Northwest: Still no Flight 255 death list

Five months after the short and deadly flight of a Northwest jet ended in fiery death for 255, the company's director of media communications finally came to Detroit.
Redmond Tyler defended Northwest's decision to refuse to refease
the passenger list — an official list
has never been released by the company — and said that if he had it to
do over again, the only thing he
would do differently would be to
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Northwest's polley was heavily erikleized at the time by Wayne. County Sheriff Robert Fleano, by members of the county's medical examiner's office, who said identifying the dead was more difficult without a list of who was on the plane, and by spokesmen for the National Transportation Safety Board.

"We are aware of all the ghouls who prey on victims of accidents," Tyler told a gathering of Sigma Del-

ta Chi, a society of professional journalists, at the Detroit Press Club Thursday.

"You knew and I knew that the names would be released ultimately , but if I could preserve the peace of the families for one more day, I would do it again."

TYLER CRITICIZED reporters for spreading rumors and accused them of bias against Northwest because of all the past problems with and stories about lost baggage, employee sabotage and delayed flights itsculling from Northwest's merger with Republic.

Though he denied being belligerent is the time of the accident, Tyler was feisty and aggressive in answer leaves the state of the problem in communications listed in the problem in communications also greculation like I have not seen the problem in communications also greculation like I have not seen the problem in communications also greculation like I have not seen the problem in communications also greculation like I have not seen the problem in communications also greculation like I have not seen the problem in communications also greculation like I have not seen the problem in communications also greculated in the days following the crash, he said: "The biggest in the system... the NTSB was shared with the second of the media; "Was a was a marked what mistakes he or the problem in communications also greculation like I have not seen the problem in communications also greculated in the days following the crash, he said: "The biggest in the problem in communications also greculated in the large of the performance of the problem in communications also greculated in the "court of public release the problem in communications and the problem in communications are proported." The proportion of the problem in communications are proported in the court of public release the problem in communications and the problem in communications are proported in the case of the problem in communication and the problem in communication are proported

One reporter asked if part of the problem in communications last summer was Tyler's belligerence with reporters. "I don't consider myself belligerent," he said, then asked the reporter his name.

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— Redmond Tyler airlines spokesman

**Though one reporting? The textbooks might say yes, but I would say not. Was coverage biased against Northwest? I think so . . . We never asked for anything from the media but accuracy."

But Northwest made little effort to ensure accuracy, according to reporters covering the story. Phone calls routinely went unreturned. The company has yet to hold a press conference to discuss the crash. Reporters were finglish.

IN SHARP CONTRAST to Tyler's presentation was that of Catherine calls correctly told by Northwest that other agencies were about to release a list of the dead. And the

two decades." Tyler said of the media: "Was

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