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# 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 Tunnels

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."

Weary 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 in the Adams county Red Cross chapter.

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.

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# Sen. Neuberger Dies Suddenly

PORLAND, 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 re-election 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. est. 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.

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"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.

**Feuded With Morse**  
The last years of his U.S. Senate term were marred by the feud between him and Sen. Wayne 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.

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Heavy snow warning south-east 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.d.t. Sunrise Thursday 7:06 a.m. e.d.t.

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**BULLETIN**

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

**INDIANA WEATHER**

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**MANCHESTER, N.H. (UPI)**

Both Sen. John F. Kennedy and Vice President Richard M. Nixon polled record votes in New Hampshire's bellwether presidential primary but the Republicans appeared today to be losing their grip on the Granite State.

Nixon easily topped President Eisenhower's 1956 vote. Kennedy doubled the 1956 total piled up by Sen. Estes Kefauver and loosened the GOP's traditional 2-1 hold on the electorate.

On the basis of virtually complete returns Kennedy polled two votes for every three Nixon ballots in the preference polls. There was no direct contest, the party primaries being separate, but the comparative vote was significant.

Kennedy, Democratic senator from neighboring Massachusetts, is the first Roman Catholic candidate for president since Al Smith who lost the 1928 election.

**Chicago Democrat Second**

With 289 out of 300 precincts counted, Kennedy had 42,367 votes to Kefauver's 19,566 total of 21,701. Chicago pen manufacturer Paul C. Fisher had 6,683 and 361 write-in votes were tallied for Sen. Stuart Symington (D-Mo.).

Complete returns on the Republican side gave Nixon 65,077 votes to 56,464 for President Eisenhower in 1956. Gov. Nelson Rockefeller of New York had 2,890 write-in votes and Democrat Paul C. Fisher of Chicago piled up an impressive 2,087 in the GOP preference poll.

Interpretation of the big Fisher vote as compared with Rockefeller's was clouded by the fact that Rockefeller withdrew from the primary contest early in the game while Fisher campaigned actively, although as a Democrat.

The balloting was heavy, perhaps a turnout of 400,000, with the voters apparently lured to the polling booths by a campaign

**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 come into 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.

**IN 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.

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## Farm Achievement Meet Held Tuesday

**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.

## 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: 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.

## Johnson's Class

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.

## Balkum 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 farm award. W. A. Robinson, farm tire representative of the Goodyear Tire Co. made the presentation.

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## 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