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NEW YORK

Today here in New York - the striking postal employees voted to return to work due to an agreement worked out in Washington, package offer said to call for a twelve per cent wage increase - retroactive to last October; also, full payment of health and medical coverage - top pay after only eight years instead of twenty-one - and, most important, a total amnesty for all strikers.

It still remains, of course - for Congress and the President to approve all this. However, union leader Gustave Johnson is telling his people that he had been assured it will be done "in the immediate future."

CONTROLLERS

As one mail tie-up ended another involving aviation was developing. With air controllers across the country phoning in "sick", - or "sick and tired," as some of them put it. In effect, staging a slowdown - affecting commercial flight traffic in practically every major U.S. air center.

This "sick-out" - as it was called - mainly a protest against inadequate equipment and poor working conditions - in particular, over long hours. The controllers were saying of today's move that it's only the "first wave." However, the Federal Aviation Authority is calling it a strike, pure and simple; further asking and obtaining an injunction - hoping to end it once and for all.

WHITE HOUSE

The White House - President Nixon gets tough.

Announcing today his intention to ask for new legislation
- providing for the death penalty in any fatalities resulting
from criminal bombings.

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The President explained his stand - asserting that
actual and threatened bombings have "sent fear through
many American communities." And the perpetrators of
these crimes ^{said he, are} ~~he added~~ political fanatics posturing
as romantic revolutionaries." But the time has come -
said the President - when "they must be dealt with as the
potential murderers they are."

INTRO TO TAPE

Lets escape from our world for
a moment And ~~now lets~~ return ~~again~~ to the "Land of Lost
Horizon" - via tape; ~~presenting herewith~~ ^{I'll call this} the latest
chapter - in the "Adventures of Boris"; in Nepal.

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

If you have ever visited Nepal I have said news for you. Boris in prison - again! Boris is a white Russian, one time a famous dancer with Diagelev's famous ballet company. He had escaped being killed by the Bolshev's back in the twenties because he was in the ballet.

After touring the world as a dancer and as a big game hunter he created the Club Three Hundred in Calcutta, patronized mainly by maharajas and American airmen including Chennault's Flying Tigers.

King Tribhuwan invited him to Nepal to set up a distillery. When the King died the Ranas put him in prison. But at the time of the Coronation the present king had him released and gave him a tough assignment - taking care of all visiting ambassadors and other notables and handling all the catering for the King's several hundred guests and the Coronation bauquets. As a result at the Coronation Boris stood out as just about the most conspicuous

personality aside from the King and Queen.

Nepal seemed to be a real shangri la for ~~Dario~~^{Boris} and his lovely Danish bride Inger. All these years they ran the Royal Hotel one of the Rana palaces.

But maybe he made some enemies with his gay, flamboyant style. His friends did. Maybe they didn't want Boris to play a stellar role at this royal wedding. At any rate, they put him in prison a few weeks ago. No one had even been allowed to see him except his wife and even she only through an iron grill.

A biography of this colorful white Russian was published in America recently by Dutton. It's quite an adventure story. But now they'd better put out a new edition to which Author Michel Peissel should add at least one more chapter, on Boris Lissanevitch and his adventures in the Land of the Lost Horizon.....

INTEREST

Now - from Shangri La -
we're in New York again, ^{where} - the Irving Trust Company

today reduced its prime interest rate to eight per cent - as

opposed to the previous eight-and-a-half, ~~per cent~~. A

spokesman for the bank - America's twelfth largest -

calling this an effort to help cushion the current

~~recessionary~~ ^{down} trend. Whereupon the Bank of America,

Morgan Guaranty ~~Trust~~ and and number of other major

banks - promptly followed suit. On the strength of which -

stock prices staged a sudden advance; ~~with the Dow Jones~~

~~industries picking up more than sixteen points - closing~~ ^{the day}

~~at seven ninety.~~

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From Warsaw - and Washington, too - we hear today that a huge American aid program will soon come to an end. A program that has fed three million Poles daily - for the past fourteen years. Now set to expire June Thirty - despite pleas from Poland that it again be extended.

Reason for the termination: Principally a Congressional decision five years ago - to begin phasing out all American food shipments to Europe; (shipments which were then being sent not only to Poland - but also Yugoslavia and Greece. U.S. officials contending that these countries were again able to feed themselves - and U.S. aid was more urgently needed elsewhere.

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In the case of Poland - the matter finally coming to a head recently; when it was discovered the Poles were receiving U.S. butter free - while selling their own butter surplus for export.

From Singapore comes ~~the story today~~ ^{word} of a new-type night club - new for that part of the world, ~~anyway~~. This club ~~that~~ features a stripper direct from London ~~also, a~~ ^{and a} topless French chorus line. And they call ~~this night spot~~ ^{it} the "Marco Polo" - after ~~the famous~~ ^{one of the most famous of} ~~adventurers and~~ explorer, ^S Marco Polo the Venetian.

We've named it

~~the~~ "Marco Polo" ~~because~~ says Manager C.M. Seow, ^{because}

"Marco Polo believed ~~that~~ a man enjoyed good food and drink more ~~if~~ if he surrounded himself with pretty girls and cheerful companions." Manager Seow adding of Marco Polo: "He was a real swinger."

I happen to be the President of the Marco Polo Club here in New York, but we don't feature the same entertainment as they do at the Marco Polo in Singapore! Warren!

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MONT BLANC

~~This next~~ ^{Here's} a tale of high adventure. In the French Alps, ~~with~~ a helicopter landing ^{ed} today near the top of Mont Blanc - Europe's highest mountain; rescuing and carrying to safety four veteran mountain-climbers - who had been stranded there since Sunday.

The temperature at the time - twenty-two below.

~~Indeed~~ The leader of the party - one Jean Fanton - ~~told~~ ^{the} ~~telling~~ rescuers ^{that} "In the wind and the cold - it was certain death." ~~And he added~~ ^{Then he added} ~~that~~ "We could not have held out ~~for~~ ^{many} ~~hours~~ longer," ~~and he~~

~~Best of all, doctors later reported the four climbers - suffering merely fatigue and frostbite. They'll be up and around in no time - we are told; and probably back on the slopes - shortly thereafter.~~