

Last of crash

By Michael Miner

The last of the dead from Friday's crash of a United Air Lines 737 near Midway Airport were identified Sunday night.

Many of the 45 victims were burned so badly that dental charts and fingerprints were the only means of matching names to remains.

Meanwhile, a team of 15 aeronautic engineers from the National Transportation Safety Board combed the charred wreckage of the afternoon flight from Washington lying in fragments across a lot at 3722 W. 70th Pl.

The house that stood on that lot, along with three others, was demolished when the plane struck it. Two women living in the house were killed.

Studying the fragments as they lay, the NTSB engineers traced the electrical and hydraulic systems of the aircraft.

The engines were prepared for shipment to United's headquarters in San Francisco, where they will be torn down and analyzed.

The rest of the plane will be taken to a hangar at Midway Airport. Much of the cockpit equipment was removed Saturday in a pickup truck. By Monday, all the jet's fragments will be transported to the hangar, said Edward E. Slattery Jr., director of public affairs for the National Transportation Safety Board.

At this time, the investigators do not intend to reconstruct the aircraft, he said. "This is done in cases of structural failure," he explained, adding that the Midway crash does not appear to be that kind of accident.

Mockups are constructed in some 8 per cent of the NTSB's investigations, he said, in such cases as when a piece of the plane is found so far from the crash site that it must have fallen off before the plane struck the ground.

During the weekend, NTSB investigators in San Francisco perused the maintenance records of the 737 and in Washington prepared an analysis of the cockpit voice recorder and flight data recorder, Slattery said.

In 94 per cent of air carrier accidents over

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the last 30 years, the NTSB and its predecessors have found the cause, and 50 per cent of the time corrective action has been recommended, Slattery said.

Public hearings, at which the NTSB findings will be presented, are not expected to begin sooner than in January. Slattery said it is unlikely that broader questions surrounding the Midway crash will be aired.

These include the very existence of the airport in the densely populated part of Chicago and Mayor Daley's desire to expand air traffic there, matters that trouble many residents of the area.

In Chicago, the federal investigators reported that shortly before the United jet was to have landed at Midway the airport control tower ordered the pilot to go back up and come around for another try.

That directive was given because a small twin-engine Aero Commander was landing immediately ahead of the 737. The order was described as "fairly routine."

More than \$10,000 in cash, most of it in new \$100 bills, which was found in the purse of the wife of a principal in the Washington Watergate bugging case was taken to police headquarters for safekeeping.

The \$10,585 was found in the wreckage in the purse of Mrs. E. Howard Hunt Jr., who died in the crash. Hunt was indicted Sept. 15 by a federal grand jury on charges of conspiracy to break into the Democratic headquarters, commit burglary and intercept and disclose telephone communications and for possession of eavesdropping equipment.

Police said the money was inventoried at the Chicago Lawn police station and sent to headquarters at 1121 S. State, where it was put into a safe in the evidence and recovered property section.

Police said the money was to be turned over to the coroner Monday.

The remaining victims identified Sunday were:

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Mrs. Virginia Abner, 83, of 423 W. Tremont.
John R. Beshoar, 46, of 330 S. Sunset, La Grange, advertising manager for American Oil Co., 910 S. Michigan.

Ralph Blodgett, 44, Omaha, an attorney for Northern Natural Gas Co.

W. O. Coble, 43, the plane's flight officer, of Spotsylvania, Va.

Franz Ellison, 36, and his wife, Rosemary, of 7312 S. Vernon.

Arnold Ender, 49, vice president of J.A. Baldwin Manufacturing Co., Kearney, Neb.

Edyth Fields, of 5000 S. Indiana.

Harold Jordan, 57, and his wife, Marion, 55, of Silver Spring, Md.

Mrs. Joan Jording and her infant son, Derek, of Milligan, Neb.

Richard A. Knowland, 35, of Temple City, Calif.

Barry W. Lewis, 33, of 2327 Grey, Evanston.

Mrs. Virginia Newman, 51, and daughter, Sheila, 21, of 8720 S. Calumet.

William Prabish, 26, 405 W. Forest View Dr., Warrenville.

William R. Rossman, 53, of 18509 Clyde, Homewood, assistant controller of the University of Chicago.

George Seachrist, 63, of 9520 Sacramento, Evergreen Park.

James R. West, 55, of Omaha.