRECK FIVE YEARS OF WORK, AND THE HOPES OF BRITISH MANUFACTURERS WHO HAVE COMBINED THEIR RESOURCES IN THIS VENTURE, WRITES EXTEL MOTING CORRESPONDENT.

CAMPBELL (39), HOLDER OF THE WORLD WATER SPEED RECORD, HAD NEVER BEFORE DRIVEN A RACING CAR UNTIL HE SAT BEHIND THE BLUEBIRD CONTROLS. AND UNTIL TODAY THE CAR HAD NEVER TRAVELLED AT MORE THAN 250 MPH, ALTHOUGH DESIGNED FOR 400 MPH PLUS.

BEFORE GOING TO BONNEVILLE SALT FLATS AND STARTING TRIALS, THE ONLY TIME THE CAR HAD MOVED UNDER ITS OWN POWER WAS AT GOODWOOD RACE TRACK IN JULY, WHEN CAMPBELL TOOK IT GINGERLY ROUND THE CIRCUIT AT ONLY A FEW MILES AN HOUR.

ONE OF THE SNAGS THEN WAS THAT EXCESSIVE HEAT GENERATED BY THE TURBINE ENGINE BLISTERED THE TAIL PAINTWORK AND UPSET THE AERODYNAMICS.

4.20 PM. ADD CAMPBELL CRASHES IN BLUEBIRD
BONNEVILLE, FRIDAY.

CREW MEMBERS LIFTED CAMPBELL FROM THE COCKPIT. HE APPARENTLY HAD BEEN ABLE TO OPEN THE COCKPIT CANOPY HIMSELF, SINCE IT WAS OPEN WHEN THE AMBULANCE ARRIVED.

A FIRE TRUCK SPRAYED THE ENTIRE MACHINE. FUEL RAN FROM IT STEADILY FOR THREE MINUTES AFTER THE ACCIDENT BUT IT DID NOT CATCH FIRE.

A QUICK EXAMINATION OF THE TWO WHEELS WHICH CAME OFF THE CAR INDICATED THAT THE TYRES HAD NOT BLOWN.

BOTH WHEELS CAME OFF ON THE SAME SIDE-- TO THE LEFT OF CAMPBELL AS HE SAT IN THE COCKPIT.

FROM THE TIMING STATION AT THE MIDDLE OF THE MEASURED MILE, AND THREE MILES FROM THE CRASH, IT APPEARED THAT THE CAR WENT INTO A FLAT SPIN, TURNING END FOR END WITH ALL FOUR WHEELS ON THE GROUND, AND THEN FLIPPED OVER, WITH THE TAIL RISING, AND EVENTUALLY LANDED RIGHT SIDE UP.

4.33 PM. ADD CAMPBELL CRASHES IN BLUEBIRD
BONNEVILLE, FRIDAY.

AT TOOELE COUNTY HOSPITAL DOCTORS
WERE STANDING BY AND THE EMERGENCY OPERATING ROOM WAS
MADE READY.

A STATE POLICEMAN AT TOOELE TOLD REUTERS BY TELEPHONE THAT
HE HAD A RADIO REPORT FROM THE POLICE ESCORT WHICH HE
UNDERSTOOD TO SAY THAT MR. CAMPBELL WAS NOT INJURED EXTREMELY
SERIOUSLY.

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4.41 PM. ADD CAMPBELL'S BLUEBIRD CRASH.

SIXTY-EIGHT BRITISH CAR AND ACCESSORY MANUFACTURERS POOLED THEIR RESOURCES TO BUILD BLUEBIRD AND THE DESIGN STAGE TOOK FIVE YEARS.

THE ENGINE, A BRISTOL PROTEUS GAS TURBINE, DEVELOPING OVER 4,000 HP, IS SIMILAR TO THAT OF A BRITANNIA AIR LINER.

SQUADRON LEADER PETER CARR AND SQUADRON LEADER NEVILLE DUKE, BOTH HIGH SPEED SPECIALISTS IN THE AIR, WERE SELECTED AS RESERVE DRIVERS IN CASE OF CAMPBELL'S ILLNESS OR DEATH.

AT CAMPBELL'S LONDON HEADQUARTERS TODAY OFFICIAL NEWS HAD BEEN RECEIVED OF THE CRASH AND DAMAGE TO BLUEBIRD.

ALL A SPOKESMAN COULD SAY WAS "IT DEPENDS ON HOW BADLY SMASHED THE CAR IS AND HOW LONG REPAIRS WILL TAKE IF IT IS TO BE DRIVEN BY A RESERVE DRIVER."