AMELIA EARHART
50 YEARS LATER, HER FINAL FLIGHT STILL STIRS SPECULATION

BY JAME HENG

On the windy evening of July 2, 1937, she already famous aviatrice Amelia Earhart piloted her Lockheed Electra down the 1,900-foot-long runway at Lae, New Guinea, and taxied to a tent to meet with navigator Fred Noonan, whom she had chosen to accompany her on the ill-fated trip.

The scheduled flight was one of the top priorities of the ambitious global trek that had already taken them to South America, Africa, India and Australia.

By the time the two引擎-powered female flyers emerged from their tent to the morning sunlight, the skies were already filled with smoke. Today, Earhart and Noonan’s disappearance remains organized in mystery. They are still officially listed as lost at sea. No bodies were ever found, nor was the airplane.

Seems like yesterday

Probably no one result the events that took place 50 years ago today more clearly than Maria Marquetti, 77, the only living member of the Earhart expedition team.

“It seems like yesterday to me, I suppose, because of how much I loved Amelia,” she said.

“Of course, I’m 72, and I’m in Earhart’s age group, so it’s not so surprising.”

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Earhart’s stepson discords “wild-eyed” stories

By CHRIS WELLS

Earhart’s stepson, George Putnam, has rejected speculation that she was rescued by a closed box ship in the Pacific, according to Putnam and Putnam’s sister, Freda Putnam.

Other theories that developed out of the event have mainly been discredited, Putnam said. “There’s always someone who wants to sell a story. You think in normalcy with a book comes responsibility and a story. Putnam was 26 when Earhart and her navigator Fred Noonan vanished. She remembers her father and other brother, David, flew out to the Pacific to corroborate what they had heard.

Earhart, for instance, had been involved in a top operation, Putnam said. “We would have known it, said: ‘Putnam was never even a foot of any- thing. All navigation in the 1930s was very tricky,’ he said. ‘You could be

Earhart, Navigator with map of trip in 1937.

Fall of Queen Bess: New York abuzz with tales of ‘Myerson Mess’

BY LIZZIE MEHREN

NEW YORK — The well-known poli- tical cartoonist was said to have been a key player in the so-called ‘Myerson Mess’ that was going on in New York City long before the recent political scandals.

"It’s true, she’s beautiful, she’s one of the most beautiful women in the city, she’s one of the most popular," said a source.

"She’s a very popular woman and she’s very beautiful. She was known as Queen Bess or Queenie and was frequent in the social circles. She was known as the "Myerson Mess" and was often seen in the company of powerful men in New York.

"They all knew each other and they all were well-known figures," the source added.

"It’s not just that she was beautiful, she was also very smart and a great conversationalist. She was known for her wit and humor and her ability to make everyone feel welcome."