

MANNINGTON

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^{That}
~~At Mannington~~, West Virginia - ^{underground} ~~what consolidation~~
~~is being used for~~
coal mine ~~continues to burn~~ ^a ~~with~~ corresponding
increase in ~~deadly~~ ^{which} carbon monoxide - virtually eliminating
any chance of survival for ~~these~~ ^{the} seventy-eight trapped miners.

^{at Mannington -}
But still they wait, ^{at} family, friends and co-workers -
hundreds of men, women and children - hoping against hope.

Praying for a miracle - for it seems ^{now} that nothing less will
do.

VIETNAM

War news from Vietnam - tells ~~today~~ of a sudden crash program in the Communist North, With thousands of North Vietnamese laborers ~~said to be~~ rushing the reconstruction of bombed-out highways ~~and~~ speeding tons of war supplies - southward toward that D.M.Z.

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Eventual destination - hard to tell. As one observer put it: "They can move the stuff to the Northern border of the D.M.Z. - or they can shunt it off into Laos." But either way - said he - it points increasingly toward ~~an expected~~ Viet Cong "winter-spring" offensive.

PARIS FOLLOW VIETNAM

Meanwhile, ^{no} progress at Paris, ~~if any - apparently~~
~~in reverse.~~ ^{With} Public talks long suspended. - Now
North Vietnamese negotiators ^{have} ~~announced today~~ ^{ed} that ~~now~~
secret talks are also being terminated. Reason - according
to Hanoi - Saigon's attempt to "torpedo" an expanded
peace parley.

Both sides hoping though - it will only be
temporary. Indeed, North Vietnam's Xuan Thuy saying he
is ready "to meet President Johnson's delegates any time -
even tonight" - if it will help to get the talks started
again.

STANFORD

The world's first double heart transplant patient - reported today from the Stanford University Medical Center, Palo Alto. Darrell Hammarley - fifty-six - the recipient of first one heart; and then another six hours later - when the original transplant failed to function properly. His condition - at last report - "satisfactory."

NEW YORK

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New hope for victims of Parkinson's Disease. The U.S. Public Health Service announcing today in New York - the start of a crash program to test a drug called L-Dopa^{which is} said to have brought about "dramatic improvements" - in "up to seventy-five per cent of the patients" who have used it so far.

Doctors warning that L-Dopa merely alleviates the symptoms of Parkinson's Disease - ^{— with} ~~still~~ no known cure.

Adding that in certain cases - it also has "serious and unpleasant side effects." ^{they are} Nevertheless, comparing the development of L-Dopa at this stage - with "the early days of penicillin."

KEY BISCAYNE

At Richard Nixon's "pre-inaugural White House" in Key Biscayne - the pace of transition begins to pick up.

An aide to the President-elect announcing today - the appointment of ten special task force study groups, Assigned to "pinpoint issues" in ten special problem areas - where the new President "will have immediate power to act."

Economics professor Paul McCracken of the University of Michigan - a former member of the Eisenhower Administration - in overall charge of the operation. Subjects including: Labor relations - fiscal policy - taxes - public welfare - transportation - housing and urban renewal and so on.

BONN

Bonn, West Germany - a second day of deliberations today - among the finance chiefs of the free world's ten richest nations. The so-called "group of ten" - supposedly nearing agreement on a new stopgap credit plan. One that would not only save the French franc - but also ease pressure on the British pound and the American dollar.

Exact details - still a secret. However, the plan expected to provide France - with a new "credit line" of ^{Dollars;} ~~One-to-Two Billion~~ while giving Britain similar assistance - as needed.

FRANC FOLLOW BONN

Underscoring the urgency of that Bonn meeting - ^{came a} ~~A~~
simultaneous announcement today from the French government
in Paris; ~~Reporting~~ figures for last week alone - showing
a loss of nearly Two Hundred Million Dollars in gold and
foreign exchange reserves. A seven-day loss - greater
than that for all of October. ^{This drops} ~~Dropping~~ France's carefully
hoarded reserves below the Four Billion level - for the
first time in four years.

~~By the way - French President De Gaulle~~ *may be*
seventy-eight-years old *today, but he is*
~~as of the date; but who's~~

~~counting - certainly not De Gaulle. Le Grand Charles~~

to be as rugged and as positive
reported ~~as tough and crusty~~ as ever - if anything, *they say*

he's actually exhilarated by the present French monetary crisis -
which makes Paris again the focus of world attention.

As for the question of possible retirement - some

day! ~~so he~~ ~~De Gaulle~~ has been heard to tell friends: ~~"Don't~~

Adding:- ~~worry~~ "You will know when I am no longer here." What

about a successor? ~~"There will be~~ *"* no dearth of heirs" -

says De Gaulle. Adding: "After me - the flood."

Le Grand Charles
In the meantime though - ~~De Gaulle~~ remains the *same*

seems
imperious De Gaulle, The man who once said and still *clearly*

to believes: "I am France - France is I."

PORTLAND-DALAT

Here's one - Portland to the rescue. ~~WA~~ story ~~that~~
begins at Dalat in South Vietnam - with the accidental
shooting of an elephant at ^{the} ~~A~~ local zoo. The G.I.'s who
were responsible - ~~promptly~~ issuing a worldwide appeal for
a replacement pachyderm.

Next stop - Portland, Oregon - which likes to call
itself "the elephant capital of the world." This thanks
to a prolific bull by the name of Thonglaw ~~out~~ at the
^{Oregon} ~~Portland~~ Zoo. Anyway, a group of Portland businessmen
quickly picking up the appeal - in behalf of the people of
Dalat.

Result: One replacement elephant - coming up - as
soon as they can figure out how to get it there.

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Chance for you, Warren, to fly
him out in your plane!

SENATE

From the U.S. Senate - a censored transcript today of a secret debate last month. Dealing with the possibility of a "nuclear exchange" with Russia. Ending in a vote of approval - for construction of a new U.S. antiballistic missile defense system.

Perhaps the decisive argument - that of Senator Russell of Georgia - who said: "If we have to start over again with another Adam and Eve - then I want them to be Americans and not Russians: *and all u-t-men,* ~~and I want them on this continent~~ ~~and not in Europe.~~"