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Mine Explosion Traps 70; 9 Escape — Still Hope for Others

An explosion occurred this morning at a coal mine near Mannington in Marion County, West Virginia, and initial reports are that 70 men are trapped.

The Marion County Sheriff's office said the explosion occurred at about 6 o'clock at the Luellen Portal of the Mountaineer Coal Company, a division of Consolidated Coal Company.

Sheriff Robert H. Tennant said the mine superintendent, who reported the number of men trapped, said the mine is on fire. The superintendent said nine men came out of the mine through a back entrance.

Sheriff Tennant has made contact with eight men at the bottom of one shaft. He said aid was being sent down to them.

Mine rescue teams from throughout West Virginia have been called to the scene. At least three 15-rescue teams are waiting at the slopes, hoping for a chance to go in to look for the trapped miners. Wives and children of the miners are at the scene. There's no indication of what caused the first explosion. Sheriff Tennant says at least two explosions followed the initial one.

Canada Considers Continuance of Her NATO, NORAD Roles

Canada is considering whether to continue its present role in the North American Treaty Organization.

Premier Pierre Trudeau said Canada may not allocate four new destroyers to NATP. He said there have been no consultations with the United States on the future of NORAD (North American Air Defense Command), but added that the Canadian commitment is currently under review.

Negro Students Meet With College President

A group of 15 Negro students held a seven hour meeting with the President of the State College at St. Cloud, Minnesota. The meeting began with student announcement that the President could not leave until demands were met. The students emerged from the President's office late last night with agreement on several demands, including greater enrollment of Negroes and an increase in the number of Negro faculty members.

When the meeting began at the office of Robert Wick, at St. Cloud State College, two students were stationed at the entrance of the building to stop anyone from entering or leaving.

But after that about 150 white students gathered at the building and chanted, "We want Wick," the President emerged long enough to assure them he was not being held against his will.

Although some snowballs were thrown at the building, and at a group of students sympathetic to the Negroes, the crowd dispersed and there was no violence.

Da Nang Bombed In Heaviest Attack In Three Months

The big allied military base at Da Nang has come under its heaviest Communist artillery and mortar barrage in almost three months.

Sixty-five rounds were lobbed at the installation, an attack that came as a followup to enemy attacks launched yesterday against four South Vietnamese towns and cities. Damage and casualties at the base were described as light. Civilian dead and wounded were reported following yesterday's strikes from the Mekong Delta to the northern provinces.

Saigon Protests

The Saigon government filed a protest with the International Control Commission over the attacks on civilian centers.

It charged the assaults violated the understanding resulting from the total bombing halt against North Vietnam.

"THE DINK" ...by holcombe

**I PROMISE
TO NEVER SMOKE
IN BED.....**



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ARMY CLAIMS GI'S UNSWAYED BY ANTI-WAR DISSIDENT'S PROGRAM

The Army says a campaign by dissidents to disrupt the Army and draw a large number of soldiers into anti-war activities has fizzled. Army officials say efforts to get servicemen to join protest demonstrations just before the elections "didn't get the ground."

One senior officer says that "the anti-war people distributed a few leaflets around Army posts, but nobody paid any attention." Officials who have been watching the situation say that "coffee houses" opened by anti-war groups have had few GI patrons.

Anti-war dissidents are concentrating on encouraging soldiers to speak out against the war and to protest.

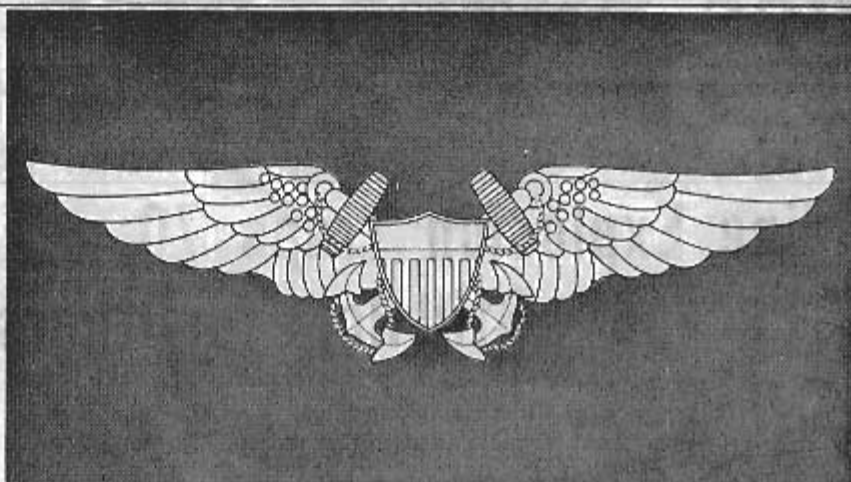
South Vietnam Claims U.S. "Very Patient"; Relations Improving

A South Vietnamese source reported today that American relations with the Saigon government are "better." In his words, "emotionally, the atmosphere is better. The Americans are being very patient."

