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To 7 victims' kin

\$4 million in Midway crash

SETTLEMENTS totaling \$4,025,000 for deaths of seven Nebraska residents in the 1972 crash of a United Air Lines plane near Midway Airport were entered in Circuit Court yesterday.

The settlements, ranging from \$250,000 to \$950,000, marked the first disposition of a number of suits resulting from the crash, in which 43 of the 61 persons aboard were killed and most of the 18 others were injured. Also, two persons on the ground were killed.

United Air lines, the defendant, thus acknowledged responsibility for the crash of the jet in a residential area.

THE SETTLEMENTS went to the estates of these men:

Theodore G. Baldwin, 46, of Kearney, vice president of J. A. Baldwin Manufacturing Co., Kearney, filter maker, \$950,000; Arnold L. Ender, 49, of Kearney, another Baldwin vice president, \$825,000; James R. West, 55, Omaha, union official, \$250,000.

Ralph P. Blodgett, 44, of Omaha, an attorney, \$750,000; Lon J. Bayer, 33, of Hastings, assistant secretary-treasurer of the Kansas-Nebraska Gas Co., \$500,000; Kenneth Shull, 42, of Lincoln, industrial plant employe, \$425,000, and Donald P. Whitney, 37, of Bernice, federal Department of Agriculture employe, \$325,000.

John J. Kennelly was attorney for plaintiffs in all of these

cases, and he also represents estates of 14 others who died and 11 persons injured in the crash. He said he expected additional settlements to be entered later this week.

Kennelly said there was no evidence of sabotage of the plane. He said the plane went into a stall after the pilot was told to make a new approach for a landing at the airport, but didn't specify what he thought caused the stall.