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**Roberto's Death Shocks Puerto Rico, Baseball**

**SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico**—Major league baseball lost one of its super-stars and Puerto Rico lost a national hero Sunday, Dec. 31, when Roberto Clemente, Pittsburgh outfielder, was among five persons who died when a cargo plane, carrying relief supplies for survivors of the Managua, Nicaragua, earthquake crashed into the Atlantic Ocean following its takeoff from San Juan International Airport.

Clemente was officially declared dead Monday, after an all-day search found no survivors and recovered only wreckage, by Puerto Rico's outgoing governor, Luis A. Perre. Governor-elect Rafael Hernandez Colon called Clemente's death a "national tragedy" and canceled inaugural day festivities that were scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 2.

**THE FOUR-ENGINE**, propeller-driven aircraft developed engine trouble after take-off from San Juan and was trying to return to the airport when it went down in 80 feet of water about a mile off the coast.

A U. S. Coast Guard Cutter and a Navy helicopter sent to the scene reported finding bits of wreckage, life jackets, luggage and boxes filled with relief supplies.

**A SEARCH** for the victims' bodies continues.

Clemente, 38, a native and national hero of Puerto Rico whose three days of national mourning were proclaimed, was driven to the airport by his widow, Vera, 32.

She later said Clemente had been hesitant about making the flight to Managua, but told her: "What the heck, I'll go. Just be sure to have roast pork for me and the kids when I get back."

**IN ADDITION** to his wife, he is survived by three children, Roberto Jr., 7, Luisito 5, and Ricky 4.

Other victims were Arthur Rivera, president of American Air Express Leasing Co.; Jerry Geisel, the pilot; Francisco Matas, the engineer; and Carlos Lozano, an associate of Clemente.

Clemente had agreed to head Puerto Rico's earthquake relief operation when he got word of the disaster Dec. 23. His organization had collected \$150,000 in cash and tons of food, clothing and medicine for the survivors.

**SLAIN**  
(Continued from front page) belonged to the dead man.

The hearing for Mrs. Williams — who police say is known as "Willie Mae Timmons" — was set for Tuesday in District Court. She was held without bond pending appearance in court.

**FDIC**  
(Continued from front page) characteristics of neighborhoods where the properties being sought are located.

His proposal, Mr. Morris said, is needed to see if there is discrimination in granting loans to minorities seeking to make purchases in white neighborhoods as well as to whites who wish to enter racially-integrated or impacted areas.

"If the FDIC is to assure compliance with its fair housing regulations," Mr. Morris said, "it is obligated to require a vigorous and thorough search for discriminatory lending practices as an integral part of the routine examinations to member institutions."

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