

Three State Airplane Charter Firms Charged With Federal Act Violations

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Three Wisconsin airplane charter services—including one which has flown the University of Wisconsin

football team and the Milwaukee Bucks basketball team—were charged Wednesday with violation of the Federal Aviation Act.

Richards Aircraft, Inc., Oklahoma City, Okla., crashed in the Rocky Mountains Oct. 2, claiming 29 lives in all.

three weeks ago, and everything checked out," Aspinwall said. "I asked him to doublecheck."

Commentator Answers VP

NEW YORK (AP) — Eric Sevareid, the CBS commentator, says he and his fellows receive the fullest exposure by the nature of their work—but that the same cannot be said for the people who write speeches for Vice President Spiro T. Agnew.

The firms named in the federal complaint are Business Aircraft, Inc., Green Bay; G. C. Landry, doing business as Beechcraft Sales and Charter, East Troy, and Basler Flight Service, Inc., Oshkosh, which was used by the Wisconsin football team to fly to the Iowa game two weeks ago.

The University of Wisconsin has been assured the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) had approved the Basler firm, Bill Aspinwall, assistant to Athletic Director Elroy Hirsch, said Wednesday night.

Aspinwall said he called Basler to check final plans for this week's flight—on the same DC6 used for the flight to Iowa City.

Basler declined to comment on the complaint. Other officials could not be reached.

The Vice President declared Tuesday he would like to see news commentators quizzed on their view of current events by public officials in a televised panel

They have acted in concert, the complaint said, with the firm which owned a plane that crashed this month, killing 13 Wichita State football players.

"I talked to Warren Basler (president of Basler) today," said Aspinwall, who said Wisconsin has hired the firm for the flight to Bloomington for Saturday's Indiana game. "He assured me the FAA had approved his planes in all respects."

The federal complaint said, among other things, the three Wisconsin firms and Jack Richards Aircraft, Inc., did not hold at the time of the violations, a commercial operator operating certificate which would authorize them to fly a large aircraft for compensation or hire in air commerce.

The plane, owned by Jack

"He said the FAA had checked over all his planes

California Slayers Left Bizarre Note

SANTA CRUZ, Calif. (AP) — A bizarre declaration of war note left at a home where five persons were slain threatens death to anyone who "misuses the natural environment."

note indicated the five were slain by cultists.

The typewritten note, signed with the names of the four knights on fortune-telling tarot cards, said future killings would be carried out by the "People of the Free Universe."

The note was found under the windshield wiper of Ohta's red Rolls Royce after the bodies of Ohta, his wife, two sons and secretary were discovered in a swimming pool at the family's \$250,000 hilltop home Monday night, Tara said.

Disclosing the note Wednesday two days after the slaying of wealthy eye surgeon Dr. Victor M. Ohta and four others, Undersheriff Paul W. Tara urged the community—100 miles south of San Francisco—to remain calm.

Until the note was made public, police had said they knew no motive for the slayings. They were trying to find two young men and a girl reported seen near another of the Ohtas' cars—a station wagon—before it was found abandoned on a railroad track.

"We have to keep our cool. We are fighting a war and we might as well face it," Tara said.

He added: "We recognize the shock this senseless act has brought to our citizenry. We trust that the sober judgment of our residents will prevail over any emotional reaction.

Other violations listed in the complaint included repeated operation of an aircraft which had not been inspected and approved for service within a year and the take-off of a plane without minimum prescribed weather conditions.

Three planes identified in the complaint as registered in the name of Business Aircraft would be seized by a federal marshal, said David J. Cannon, U.S. attorney. It asked the court to condemn the aircraft and order them sold to satisfy liens totaling \$14,000.

The complaint said the defendant became subject to liens because of civil penalties arising out of the alleged violations in which the aircraft were involved.

The three firms are subject to civil penalties not to exceed \$1,000 for each violation. The amounts listed in the complaint are Basler Service, Inc., \$21,000; Business Aircraft, Inc., \$15,000, and Beechcraft Sales & Charter, \$2,000.



Eric Sevareid

Replying on the CBS Evening News with Walter Cronkite Wednesday, Sevareid said:

"Unlike the Vice President, we don't possess a stable of ghost writers. Come to think of it, if there are mysteries around, unseen spirits motivating the public dialogue, maybe that's the place that could use the glare of public scrutiny—that stable of anonymity."