

In a federal court room in Washington - Arnold Miller today was officially declared the new President of the United Mine Workers, Miller and some three hundred ~~supper~~ supporters - promptly storming the mine workers headquarters building; where the new President - was then installed in office. The ceremony taking place - we are told - in a carnival ~~at~~ atmosphere - complete with a three piece band. Miller's first words as President: "This is the happiest day of my life." All of which - was drowned out by cheers. But once the noise had subsided - Miller pledging that henceforth "every coal miner will know this is his union." Adding "It no longer belongs to one man." This of course a ~~was~~ reference to his predecessor ousted President Tony Boyle.

VIETNAM - KEY BISCAYNE

On the war front - the fifth straight day of massive ~~air~~ air strikes against Communist North Vietnam. This amidst a growing clamor of ~~people's~~ protests though mainly from ~~Communist~~ Communist nations. While here at home, - the Florida White House was taking exception to a report yesterday from Hanoi. Asserting if any U S prisoners were hurt during bombing attacks - the blame must lay with North Vietnam. Press Secretary Ron Ziegler saying: "There can be no question but that the U S holds Hanoi responsible and accountable - for the proper treatment of U S prisoners under the provisions of the Geneva agreement." Ziegler adding: "This includes the responsibility of not retaining prisoners of war - in or near military target areas."

KANSAS CITY

*Kansas City again - Harry Truman's heart began to beat irregularly today. Then his blood pressure fell - and he lapsed into unconsciousness. His condition <sup>simply</sup> listed ~~briefly~~ as "critical".*

*Within a matter of hours though - another rally. The former President - again listed as - "very serious."*

*Doctors adding that his cardiac status - is now "somewhat improved."*

DALLAS

At Dallas, Texas - all's well that ends well as no doubt you've heard by now. Pretty young Mandy Dealey - who was kidnapped earlier this week - once again reunited with her ~~husband~~ husband, publishing heir Joe Dealey Junior. Police also catching her two alleged kidnapers - while they were still counting the ransom money, ~~λ~~ <sup>Q</sup> ~~A~~ cool quarter of a million. ~~And so~~ <sup>a</sup> harrowing ~~experience~~ experience - but a happy ~~and just~~ ending.

MADRID

Six weeks ago - amid much fuss and fanfare - Juan Peron departed his place of exile in Madrid. Today he returned - except for a small welcoming party - almost ~~unnoticed~~ unnoticed. The former Argentine ~~dictator~~ dictator, as you know - just back from a visit to his homeland; <sup>Failing</sup> ~~having failed~~ there in an effort to unite his many one-time supporters, he's now apparently reconciled <sup>to</sup> to the life of an ex-patriot. At any rate, Peron <sup>in Madrid was</sup> ~~was~~ telling reporters - "I have come back to Spain - because I ~~can~~ can live here better and in more tranquility than in Argentina."

## LOS MAITENES

An amazing ~~story~~ story of human survival - comes today from the Chilean village of Los Maitenes - high in the Andes. It all began last October Thirteen - when a chartered airliner disappeared enroute from Montevideo to Santiago. This leading to an extensive search to no avail. The ~~airline~~ ship's crew and passengers - forty ~~to~~ five in all - including a Montevideo rugby team - finally given up for lost. Given up - that is until today. In the midst of a raging snowstorm - two men suddenly appearing at the edge of a river near Los Maitenes <sup>which they were</sup> unable to cross.

\* Scrawling a message on a piece of paper, tying it to a stone <sup>they threw it across</sup> ~~(and throwing it)~~ to a rancher on the ~~the~~ other side. "From crashed airplane" - it read. "Been walking about ten days - fourteen others remain - nothing to eat - please come and get us." Well - that was enough. The rancher quickly ~~summoned~~ summoning

*police - who launched a massive rescue operation.*

*A Chilean helicopter - soon bearing to safety -*

*six additional survivors - with eight more still*

*to come - just as soon as the weather clears.*

*A spokesman for the rescue team saying of one and*

*all - they feel as if they've been reborn.*

This next - from San Jose; about a chap  
by the name of Steven Wallenda - at age twenty three,  
a drop out from the <sup>famed</sup> ~~xxxx~~ "Flying ~~off~~ Wallendas."

Young Steve seeing too many of his relatives -  
killed or maimed on the high wire; ~~so he~~ took a  
job ~~at~~ with a firm called "Food Machinery Corporation."  
Much safer - or so he thought except that a part of his  
work - call<sup>ed</sup> ~~ing~~ for personal inspection of huge tanks.  
And this week - while checking one of his tanks -  
Steven Wallenda slipped and fell. Ending up in a  
hospital with serious back injuries.

# FAIRFAX

The passing of an old friend is reported today from Fairfax, Virginia. Jimmy Wallington one of the most famous announcers during the so-called "golden age of ~~the~~ radio." Starting out ~~at~~ with a small station ~~in~~ at Schenectady - but soon becoming <sup>top</sup> ~~the chief~~ announcer for NBC. Along the way covering many major events - such as the Nineteen Thirty Byrd expedition to the ~~South~~ <sup>South</sup> Pole. Later working with Eddie Cantor, Fred Allen, and for years <sup>he was</sup> ~~right~~ here with me. His most recent assignment with the Voice of America. And now the final sign-off.

Jimmy Wallington - only sixty-five.

# VICH

In the Spanish ~~and~~ city of Vich - about  
forty miles from Barcelona - Christmas came early  
today. A local cafe owner by the name of ~~Jaime~~  
Jaime Ripoll - in partnership with his wife and son  
and a few friends - winning "El Gordo" which means  
literally "the fat one." <sup>Which is</sup> ~~And what?~~ <sup>It's</sup> ~~that -~~ <sup>merely</sup>  
the world's richest lottery. Jaime Ripoll and company  
winning one point two billion pesetas - or the  
equivalent of nineteen million bucks. <sup>Yesterday</sup> ~~And that's what~~  
he was almost broke. Today he's a multi -  
~~you call - a real "stocking stuffer"~~  
multi millionaire.

CANDOR

Candor, New York - the home of one of the most successful Santa Claus schools here in the East. Candorite Bill Connolly - serving as a one man faculty; sending hundreds of graduates - to schools stores, shopping centers and the like. Also, discussing today - the question of "what makes a good Santa Claus.?"

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"Profesoor Connolly saying: "Anybody can put on a suit - but you have to have the love and spirit of Christmas in your heart. If a man has this - he can be made to look like Santa Claus; but if he doesn't - he'll never make Santa."

Incidentally, the Professor is far from being a male chauvinist - having trained many women Santas. But he admits - it doesn't always work out "the biggest problem - he explains <sup>-Bill-</sup> is complaints about Santa coming out of the ladies room."

HOUSTON

From Houston - the story of an elderly man who apparently suffered a heart attack. Police calling an ambulance. - The man enroute to a hospital - ~~when he~~ suddenly came to. "Where are we going, he asked. To veterans hospital the driver replied. Whereupon the patient said: "I think I'll get out <sup>right</sup> here." And he did - and he hasn't been seen since.