

Bride-to-Be Sees Fiance's Plane Fall

Miss Mary Ellen Dunn, who was to be married this summer, told today how she saw her fiance's plane go into a spin and crash in the waters of Lake Pontchartrain after a collision with another plane yesterday.

The bridegroom-to-be, Louis Butz, 34, of 1742 Richard Road, disappeared in the lake waters.

A search by Coast Guard planes was suspended today.

"I saw a plane go spinning down to the water," said the bride-to-be, Miss Mary Ellen Dunn, of 439 Wiedman, Gretna. "I didn't know it was his plane. But I had a premonition. Then somebody came running and told me it was his plane." Miss Dunn's eyes filled with tears.

"WE WERE GOING to be married this summer," she

continued. "Louis liked to fly. He was going to get his license soon. He planned later to get a commercial license



LOUIS BUTZ

and become a commercial pilot."

The pilot of the other plane, Milton Brener, 40, managed to land his heavily damaged craft at the Lakefront Airport after the crash, which occurred two miles off shore.

Brener was flying with his three children, Ann, 11, Neil Sol, 9, and Matthew, 6. None of the four was injured.

FEDERAL AVIATION Administration officials said both planes were making landing approaches under ideal flying conditions. A Coast Guard spokesman reported airport tower observers as saying they saw the tail of Butz's plane cut off after the collision and the pilot fall away from the plane at an altitude of 400 feet. The plane, a Cessna 150, disappeared be-

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neath the water immediately.

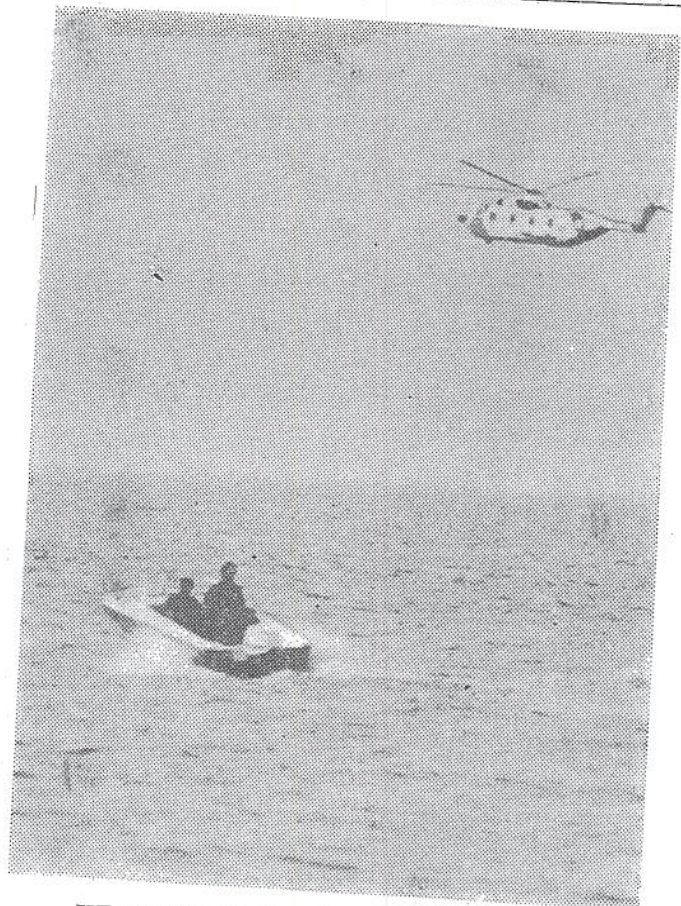
Mr. Butz was a member of the staff of Air Products and Chemicals Inc., working with controls.

Surviving are two children, Louis Joseph Butz, 16, and Yvette Marie Butz, 7; and five sisters and brothers, Mrs. Herbert Borne, Mrs. George Shelley, Mrs. Whitney Roussell, Marcel Machana and Mrs. Floyd Diket.

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BENT PROPELLER, DENTED WING BRACE of plane in which Milton Brener and his three children escaped injury in air collision over Lake Pontchartrain.



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