

Let's Go Shopping

WEATHER BUREAU FORECAST
Windy and cold tonight and Saturday with snow flurries and occasional snow squalls. Low tonight 23-26. High Saturday 33-36.

BINGHAMTON TEMPERATURES			
8 a.m.	41	10 a.m.	39
9 p.m.	36	5 a.m.	29
10 a.m.	38	6 a.m.	30
3 p.m.	30	7 a.m.	28
		11 a.m.	31

THE EVENING PRESS

THE HOMETOWN NEWSPAPER OF THE SOUTHERN TIER

Binghamton, N. Y., Friday, December 7, 1962

Volume 84 — 203

48 Pages

7 Cents

See It on TV 40, 75, 78, 81

Read It

In The Evening Press,
Hear It Over WINR,

Rescuers Tear at Rubble Trapping 36

JFK Team Splits... Sides for Adlai

By HELEN THOMAS
UP-International

Washington — President Kennedy and his New Frontiersmen sat around banquet tables last night laughing loud and long at the jokes of beleaguered United Nations Ambassador Adlai Stevenson.

Stevenson was the master of ceremonies at the Joseph P. Kennedy Mental Retardation Foundation awards dinner, and the President, his Cabinet, and practically every other New Frontier leader showed up.

It was a massive show of support for Stevenson, the latest effort to quash reports that the ambassador is on his way out because of a Saturday Evening Post article that reported he preferred negotiations to a blockade in the Cuban crisis.

THE ATMOSPHERE at the dinner was charged with sympathy and support for Stevenson. He was introduced as a "great American" and got a prolonged standing ovation.

Stevenson responded with nearly 20 minutes of running jokes and witticisms, many aimed at his own difficulties during the last week.

He introduced the President as "the author, the producer, the director and the star of Mr. Khrushchev's new hit play in Moscow—A Funny Thing Happened to Me on My Way to Cuba."

It was the first time Stevenson and Mr. Kennedy have appeared together in public since the magazine article was published Monday. Mr. Kennedy has assured Stevenson publicly that he had no intention of removing him.

The President, always a quick man with a joke himself, played the straight man last night, making no attempt to out-joke the ambassador. Mr. Kennedy and the rest of the audience roared with laughter at each of Stevenson's cracks.

STEVENS said that R. Sargent Shriver, director of the Peace Corps, was one of the "world's best salesmen—selling instant peace."

"He is so successful," Stevenson said, "that he makes the United Nations cry for it. As for me, I've been crying for it for the past week."

It was reported that none of Stevenson's jokes was in his prepared remarks.

"As for the press," Stevenson said, "despite all that has happened this past week, I would like to quote a famous news-



—Associated Press WIREPHOTO.

TOGETHER—President Kennedy and Adlai Stevenson walk together to a dinner of the Kennedy Foundation in Washington. This was the first public appearance of Mr. Kennedy and Stevenson since a magazine article hinted a rift between them on Cuban policy.

Mac Rips Back At Acheson

London.—(UPI)—Prime Minister Harold Macmillan replied sharply today to attacks against Britain by former U. S. Secretary of State Dean Acheson.

Macmillan said in a letter released by his office that Acheson, now an adviser to President Kennedy, had "fallen into an error" made through history by people from Philip of Spain to Adolf Hitler.

Acheson charged in a West Point speech this week that Britain's role as an independent power is "about played out." The charge created a heated controversy here and clouded the pre-Christmas Macmillan-Kennedy talks in the Bahamas.

MACMILLAN wrote to Lord



Chandon, president of the Insti-

Hopes Held Pa. Miners Still Alive

By the Associated Press
Carmichaels, Pa.—Rescue crews crept within less than 4,000 feet today of 36 men trapped deep underground by a gigantic mine blast.

There has been no contact with them since the explosion at 1:15 p. m. yesterday afternoon in the Robena No. 3 mine of U. S. Steel Corp.

Lewis Evans, Pennsylvania secretary of mines, described the situation as "desperate," but held out hope the miners may be alive. "We hope the men built barricades to stop the flow of gas," he said.

