

## Rescue Team Struggling To Reach 18 Trapped In West Virginia Mine

LOGAN, W.Va. (UPI)—A rescue team struggled desperately today to reach 18 miners trapped deep underground since Tuesday morning.

West Virginia Mines Director Crawford L. Wilson said at 8:30 a.m. c.s.t. that an eight-man rescue team equipped with oxygen masks may reach the trapped men "in a few hours."

The rescue team moved past the area where fire had blocked the tunnel until early today.

Wilson said the men could have survived if they had built a barrier of coal to protect themselves from gas and fire caused by a slate fall at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday.

**Smoke Fills Tunnel**

The rescue team entered the mine along with 40 other men and began groping through the gas and smoke-filled tunnel. The 40 others, carrying tools and timber, began shoring up the roof and walls of the tunnel to prevent further cave-ins and attempted to extinguish the blaze.

Wilson said the rescue team moved past the fire by "clearing a passageway around it."

The miners were entombed 485 feet below the surface—about two miles from the pithead—in the Holden No. 22 mine of the Island Creek Coal Co. in the southwestern corner of the state near here.

Wilson, who was directing the rescue attempt, said, "We still have great hopes."

There were no ambulances in readiness at the mine entrance, but officials said that "it didn't mean a thing."

R. M. Johnson, mines manager for the Island Creek Coal Co., said the miners' survival rested with W. K. Donaldson, the firm's safety director, who was among the trapped men. Donaldson, of Holden, had gone into the mine early Tuesday to make a periodic safety check.

"Donaldson is a top engineer," Johnson said. "I have complete confidence in him. If the men do what he says, they'll be okay. He's been in trouble before."

Wary workers fought the fire continuously since it broke out shortly after a slate fall occurred

at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday some two miles from the pithead and 485 feet beneath the ground.

The fire was blamed on a short-circuit in the mine's electrical system caused by the roof fall.

### 49 Graduated From Home Nursing Class

A total of 49 ladies, including a dozen mother-daughter teams, graduated this week from the home nursing classes taught by Mrs. Robert Johnson and Mrs. Arthur Miller, both registered nurses, under the direction of the Adams County Red Cross chapter.

This year 131 persons have received Red Cross certificates in various classes offered. During the past three years, Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Miller have taught 181 pupils home nursing.

A course in beginning first aid will start after the 14th of March. Mrs. Wanda Oelberg, executive director, said today. At that time a course for instructors will be completed, and new teachers will be available.

**Instructor's Course**

A total of 14 persons who have completed advanced first aid courses are already enrolled for the first aid instructor's course which will begin March 14 at Decatur high school. Robert Hotop, from the area Red Cross office, will instruct the course, which now contains six applicants from Decatur, four from Geneva, and four from Huntington. Exceptionally great interest is being shown this year, Mrs. Oelberg reported.

**Mrs. Johnson's Class**

Mrs. Johnson's class, which graduated Monday night, received their certificates from Wilbur Petrie, chairman of the county Red Cross committee. The following were graduated: Mrs. Virginia Merriman, Mrs. Ruth Smith, Mrs. Paul Wiseman, Mrs. Robert F. (Continued on page three)

## Vote Thursday Over Civil Rights Scrap

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Senate Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson today described as premature a bipartisan move to gag the civil rights talkathon and predicted it would "prolong debate instead of expediting it."

But Vice President Richard M. Nixon told United Press International the administration's civil rights bill, center of the cloture move to choke off debate, still had the "best chance of enactment" by Congress.

Johnson told reporters the cloture move had "no chance of carrying" the two-thirds vote needed to throttle the 10-day-old Southern filibuster against civil rights.

The Senate is scheduled to vote on the debate-limiting proposal Thursday. To become effective, it must be approved by two-thirds of the senators present. Most observers forecast its defeat.

Johnson said the cloture move would do well to draw the votes of as many as half of the Senate's 100 members.

**Break Talkathon**

The move by 31 liberal senators, however, broke the night-and-day oratorical logjam which had stymied the Senate since Monday of last week. The Senate recessed at 8:10 o'clock e.s.t. Tuesday night after being in continuous session for 32 hours and

10 minutes except for a three-minute adjournment Tuesday morning.

The civil rights battle already had rung up new endurance records. The Senate last week met around-the-clock for 125 hours and 31 minutes, minus one 15-minute recess. It also was in session for 82 hours and three minutes without a break. Both marks set records.

The Senate's pending business is a proposal by Senate GOP Leader Everett M. Dirksen (Ill.) to add the administration's seven-point civil rights program to a minor bill affecting a Stella, Mo., school district.

