

June 26, 1959: plane crash

The destiny of the personal belongings of the seventy immortal lives

Some personal belongings collected at the crash site were delivered to the relatives who made request; many relatives never found the opportunity and the courage to demand the return of the objects - valuable or not - belonged to their loved ones and collected by the Public Prosecutor.

Given that the return of these items by the Judiciary takes place in the time needed to establish with certainty the identity of the rightful owners and beneficiaries, the personal belongings recovered after June 26, 1959, were kept by the Public Prosecutor for many years until a part was destroyed and another part was sold by auction. This is attested by the very punctual certification issued by the Penal Chanceries of the Court of Busto Arsizio in 2008, based on the consultation of the Register of Objects:

(transl.) "On November 30, 1960, we proceeded to the return to the clerk of Consulate of France in Milan for Mr. J.Rene Rousseau. On November 9, 1962, the Examining Magistrate ordered: the return to those entitled, by ensuring the identity of the owner; the destruction of valueless objects and bags without name; the sale of the objects whose owner was not determined. In October 1963, a diamond ring, a wedding-ring and some chains were returned to Mr. Bertolucci Aladino. On October 19, 1963, a necklace with a pendant and a bracelet, all made in gold, and a red leather wallet were collected for forwarding to the Carabinieri of Capannori of Lucca. On September 7, 1965, a diamond ring, a gold wedding-ring and a necklace with coin were forwarded to the Carabinieri of Capannori of Lucca. On November 9, 1970, the valueless items were destroyed. On January 24, 1973, the sale of finds not required by any person entitled was carried out".

Thus, the odyssey of the valuables ended only fourteen years and a half after the plane crash.