

Thursday, November 28, 1974
Thanksgiving Day

ALASKA ELECTION

I hope this was as happy a Thanksgiving for you as it was for my very ill wife and myself. It was made extra special for us when, this morning, over CBS we got the final news on the gubernatorial election up in Alaska. It had been such a close race that even then I wondered - until this afternoon when a telephone call from Anchorage confirmed, what CBS had announced, that veteran governor Bill Egan had conceded.

Perhaps you know the names of the young men, the team that won the race in Alaska, one of the few victories for the Republicans in this year's election. I understand the inaugural will be in early January, and, as you can imagine I'd like to be there.

Meanwhile, down here in what the Alaskans call the South Forty-Eight some of the descendants of the Indians who greeted the Pilgrims in Sixteen Twenty today

were saying they want to talk Turkey not eat it. I hadn't heard of the Wampanoags until now. But these redskins have filed suit in Boston hoping to recover part of Martha's Vineyard.

While President Ford at the White House, was putting on a Thanksgiving spread for the Grand Rapids players who were on an unbeaten high school team with him, half way round the world in Peking the Chinese were giving a farewell banquet in honor of Secretary of State Kissinger. While the Chinese orchestra played "Turkey in the Straw," what do you suppose was on the menu? Why, Peking duck, of course!

And now this message.

MID EAST

Diplomatic sources in London say Soviet leaders
are advising P L O leader Yasser Arafat to back away
from his earlier demands for creation of ~~the~~^a Palestinian
State that would eliminate Israel as a separate ~~country~~^{nation}.
~~They are~~^{Moscow is} suggesting ~~is instead~~ that any new Palestinian
State include only the ~~Jordan~~ west bank and the
Gaza Strip - two areas taken by Israel in the ~~Sixty-Six~~
Sixty-Seven War.

SELASSIE

Former Ethiopian Emperor Haile Selassie

apparently has given up a part of his ~~large~~ fortune

in exchange for his life. Sources in Addis Ababa

say the ~~eighty~~ ^{ex-King of Kings} eighty-two year old ~~Selassie~~ used this

means to save himself ^{the other day} ~~recently~~ when fifty-nine ~~other~~

Ethiopian leaders were executed by the new military

regime. Negotiations are reported under way to

^{transfer} ~~transport~~ ^{The ex-King of Kings} part of ~~Selassie's~~ financial holdings,

now in Swiss bank ^S~~accounts~~

DROWNINGS

Three children - on a Thanksgiving visit with their grand-parents near Costello , Pennsylvania drowned today when they ~~had~~ walked out over an ice covered gravel pit ^{pond} and the ice gave way. They were ages seven - five, and three - all children of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bauman, ~~Senior~~ of Lockhaven Pennsylvania.

MINERS

And here at home, striking coal miners are receiving copies of the proposed new work contract with voting expected to begin Monday. If the pact is ratified, the strike may end within eight days.

ONIONS

After struggling through an oil shortage - a meat shortage, and countless others too numerous to mention - we now learn that the great onion shortage is over. The onion shortage had been due to unseasonable weather, tropical storms, dwindling supplies and rising prices. Today the aromatic bulb is more popular than ever.

The ancient Egyptians took an oath with the right hand resting on an onion, says the National Geographic. The plant was used to prevent scurvy among the builders of the Pyramids.

Ulysses S. Grant once wired headquarters in Washington: "I will not move my army without onions." Three train loads went out the next day!

And now this message ...

BARBER

A barber in Fort Collins, Colorado, - ~~on~~ his
~~name~~ Carmel Solano - ~~says~~ says the current business
downturn is giving him an upturn. ~~with new customers~~
long haired male students from ~~the local~~ Colorado
State University ~~he~~ Says ~~barber Solano~~ - "the students
are trying to find part time jobs, ~~amid stiff competition.~~ ^{and have}
~~discovered it~~ ^{to} easier to find ~~if they~~
~~Now they feel a job may come quicker for me with~~
~~go back to the shorter~~
~~shorter more conservative~~ hair styles, - ~~like in the~~
~~days of long ago.~~"