**Calls Proposal Sound**

Although Johnson predicted that the Dirksen proposal could not command enough support for the Senate to invoke cloture, Nixon told a reporter:

"I'm still convinced the Dirksen proposal is the sound approach between two extremes—of those who want a token bill and those who want a bill that goes so far as to be counter-productive. It has the best chance of enactment."

Johnson and Dirksen both said they would not support the cloture move because they did not think the time had come to seek a debate limitation.

## Broken Wheel Is Blamed In Train Wreck

A broken wheel on car number six tore up about 600 feet of Pennsylvania railroad track near Monroe and stacked cars four deep, railroad detectives said today.

The track was finally cleared at 7:20 a.m. today, as railway crews worked through the second night in below-zero temperatures. Fires which warmed the workmen during the long night hours, and moving machinery gave the work area just north of Monroe the character of a small city.

**Shoes Taken**

Approximately three cartons of shoes were believed to have been removed by a pick-up truck before police and sheriff's deputies arrived on the scene Monday night. All merchandise, except coal, was removed by truck Tuesday.

First train expected through after the second local crash within the month will be headed south from Fort Wayne to Richmond, and will, of course, be on a "slow order" through the wreck area, as will all trains for some time. It was expected about 1 p.m., leaving Fort Wayne at 10 a.m.

Company officials from Philadelphia and Fort Wayne inspected the wreckage today, and examined the broken wheel which caused the wreck.

**Rumors Spread**

Many rumors were circulated, including that of the possibility that someone had placed something on the track. Pennsylvania railroad detective lieutenant Robert Jordan, of the Cincinnati, O., office, explained that had such a thing happened, the engine and first cars would have derailed, not the middle cars.

Others theorized that the track was in poor repair. Jordan explained that this particular stretch of track was in good repair, and that physical evidence definitely indicated a broken wheel had plowed up the track, and stacked the 39 cars.

**Largest Wreck**

This was the largest pileup of freight cars in Jordan's memory, he said. The pile-up at the Wabash river bridge a month ago was just half as serious, although more track was damaged.

About half of the cars or more will be salvaged and repaired. Maurice Barber, track superintendent from Richmond, predicted, Barber was also in charge of the track repairs Feb. 9.

**Officers Complimented**

Lt. Jordan complimented the office of sheriff Merle Affolder for the efficient job of blocking off the area, and keeping sightseers and looters from the area. Special deputies Robert Brown, Keith Hammond, and Jerry Osborne aided the regular department. The state police also took part in the emergency operation.

Coal from the 31 or 32 cars that dumped and jack-knifed their loads will be "jumped off" or sold as is, to local bidders at a later date.

**INDIANA WEATHER**

Heavy snow warning southeast and east central this afternoon. Snow diminishing west portion but continuing moderate to heavy east portion this afternoon with four or more inches of new snow likely southeast and east central. Snow diminishing to occasional light snow south. Not much temperature change. Low to night 15 to 20 extreme north to the 20s south and central. High Thursday 25 to 32. Sunset today 6:45 p.m. e.s.t. Sunrise Thursday 7:06 a.m. e.s.t.

**Outlook for Friday:** Mostly cloudy with rain or snow likely. Slow warming trend. Low Thursday night 20 to 28. High Friday 30 to 35.



CONVENTION PLANNERS—Shown above are the planning committee for the state convention for the rural mail carriers, which will be conducted in Decatur at the Youth and Community Center July 3-5. In the front row, left to right, are: John Emeigh, national secretary; W. A. Summa, post office senior field officer; Mrs. Sherman Stucky, of Berne and state board member; and Charles Campbell, regional delivery officer. In the back row: Bernard Green, state president; Rex Linn, state board member; Tom Miller, of Decatur, county president, and Wallace Hoffman, state president.

### Farm Achievement Meet Held Tuesday

Phil N. Eskew, superintendent of the Huntington schools, headed the 38th annual farmers' achievement banquet Tuesday night at the Berne-French school cafeteria, giving "A poor man's philosophy of life."

Dan Flechter won the senior championship for the 5-acre corn production with 162 bushels per acre, while Claude Striker and Gerald Bulmahn took the junior championship with 145 bushel yields. Herman Krueckeberg recognized the winners in this area.

**Bulmahn Top In Conservation**

Hugo Bulmahn won the 5-acre soybean title with 43.6 bushels yielded per acre. The trophy was sponsored by the Central Soya Co., with Chalmers Bollenbacher presenting the cup to the winner. The corn winners received the medals from the First State Bank of Decatur and the First Bank of Berne.

