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GOOD EVENING:

At Logan, West Virginia, rescue workers have reached that underground room where they thought eighteen men entombed in a coal mine might have taken refuge. There was no one there.

What did they find? Only a couple of dinner buckets, some tools and machinery were found. Said the ^{State} Mines Director, Crawford L. Wilson: "We approached the first area where the men could have been. There were two dinner buckets, tools and machinery, but no evidence of the men themselves."

The empty area was the one rescuers had been driving toward for six days in their around-the-clock attempt to reach the coal miners trapped last Tuesday by a slate fall and fire in the mine.

The rescue team which made the break-through was pulled back immediately to a fresh-air base for food and rest.

PASSES

The Russians have withdrawn those controversial passes - by which the West would have been forced - to recognize the Communist regime of East Germany. The passes were issued to - British, French and American military missions in East Germany. The allies refused - to acknowledge them. And retaliated by restricting the movement of - Soviet military missions in West Germany. Moscow - backing down today. Ending the dispute - by cancelling the passes.

KHRUSHCHEV

Ninita

Ninita / Khrushchev's trip to France has been re-scheduled -- to begin March Twenty-third. But the Soviet Premier will stay only eleven days - instead of the two weeks originally decided on. The difference of three days - is obviously due to the pressure of time. Khrushchev, feeling he's lost enough time already - because of his illness.

Anyway, we can say for sure - Khrushchev's illness is not diplomatic. He won't arrive in Paris tomorrow - not because of hostile criticism by French anti-Communists -- but because he really does have the flu.

MANNERS

It seems appropriate that a plan for more "gentlemanly conduct" in international affairs - should come from London. The British have ^a long tradition - of ~~correct~~ etiquette. Good manners - and all that. With Number Ten Downing Street a model of decorum - in the diplomatic world.

So it's no surprise to hear - that Prime Minister Macmillan will go to the summit with a proposal for - less heated exchanges between East and West. Fewer - insults. But can the suave Prime Minister persuade Nikita Khrushchev - to talk in tones of sweet reason and cordiality? There's some doubt about that - even in London.

CUBA

The latest anti-American attack in Cuba is aimed at -
our big naval base at Guantanamo Bay. The Castro press accuses
officials at the base of - of "insulting" Cuba and Cubans.
Castro's editors, demanding an end to what they call-"military
imperialism by the United States." Meaning, in plain language -
that Cuba should take over Guantanamo.

Meanwhile, Castro himself continues - his
anti-American harangues. Today he warned the people of Cuba
to prepare for a long struggle - against America.

MEETING

Today's meeting in New York City's Waldorf-Astoria - must have been a dramatic one. The Premier of Israel, paying a visit to the suite of - the Chancellor of West Germany. Ben-Gurion and Adenauer, getting together to discuss - an end to the tension that has separated the Jews and the Germans - ever since Hitler started his anti-Semitic campaign. The Waldorf meeting was - private. Attending - only the Ambassadors of Israel and West Germany. We are told the Adenauer-Ben-Gurion discussion - was cordial. We can guess - it must have been dramatic.

INDONESIA

In Indonesia, President Sukarno has appointed himself - "Supreme War Administrator." Which indicates how seriously Sukarno takes - that strafing attack on his palace. Last week's incident, when a pilot in the Air Force - apparently went berserk.

Sukarno thinks it was - a planned assassination attempt. So he strengthens his hand against his opponents - by taking personal control of - Indonesia's political and military forces. Sukarno - "Supreme War Administrator."

CONGO

Tonight the city of Elizabethville, in the Belgian Congo - is under martial law. The army, moving in to restore order - after another outbreak of rioting. No, not an anti-white demonstration. This time, it was - Congolese against Congolese.

Two political parties - preparing for the forthcoming election. The Conakat Party - and the Balubakat Party. The Conakats - in favor of strong ties with Belgium. The Balubakats - demanding full independence for the Congo.

The political contest - beginning with speeches. Continuing with - strikes and free-for-alls. Culminating in - a pitched battle. The Congolese, fighting one another with - spears, poison arrows, and rifles of World War One vintage. The battle - surging through the streets of Elizabethville. The toll - twenty dead, almost two hundred injured.

Result - martial law in the Congo.

WEATHER

Today the Governor of North Carolina remarked -
"the situation is well in hand." Governor Hodges, referring
to rescue operations - in the southern Appalachians - where
fifteen hundred families were snowbound ~~by~~ last week, ~~the~~ snow.

Helicopters began dropping supplies - over the
weekend. And tonight - most of the families have been accounted
for. The air-drops are continuing - supplemented by Army
"weasels" - moving across the snow into the mountains.

"PIONEER"

"Pioneer Five" has broken all records for - radio transmission across space. Today Britain's giant radio telescope at Jodrell Bank picked up signals - from half a million miles out. The signals, described as - "loud and clear." The astronomers at Jodrell Bank are keeping steady contact with "Pioneer Five". And they expect to track our space rocket out about fifty million miles.

AND NOW, A MAN WE HAVE TRACKED AS
FAR AS OUR OWN STUDIO - DICK NOEL.

SHIP

The ship that lies in the sand near Kennebunkport, Maine - set sail for Boston - in Seventeen Seventy. The "Industry" left St. George, Maine - before the Revolution. She had a crew of thirteen men aboard. And she was never seen again. Her fate, a mystery of the sea - for a hundred and ninety years.

Now we know what happened. The "Industry" was battered by a storm - crippled - and flung ashore at Kennebunkport. Her crew - drowned. The wreckage of the ship - buried by wind and sand. Only coming to light now - because the wind blew the sand off again. And that solves an old mystery - of New England shipping. ¹⁴¹ (The fate of the "Industry" - a spanking vessel of the coasting trade - back in Seventeen ⁴⁸ Seventy. The "Industry" almost two centuries ^{overdue} ~~due~~ in Boston - because she only got as far as Kennebunkport. ⁰⁷

And now as Lowell would say:- Solong until tomorrow.