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Gap closing on female wage

SANTA MONICA, Calif. -- The wage gap between women and men is rapidly narrowing, but an increasing percentage of the poor are women, according to a Rand Corp. study.

The study found that from 1980 to 1986, wages for all working women increased from 60 percent to 65 percent of men's wages, and in the age range from 20 to 24, women's wages increased from 78 percent of men's wages to 86 percent.

And 25 percent of all new graduates in law, medicine and business are women compared with only 5 percent two decades ago, said the study prepared for release Wednesday.

The study, by economists James P. Smith and Michael Ward, surveyed wages and skill levels in American women since 1920. It was published in the February issue of *The Journal of Economic Perspective* and was funded by a grant from the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development.

Smith directs the Labor and Population Program at Rand, a

think-tank focusing on national security and domestic welfare issues. Ward is an economist at Unicon Research Corp. in Los Angeles.

Their "very conservative estimate" was that women would make 74 percent of men's wages by 2000, with a wage ratio of 80 percent more probable.

At the same time, poverty has increasingly become a female phenomenon, the researchers said.

Poverty was "sex neutral" in 1940, when more than 90 percent of all families included a husband and wife. But by 1980, 62 percent of poor adults were women, the study said.

"With the rising incidence of unwed parenting and divorce, the fraction of female-headed families rose and did so at an accelerated rate after 1960. By 1980, women headed almost one in seven families, almost 70 percent more than in 1960. The problem has reached epidemic proportions among blacks, where now more than four out of every 10 families are headed by women," the authors said.

All 144 passengers reported killed

Jet crashes in Azores; plane destined for Jamaica says U. S. company

LISBON, Portugal -- An American charter jet filled with Italian tourists slammed into a fog-covered mountain in the Azores today and exploded, and all 144 people on board were feared dead, officials and news reports said.

Maria della Versesi, a spokeswoman at the Italian Embassy in Lisbon, said all 137 passengers were Italian and the seven crew members were American. She did not release any names.

The aircraft belonged to the U.S. airline Independent Air Corp., based in Smyrna, Tenn. The flight originated in Bergamo, Italy, and was to have proceeded to Puerto Plata in the Dominican Republic, and Montego Bay in Jamaica, after making a refueling stop in the Azores.

The Portuguese news agency

LUSA quoted an official from the Azores Civil Protection Service as saying about 50 bodies had been recovered and it appeared all on board died.

LUSA also quoted an unidentified member of a local flying club as saying all the passengers and crew had been killed.

Afonso Pimentel, a LUSA reporter based in the Azores, said the Boeing 707 was preparing to land at Santa Maria airport when it crashed into Pico Alto, a fog-covered, 1,794-foot-high mountain, and burst into flames.

LUSA quoted the civil protection official, who was not identified, as saying the pilot asked the airport to clear a runway for an emergency landing. The Civil Protection Service is a state body that provides rescue

services and assistance in civilian emergencies.

A.L. Pittman, president of Independent Air Corp., said in an interview in Smyrna that the 15-year-old company makes 400 to 500 charter flights a year, mostly in the Caribbean and Europe. Pittman, who declined to identify the seven American crew members, said the 20-year-old jetliner that crashed had a relatively low number of flight hours and no history of trouble.

Pittman said the airplane, one of two Boeing 707s owned by the company, had 12,500 cycles, or takeoffs and landings, and less than 50,000 hours in the air.

Jack Barker, spokesman for the Federal Aviation Administration in Atlanta, said those figures were not unusually high for such an airplane.

Right wing reacts

Leader verbally attacked

CHAM, West Germany -- The leader of an extreme right-wing party today told thousands of cheering supporters that young Germans should be absolved of guilt for the Holocaust, and he criticized a prominent Jewish community leader.

Franz Schoenhuber, a former Nazi SS soldier whose Republican Party is gaining in national polls, rejected suggestions he was anti-Semitic. He said there are Jewish authors, composers and painters "whom I like."

"But I don't have to like Mr. Galinski," Schoenhuber said. Heinz Galinski, a survivor of Auschwitz, is president of West Germany's Jewish community. "Mr. Galinski sabotages German-Jewish reconciliation."

Galinski, 76, a well-known figure, constantly reminds West Germans of the Nazi horrors and criticizes right-wing extremism and anti-Semitic tendencies.

"The Nazis brought us the worst chapter of our history," Schoenhuber said. "We don't want another Hitler. But we can't allow our history to be reduced to Auschwitz."

"Today's young generation of Germans is no more guilty for Auschwitz than the sons and daughters of Americans who committed genocide at Hiroshima and Nagasaki," Schoenhuber said, thumping his fist.

"Bravo! Bravo!" the crowd shouted.