He referred to the strained relations caused by Saigon's refusal to participate in expanded negotiations on the Vietnam war in Paris. But despite the report, officials said President Thieu is not backing down from his position against taking part in talks that include the Viet Cong as a separate group.

In Paris, allied sources said negotiations have been postponed for a third consecutive week because of the Saigon government's boycott of the talks.

And in Washington, President Johnson warned that the talks present what he termed "only the possibility of peace," and that "other bitter days and other battles still lie ahead."



NEW WINGS for Naval Flight Officers are in prospect. The Chief of Naval Operations has approved the new qualification insignia for Navy and Marine Corps personnel designated as Naval Flight Officers. The new wings with two crossed fouled anchors surcharged with a shield are to replace the Naval Aviation Observer wings now worn by NFO's. The target date for the change-over is December of this year. NAO insignia becomes obsolete January 1, 1969.

West Germany Raises Taxes To Keep Mark Value Stable

The West German government has decided not to change the value of the mark.

Instead, it announced plans to put on immediate taxation measures to curb exports and ease imports. The moves would be aimed at helping the international balance of payments situation.

Government spokesman Guenther Diehl said Chancellor Kurt Kiesinger had decided against revaluing the mark after consulting with his top advisors.

Pressure to re-value Mark

There has been pressure to revalue the mark upward in relation to the dollar.

Diehl explained why the West German government decided on import-export taxation rather than an upward revaluation of the mark. He said "the measures we have decided upon are not irreversible and they are adaptable. They can be sharpened or lessened."

Diehl said he hopes other governments will take suitable similar measures.

French Premier Couve de Murville is reported to have cut 360 million dollars from the 1969 budget. It is part of France's emergency measures to defend the franc. Later today the Premier

will take his austerity program before the National Assembly.

While awaiting the French and German decisions, financial speculators allowed the tension to ease slightly. The hope for a quick killing on a shift in the marc parity led to a panicky flight from the franc and other European currencies last week. The selling wave proved particularly damaging to the English pound and French franc.

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500th Landing Celebrated



CDR Bob Fraser, commanding officer of VAQ-132, cuts a cake commemorating his 500th A-3 carrier landing.

(LEDGER Staff photo by Byron Gates, Jr.)

Overnight Sit-in Staged in Protest Of Strike Settlement

An overnight sit-in was staged at two schools in the Oceanhill-Brownsville* School District in Brooklyn protesting the agreement ending the New York teacher's strike. About 75 angry non-union teachers, parents their children are involved in the demonstration.

Their discontent appears to center on loss of control over schools in the Oceanhill-Brownsville district. This resulted when it came under state control as a result of Monday's agreement ending the 10 week teachers walkout.

Police are standing by at the schools but no move has been made to oust the sit-ins.

Minority Groups Gaining More Voice In Selective Service

The selective service system has indicated that minority groups have been gaining seats on local draft boards at the rate of about one of every five new openings during the past year. According to a spokesman, in recent months Negro membership has been increasing faster than one per day.

For over one year it has been selective service policy to increase minority representative members on the local board. In many cases such representatives were few, and in certain states there was no minority representation whatever.

WINNIE THE POOH TO DISPLAY FASHIONS IN SATURDAY HANGAR SHOW

Crewmembers and their families will have a chance to see the latest in children's fashions Saturday when the Sears, Roebuck Co. displays their "Winnie the Pooh" line of clothing in Hangar Bay One at 1100.

Prior to the showing, Walt Disney Productions will present a 45-minute performance in connection with their film "Winnie the Pooh and the Blustery Day."

Nearly 1,000 local residents are expected to view the show, each donating \$1 to the Navy Wives Club of America Scholarship Fund. Alameda Chapter number 108 of the club is sponsoring the event.

Admission will be free for crewmen and families.

Denver-Bound Jet 'Shaken' En Route ; Lands Safely

A Continental Airlines jet en route from Los Angeles to Denver with 70 persons aboard, was rocked today by a "concussion" in its washroom. The FBI says the concussion caused "extensive incineration" of the rest room compartment.

