

New Wing Flap Is Being Put on B-36 Test Plane

A new wing flap was being installed Friday on a B-36 test plane that was damaged slightly Thursday during an evaluation flight by an Air Materiel Command crew.

The plane made a normal landing shortly before noon Thursday after circling back to the field after the mishap. Ray O. Ryan, Convair division manager, reported that a piece of a wing flap broke loose during flight and was slashed by the No. 6 engine propeller.

Noise caused by the accident

led to rumors of an explosion and that the big craft was in serious trouble.

The plane may be ready for flight again Friday but probably will not go aloft until early next week, according to Loyd Turner of the Convair public relations office.

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