Forty-four others working in another section of the pit walked out unhurt. Some returned to search for their colleagues who are sealed 650 feet underground.

SLOWED by deadly gas and tons of rubble that left shavings hanging like burnt matches, the rescue crews proceeded cautiously in the tunnel—its concrete walls buckled by the blast.

"Those men are looking into the barrel of a shotgun," said one union official. "With those fires smoldering down there, it could cause another explosion."

But the search goes on. So do the hopes and prayers of wives, brothers, sisters and relatives keeping a vigil in a corrugated building adjacent to the mine shaft. Miners tried to comfort the grieving families. There is only one exit from where their loved ones are trapped.

The blast was the second in the 16-year history of the Robena mine.

IT CAME exactly 55 years to the day after the worst U. S. mine disaster on record—at Monongah, W. Va., where 361 persons were killed Dec. 6, 1907.

Mine secretary Evans, who is directing the operations, blamed it on a combination of gas and coal dust. He described it as one of tremendous nature.

The Robena mine, one of the world's largest soft coal operations, is located about 50 miles southwest of Pittsburgh. It produces coal for U. S. Steel's Clairton (Pa.) works where it is processed into coke for blast furnaces.

The shattering blast occurred at 1:15 p. m. yesterday afternoon at the Frosty Run mine shaft. It drops straight down 525 feet from the surface. At this point there is one downward sloping tunnel without branches extending for two miles to the working face. The tunnel drops gradually from 525 feet to 650 feet. That's the point where the men are trapped.

MINE officials said air coming up from the mine shaft contains large amounts of carbon dioxide, indicating there is fire in the blast area. Rescue teams proceeded cautiously.

The first indication of anything wrong in the pit was the



—Associated Press WIREPHOTO.

WAITING FOR WORD—Family of one of the 36 trapped miners in Robena Mine near Carmichaels, Pa., wait for word from rescue teams trying to reach men trapped by an explosion. Left to right, William Hribal, father of one of the victims, his daughter-in-law, Mary Hribal.

On Surface: Sobs, Stares

By BOB VOELKER
Associated Press Writer

CARMICHAELS, Pa.—Some 35 men and women, sitting on wooden folding chairs with their arms crossed, kept a lonely vigil early today for some word of 36 men trapped in an underground explosion.

The women, dabbing at their eyes with handkerchiefs, sob, stop and sob some more. The men, most of them miners themselves, stare with sober expressions.

This is the scene at a corrugated building, adjacent to a mine shaft at U. S. Steel Corp.'s Robena No. 3 mine where rescue work goes on for the trapped miners.

The search began about 1:15 p. m. yesterday after a shattering blast rocked the mine, some 50 miles southwest of Pittsburgh.

In one corner of the building, the Rev. Thomas Cassidy, pastor of St. Ignatius Roman Catholic Church at Bohnston, tries to console Mr. and Mrs. Bronakaski. Their 18-year-old son, Albert, an engineering trainee, is one of those missing.

There is no loud talking. Everything said is whispered.

In the other corner of the building the Salvation Army has set up a snack bar for coffee, doughnuts, sandwiches and candy. Hardly anything has been touched.

Since 7:30 p. m. last night Lee and Nick Caromano, Jr., have waited for some word of their father, Nick, Sr., 57, a miner for 30 years.

Mrs. James W. Hribal is another keeping the vigil. Her 39-year-old husband, an assistant mine foreman, has been a miner since 1941 except for the four years he spent in the Marines during World War 2. One of her two sons, Larry, was a freshman on the Notre Dame football team the past season.

Mrs. Hribal's father-in-law, William Hribal, who retired before an explosion at the mine last October killed two men, said "I never seen anything like this."



—Associated Press WIREPHOTO.

RESCUE WORKERS TAKE BREAK—Part of a mine rescue crew leaves elevator after participating in rescue operations today at Robena mine about 50 miles southwest of Pittsburgh.