The plane landed safely at Denver with its seven crewmen and sixty-three passengers, who included Republican Senator Clifford Hansen, of Wyoming.

FBI agents arrested one of the passengers, identified as 47 year old Lawrence Havelock, of Lake George, Colorado. He was charged with violating the destruction of aircraft statute.

Havelock, reportedly a naturalized U.S. citizen born in Czechoslovakia, told authorities he is a retired Air Force Sergeant. He was arraigned before a U.S. Commissioner.

FBI agents refused to comment when asked whether the "concussion" resulted from an explosion in the washroom.

More Bowl Game Bids In

The college football bowl picture came into a little more focus today with three more entrants. Florida State University has been named to play in the Peach Bowl at Atlanta; Ohio University in the Tangerine Bowl at Orlando, Florida; and Alcorn A & M of Mississippi in the Orange Blossom Classic at Miami.

The Peach Bowl, a newcomer to the bowl field, is set for the night of Dec. 30th. Florida State's opponent probably will be picked from among the following:

L.S.U.; Syracuse; Air Force; Wyoming; or Virginia. Florida State has won six of eight games this season, and has two games remaining.

Ohio in Tangerine Bowl

In the Tangerine Bowl, Ohio University, the mid-American Conference Champion, plays the Southern Conference winner, either Richmond or The Citadel, on the night of December 27th. The Southern Conference title will be settled this weekend.

Alcorn A & M, on the basis of its seven and one record, was chosen to play in the Dec. 7th

ITALY'S 28TH GOVERNMENT QUILTS; COUNTRY IN POLITICAL CHAOS

Italian Premier Giovanni Leone's five-month-old Christian Democrat minority cabinet resigned today, plunging the country into renewed political chaos.

Two million government workers walked off their jobs and paralyzed the nation for 24 hours.

Leone told President Saragat his caretaker government was resigning to clear the way for a new center-left coalition.

His decision to step down marked the end of Italy's 28th government since the war.

Orange Blossom contest, Florida A & M's Rattlers are the annual host for the game.

Meanwhile, Southern California continues to hold onto the number one spot in the Associated Press major college rankings. Unbeaten and untied in eight games, the Trojans increased their lead by picking up 27 first-place votes and 704 points.

Runner-up Ohio State remained number two by grabbing seven first-place votes and 636 points. ninth and Notre Dame fell back one spot to tenth. Houston is ranked eleventh, followed by Purdue, Missouri, Oklahoma and Alabama. Oregon State is 16th, followed by Ohio University, California, Auburn and Wyoming.

Penn State ranks third, Michigan fourth and Georgia fifth. Texas jumped from eighth place to sixth. Kansas stayed seventh and Tennessee advanced from eleventh to number eight.

U.S. Surgeon General Warns More People Susceptible To Hong Kong Flu

The United States Surgeon General says that "more people are susceptible" to the new flu strain, called a-two Hong Kong 68.

He warned today that there will be, in the usual pattern, a few outbreaks of the new flu strain from now through December and then "a real epidemic" is possible in January.

Dr. William Stewart said doctors should reserve the scarce flu vaccine for "high risk" patients who might need it to stay alive.

A pharmaceutical company in West Point, Pennsylvania, said today the first of more than seven million doses of the new vaccine have been shipped off to the west coast.

Premier Kosygin Favors Peaceful Co-existence With United States

Soviet Premier Alexi Kosygin told two U.S. Senators in Moscow that he favors a peaceful co-existence with America.

Kosygin met with Senators Albert Gore and Claiborne Pell, both members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

The Russian Premier says he's interested in pursuing improved east-west relations and a balance of military strength between the two powers.

At a news conference later, Tennessee Senator Gore says he told Mr. Kosygin that Russian intervention in Czechoslovakia has drawn thin the American public opinion.

UNITED NATIONS REJECTS RED CHINA MEMBERSHIP NINETEENTH TIME

The United Nations has again turned thumbs down on Communist China's bid for membership.

The General Assembly voted 58 to 44—with 23 abstentions—not to admit the communist government as the legitimate representative of the Chinese people.

It was the 19th time the Assembly has turned down the Peking regime.

Before voting on the resolution, the Assembly approved a proposal by the U.S. that the resolution should be considered an "important question," requiring two-thirds majority for approval.

The Assembly also voted down a proposal to have a study group find a solution to the problem of regime should represent China.

There is nothing by which men display their character so much as in what they consider ridiculous.