

Miss Fanning was on her second flight since graduating from the TWA school at Kansas City last Wednesday. She was a native of North Bergen, N.J. Her family moved to Albuquerque, N.M., in 1948.

Copilot Harlan Jescerson, Morristown, N.J., was hurt critically.

Capt. Raymond F. McQuade, the 33-year-old pilot from Red Bank, N.J., is in fair condition. Neither he nor Jescerson were permitted to talk to newsmen.

Joseph O. Fluet, investigator for the Civil Aeronautics Board scheduled a meeting "of all investigating groups."

Accompanying Fluet are Gene Searle and George Van Epps, air safety investigators for the CAB. Fluet said the meeting was called to set up an organization of the investigating groups.

Fluet said there will be no statement as to the possible cause of the crash until comprehensive investigation had been completed.

The plane was scheduled to fly to Newark, N.J., with stops at Harrisburg, Allentown and Reading, Pa.

It was a bright and clear Easter Sunday evening as the plane lifted from the runway. Thousands of persons were at the airport to watch a colored fountain illuminated to climax the city's Easter celebration. The airport is 14 miles from midtown Pittsburgh.

Witnesses saw the plane's lights shining as it roared down the runway. Then came a rumble, a flash, a brilliant column of flame.

Clayton Hill, a civilian assistant fire chief for an Air Force squadron

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he and other firemen reached the ship within three or four minutes. They helped a dozen people crawling from the burning wreckage.

"We couldn't do anything for those left inside," Hill said.

Several survivors told how they and others escaped through a hole ripped in the fuselage.

John E. McCarthy, 32, of nearby Castle Shannon, said:

"We had taken off and were airborne when the left wing dipped and the plane crashed.

"We apparently hit on the nose and the seats and whole interior were torn loose and jumbled. The plane crashed on a small bank and immediately caught fire."

McCarthy and his traveling companion, Theodore J. O'Malley Jr., Whitehall, Pa., said they beat out flames in their clothing and helped drag some of the more seriously injured through the ripped fuselage.

"If there were any screams from those trapped inside they were drowned out by the roar of the flames," McCarthy said. "The plane was destroyed within five minutes."

Mrs. Dorothy Yingling, 44, Camp Hill, Pa. said she had to "try twice" before she succeeded in loosening her safety belt and making her way from the plane.

"I had the sensation I was going to burn to death," she said. "The plane broke open right across the aisle from me."