Schoenhuber spoke for nearly two hours in a large hall in this remote Bavarian village. The hall was packed with more than 5,000 supporters, who feasted on wurst and beer. They frequently interrupted the 66-year-old Republican leader with cheers and applause.

Outside, small groups whistled and shouted "Nazis out!" Police said about 50 people rallied in protest of

the Republican gathering.

About 30 people tried to block Schoenhuber's entry to the hall by placing chairs and musical instruments in his path. Police detained eight people who tried to unfurl banners with anti-Republican slogans.

In Jan. 29 elections in West Berlin, the Republican Party won 7.5 percent of the vote and 11 seats in the local legislature. Under West Germany's election rules, the party will have two seats in the national Parliament after the December 1990 federal elections.

A poll by the respected Wickert institute published last week said the Republicans would get 11.5 percent of the nationwide vote if elections were held now.

The crowd in Cham's hall represented a majority of the party's members. Party officials say the Republicans have close to 8,000 card-carrying members.

Syria and Libya responsible

Newspaper says bomb was in recorder

JERUSALEM -- The explosive device that blew up New York-bound Pan Am Flight 103 over Scotland on Dec. 21 was concealed in a radio-cassette recorder and was traced to Frankfurt's airport, a newspaper reported Tuesday.

The Jerusalem Post quoted unidentified investigators as saying the device was similar, but not identical to one found earlier in the possession of members of Ahmed Jibril's extremist Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command.

More than a dozen members of the group were arrested in West Germany in late October, two months before the Pan Am bombing that killed 270 people -- all 259 on board

and 11 on the ground at Lockerbie, Scotland.

Police found among those arrested a sophisticated barometric-pressure detonating device, the Jerusalem Post said. It quoted investigators as saying the device used in the Pan Am bombing had a "remarkably similar" design.

The newspaper quoted investigators as saying the radio-cassette recorder was transferred at Frankfurt's Rhein-Main Airport from another plane to a Boeing 727 flying to London.

At London's Heathrow Airport, baggage from the 727, including the radio-cassette recorder, was transferred to Pan Am's New York-bound

Flight 103, the paper said in a report from London.

Investigators have not identified the bag in which the device was hidden, the newspaper said.

Last week, a British radio station said Scottish police believe Palestinian extremists hid an explosive device in the luggage of an American CIA officer who was flying home from Beirut with five colleagues after a failed mission to negotiate the release of U.S. hostages in Lebanon.

CBS television said Syria and Libya were responsible for the bombing and that it was carried out by Jibril's group, a Syrian-sponsored faction outside the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Vatican will release document on racism to change attitudes on various forms of prejudice

VATICAN CITY -- The Vatican has written a document on racism that seeks to "change people's attitudes and hearts" on the various forms of prejudice and discrimination in the world, an official said Tuesday.

The document strongly denounces all forms of racism, including apartheid in South Africa, anti-Semitism, religious discrimination and discrimination toward native peoples, said the Vatican official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The Vatican's Justice and Peace Commission prepared the document and it will be released Friday.

The Italian news agency ANSA reported the document also raises the issue of terrorism against Jews, adding that anti-Zionism has been used as a cover for anti-Semitism.

The Vatican official said the document is not intended as a series of condemnations but as a church contribution to debate on a social issue.

Japan's top opposition leader resigns amid profiteering scandal, resignations

TOKYO -- Japan's stock-profiteering scandal claimed another casualty Tuesday, a top opposition leader.

Other government opponents hope his resignation will hasten the fall of Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita's government.

Saburo Tsukamoto stepped down as chairman of the Democratic Socialist Party. He was the only one of four opposition members linked to the scandal who had refused to step down.

His departure opens the way for the opposition to unite and renew demands for Takeshita and his entire Cabinet to resign when Parliament convenes Friday.

Many influential politicians and business leaders were offered cheap, unlisted shares in Recruit-Cosmos Co., a real estate subsidiary of the information-based conglomerate Recruit Co.

Shares rocketed in value immediately after they were offered for public trading in October 1986. Tsukamoto admitted in December that he earned about \$77,000 in the transaction.

Such lucrative dealings already have led to more than 20 resignations, including those of three Cabinet ministers of the governing Liberal Democratic Party and three other opposition members.

The transactions are not illegal, but they have incited public outrage and raised questions of political ethics.

Takeshita has denied any knowledge of Recruit stock trading by his secretary, and has ruled out opposition demands that he resign and call an early election.

Instead, he has pledged to restore public trust in politics.

Tsukamoto also denies wrongdoing. The 61-year-old party chief resigned only after party elders demanded he take responsibility for tarnishing the name of the third largest opposition group as it prepares for a major legislative election in July.

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