Norman Becher of Becher and Yager took the high cow award presented by Nell Taylor and Martin Feeds.

Hugo Bulmahn received the outstanding conservation farmer award. W. A. Robinson, farm tire representative of the Goodyear Tire Co. made the presentation. (Continued on page three)

## Indiana Hit By New Storm

United Press International

A new winter storm swirled across Indiana today, crippling cities and towns and closing factories and schools with a blanket of snow up to a foot deep.

Up to nine inches of new snow hit a southwestern state area or, ordinarily spared the rigors of wintry storms that are more common in the state's northern areas.

Factory machines stood idle as thousands of workers in the Evansville area were told to stay home because 12 inches of snow, three-fourths of it new, piled up and drifted even deeper in many open places whipped by brisk winds.

Schools throughout the area were locked up. Many children who got an unexpected vacation when earlier snows fell last week received another holiday.

By 7 a.m. c.d.t., the Weather Bureau said there was 12 inches of snow on the ground at Evansville, 9 inches at South Bend and Vincennes, 8 inches at Shoals, Newberry and Cagles Mill, 7 inches at West Baden and Scottsburg.

Forecasts called for accumulations of 4 to 7 inches in the southern third, 3 to 5 inches in the central portion and 1 to 3 inches in the north. But the predictions already had been exceeded downstate.

Louisville measured 6 inches on the ground at 7 a.m., but at that it was in better shape than other Kentucky cities. Bowling Green had 18, Paducah 12 and Lexington 9.

The blanket of snow previously spread across Hoosierland measured 9 inches at South Bend, 6 at Lafayette, 5 to 5 inches in Indianapolis and 4 at Fort Wayne before the new weather assault began.

At Evansville, street crews worked all night to try to keep thoroughfares clear for the morning rush of workers and pupils. But they fought a losing battle. They had insufficient equipment and manpower to meet the weather's challenge.

The new storm, latest in a series that began two weeks ago tonight, iced highways with a dangerous coating of packed snow.

Forecasts called for increasing wind velocity today, virtually assuring that the snow will cause drifting problems such as those which plagued the state last week and resulted in closing of dozens of country schools because buses could not negotiate snowdrifts blocking their regular routes.

Temperatures ranged from 25 at Indianapolis to 33 at South Bend at their high points Tuesday, and dropped to lows ranging from 13 at Fort Wayne to 23 at Evansville early this morning.

## Sen. Neuberger Dies Suddenly

PORTLAND, Ore. (UPI)—Sen. Richard L. Neuberger, the first Democrat elected from Oregon to the United States Senate in 40 years, died early today after suffering a cerebral hemorrhage.

The 47-year-old author and politician had been resting at home for several weeks, convalescing from a series of virus attacks and a bout with the shingles when he was stricken suddenly at 4 p.m. Tuesday.

He had planned to run for reelection in the May 20 Oregon primary and no major opposition was in sight. No Democrat had filed against him and Republicans had been unable to settle on a serious candidate. His death left the contest wide open.

Death came at 4:30 a.m. e.s.t. in Good Samaritan Hospital. He had lapsed into a coma shortly after his arrival there and he died without regaining consciousness. His wife and political teammate, Maurine, remained at his bedside until shortly before 11 p.m.

**Had Been Controversial**

Formerly a controversial, highly partisan figure, Neuberger mellowed as he gained maturity in the Senate and newspaper editors and others who had fought him bitterly in 1954, had begun to praise him.

His 1958 cancer operation completed the mellowing process. In a dispatch written for United Press International last year, Neuberger said:

"A brush with cancer tends to place many things in true perspective. Old antagonisms fade away. I no longer can transform political disagreements into any feelings of personal malice. When one is grateful to be alive, it is difficult to dislike a fellow human being."

But he still fought for the things he believed in. They included vastly increased medical research with massive government support,

public power, and his beloved Oregon. A successful magazine writer ever since his student days at the University of Oregon, Neuberger turned out scores of pieces last year which spread widely the story of Oregon's centennial year.

**Survives Cancer Operation**

Neuberger survived a cancer operation in August, 1958, and felt well enough March 1 to announce he would seek a second term in the Senate. He noted that he had gone "at too fast a pace" for several years but that his doctors told him there was no reason to retire.

Gov. Mark Hatfield, a Republican, was notified of the senator's grave condition Tuesday night in Eugene a few minutes after receiving an award from the Christian Businessmen's Association. He returned to the platform and asked the audience to join him in a moment of silent prayer for Neuberger.

