

## Plane Search At Standstill

SEATTLE, Dec. 19.—(AP)—Thick weather in the Mount Rainier region brought the hunt for a missing Marine Corps transport plane and its 32 passengers and crewmen to a standstill today, and officers heading army, navy and Coast Guard groups gathered at Sand Point naval air field to plan further action.

Both the navy and Coast Guard held their search planes at the fields today, reporting extremely limited visibility at the mountain and in the surrounding foothills ruled out any possibility of locating from the air the plane which disappeared nine days ago on a flight from San Diego to Seattle.

Officials conducting the search agree lofty Mount Rainier undoubtedly holds the secret of the search.

Approximately 10 feet of snow has fallen at the Paradise level since the plane disappeared, and the consensus is that if the plane hit the mountain, it may not be found until the snow recedes next spring.

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