Neuberger in 1954 became the first Oregon Democrat to be elected to the U.S. Senate since 1914, and the feat sparked a Democratic upsurge in the state. The Democrats now control both houses of the Legislature although Gov. Hatfield is a Republican.

**Fueled With Morse**

The last years of his U.S. Senate term were marred by the feud between him and Sen. Wayne L. Morse, Oregon's senior senator. Mutual friends blamed personality differences and the fact that Neuberger sought a share of the limelight occupied by his one-time university professor.

They were together on most issues, but differed sharply on foreign policy, with Neuberger supporting President Eisenhower in voting funds for defense and foreign aid. They also differed on taxes, with Neuberger opposing tax cuts in the face of higher spending.

### Loren Heller Files For Commissioner

Six Democrats and one Republican filed for either convention delegate or precinct committee-man with one filing for county commissioner today in the county clerk's office.

Loren Heller, of route 1, Berne, filed for commissioner from the French township area. Heller is a Democrat currently serving on the three-man board.

Herman Bleeke, of route 5, Decatur, filed for Democratic precinct committee-man from W. Union township and delegate from the 8th district, while Patrick Murphy, of route 2, Geneva, filed for the Democratic post from Ceylon.

Maynard L. Rich, of Berne, filed for convention delegate from Berne B and also for precinct committee-man from the same area. Austin Merriman, of route 1, Monroe, filed for sixth district convention delegate on the Democratic ticket, and also for precinct committee-man from N. Blue Creek.

Richard Meshberger, of Linn Grove, filed for precinct committee-man on the Democratic ticket for N. Hartford township. The sole Republican candidate was Raymond C. Harrison, of route 1, Monroe, who filed for precinct committee-man for the S. Monroe township area.

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### Third Attempt For Berne Tavern Fails

The third attempt by Melvin Walchle, route 2, Geneva, to open a tavern in Berne, failed as the application was withdrawn after a letter from the Berne Ministerial association requested the move. A crowd of more than 300 filled all the court seats and rimmed the aisles at Tuesday's session.

Walchle's attorney, D. Burdette Custer, read the letter from the Berne churchmen's group, which asked that Walchle meet with members of the association on the matter.

Mr. and Mrs. Walchle, Custer, the Rev. J. J. Klopfenstein and the Rev. E. J. Neuenschwander, members of the association, and Berne attorney Howard Baumgartner, met in the court library following the hearing by the county alcoholic beverage commission meeting.

Carl McMath, ABC state representative from Sheridan, conducted the meeting, allowing a renewal to the Decatur American Legion Post 43, for a beer, wine and liquor permit. No discussion from the floor was offered on this application.

The overflow crowd started trickling in about 1 p.m. for the hearing on the Walchle application, which was slated for 2 p.m. Even the seats in the jury box were filled by visitors, mainly from the Berne area.

Walchle had applied for a beer and wine license for use at 112 E. Main street in Berne. The city has a population of almost 3,000, and has only one tavern in the city limits.

**60-Day Waiting Period**

McMath told a woman questioner that the application can be re-submitted after 60 days. He added that a year's waiting period is mandatory only if the application has been refused.

The attempt by Walchle to open the tavern in Berne is the third. The first two met stiff rebuttals from Berne residents, and church groups, and were denied.

**BULLETIN**

Sheriff Merle Affolder reported highways in the southern part of Adams county were drifting shut this afternoon at 2 o'clock and driving conditions were perilous. U.S. 27, the sheriff said, would probably be closed to southbound traffic if the drifting continued, and the expected snowfall hits that area.

## Lenten Meditation

(By Rev. Willis Gierhart, Monroe Methodist Church)

### "MIXED-UP ROOM"

Phil. 4:10-20

Many people in our society become completely frustrated and disillusioned with the perplexities and cares of life. They lose confidence in their fellowmen. They question the sovereignty and love of God. In general, they think the whole world is out of order.

Frequently when we find ourselves in this predicament we need to stop and take advice from the philosopher—"Know Thyself." When all we see are problems and we become hyper-critical, usually the basis of the real problem is within ourselves.

Our own house is out of order. Our own lives have too many loose ends. The happiness, peace and security which should be ours seems to be fraying out. But, it is that we can find help and hope in Christ. He can put our lives in order. He can give a divine perspective and new meaning of life. We can become a new creation. Christ can turn chaos to order, anxiety to peace, frustration to clarity of purpose, and a disorganized, meaningless life to one which has a present inner peace and purity and an eternal purpose and permanence.