

SEVEN WERE LUCKY...

# Shop Becomes Morgue for 18

FOR SOME, JOY...

## Agencies Probe Mine Explosion

By JAMES RAPIE

United Press International

MOAB, Utah (UPI)—The grim task of identifying bodies of victims of a potash mine explosion today in a truck repair shop converted into a temporary morgue.

At the same time, federal and state agencies began a full-scale investigation of the blast, which killed 18 of 25 construction workers nearly 1,000 feet below the earth's surface.

The makeshift morgue was set up when word reached officials that the remaining 10 men still in the mine were dead. Seven men survived the blast. Five were rescued Thursday night; two were rescued Tuesday night, the day of the explosion.

**Knew Victims**  
Sheriff John Stocks, who knew most of the victims personally, said it appeared that visual identification would be impossible in most cases. He said there was a possibility he would ask the FBI to aid in the identification.

The federal investigation into the blast was ordered by the Interior Department in Washington Thursday following a statement by the director of the Bureau of Mines that "all but one" of four fatal accidents involving workers at the mine property during the past 20 months "were preventable."

**Contractor Told**  
Bureau Director Marling J. Askeny said corrective measures had been recommended to the dual-drilling contracting firm, Harrison International, Inc., of Miami, Fla., a Canadian concern. Askeny said the mine still was

...THE REST WERE NOT

... OTHERS, GRIEF



Stepdaughter of miner John Tinsell, her face contorted with grief, cries on the shoulder of an unidentified relative, the heartless official announced that 18 miners—Tinsell among them—perished in an explosion nearly 1,000 feet below the earth's surface.

(UPI Telephoto)

## POOR COMPANIONS

### Death, Dignity Just Don't Mix

By LEW SCARR

Center News Service

CANE CREEK MINE, Utah—There is no dignity in violent death.

It can be swept away in one swift, blinding second. There is so little time for dignity. It was that way at the Cane Creek Mine.

Eight relatives of the doomed men left the company compound and went to the mine shaft. At first they sat on two carrels out of to one side. Then they left their seats and moved as close as they could.

Officials tried to keep them behind a rope, but they wouldn't stay. They had learned the trick of watching the hoist cable for upward movement. "They're bringing up a dead one," Mrs. John Tinsell said, without emotion and to herself, almost. Her husband was down there. No one had told Jessie Tinsell they were bringing up a dead one.

**RUSSIAN TRAWLERS SAIL WEST**  
Center News Service

Two Russian trawlers, bringing with electronic gear, that have been lurking off the West Coast since Aug. 3, were sailing due west yesterday, the 12th Naval District in San Francisco reported.

The trawlers, Delictor and Gidronov, were reported 71 miles due west of Los Angeles, sailing a course of 270 degrees and making a speed of eight to 11 knots.

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## 'Homesick' Turncoat Quits China

HONG KONG (UPI)—Albert C. Belhomme, Belgian-born former U.S. Army sergeant who defected to Communist China 10 years ago, arrived here today with his Chinese wife and the three sons he hopes will have "a better future in the outside world."

He was the second of 21 U.S. Korean War veterans to leave China this month. He said another, former Sgt. Scott Rush of Marietta, Ohio, planned to return home soon.

Lovell D. Skinner of Akron, Ohio, left China Aug. 1 and returned to the United States.

**To Belgium**

Belhomme, 34, planned to return to Belgium with his wife, Hans Ying, 28, and their sons, aged 4, 1 and 1. He and his wife both have Belgian passports.

"We should all consider the best things for our children," Belhomme said soon after being met at the Chinese border by a British Red Cross officer and a Belgian consulate official.

"I decided to leave China mainly because I think the children will have a better future in the outside world than in the past 10 years," he said in an interview. "I've changed my mind."

**"Homesick"**  
He also said he had become homesick for the West and was "always thinking of the outside world."

Belhomme, a native of Antwerp, Belgium, formerly lived in Oakland, Pa., where his mother was said to reside. His father is dead.

He had worked as an electrician in a metal factory in the industrial city of Tianjin, capital of Shantung Province in northern China.

The key to the Senate tax strip is the civil rights bill, Snatchers said.

## Southern Schools To Desegregate

Negro students today inaugurated the first public grade school desegregation in history in North Carolina and Alabama.

Three Negroes register in a school in Charleston, S.C., and 18 Negroes enroll for classes at a white high school in Tusculum, Ala. Authorities anticipated no trouble in either city. Classes began Tuesday in Charleston and Monday in Tusculum.

City schools at Memphis, Tenn., begin their third year of desegregation today but Shelby (Miss.) County school officials refused to disclose integration plans for the opening of their schools Tuesday.

At Mobile, Ala., school officials worked on the applications of two Negroes for transfer to a white school. Negro attorneys, meanwhile, and they would appeal the Mobile school board's grade-school integration plan on grounds it fails to comply with a federal desegregation edict.

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## TALE OF DISASTER

### Back to Mine? 'You Can Bet...'

By GRANT ELLICK  
MOAB, Utah (AP)—Am I going back down in the mine? Of course, I am.

I knew we would get out. We had been waiting there so long. Suddenly I heard my partner say something, and I looked up and there was someone with a light. The rescuers were holding, but the first thing I did was

After the explosion—it was like a coal mine down there—my worst moment came when our group rushed up the tunnel and ran into shock.

**Built Barriers**  
But then we calmed down and built those barriers. We worked an hour and a half putting up those smoke curtains made of plastic.

We even kept one light on for one of our men. He had claustrophobia. But when that light went out, he was on his own. There was one point when we were all bordering on hysteria, just lying there. It was the waiting.

**Felt Confident**  
But I always had confidence because we didn't have smoke, because of what we put up around us. When those other two (Donald

## Tuna Fleet Chief Asks Full Hearing

By HAL D. STEWARD  
Center News Service  
A full scale investigation and public hearing was demanded Thursday to "determine the

fact" over an alleged incident involving U.S.-owned tuna boats and Peruvian warships. August Felando, manager of the American Tunaboat Association in San Diego said, "The State Department is not telling the full story, or it does not know the full story."

The demand by Felando for the investigation and hearing came as the heels of a State Department announcement in Washington that reports of a Peruvian incident involving U.S. tuna boats last week were untrue.

"Used a public house is held and the full facts become known, a closed has been cast over the tuna boats and their crews," Felando said. He implied the State Department was talking the reports of the Peruvians in preference to those of American tunaboat skippers.

The Washington report quoted Frederick G. Dettler, assistant secretary of state, as stating the two vessels involved, denied that any thing happened. The Peruvian Ministry of the Navy told the U.S. Embassy in Lima there was no such incident as reported by American tunaboat skippers.

Felando said, "We have tape recordings of the conversations that took place during the incident with the Peruvian warships."

**Cuts Off Aid**  
An amendment to the House-passed foreign aid bill would cut off U.S. aid funds to any country that does not suspend its trade with Communist Cuba within 90 days.

A check with the Agency for International Development (AID), the clearing house of U.S. economic assistance, showed that Britain, Sweden, Norway and Finland received no purely economic aid in the 1962-63 fiscal year. Proposed aid figures for fiscal 1964 are classified. The amount of military assistance was not reported.

## Thirteen Nations Facing Aid Slash

The Daily Breeze  
Washington Bureau  
Center News Service  
WASHINGTON — Thirteen nations trading with Cuba since last January are potential targets for a new foreign aid bill amendment that would bar U.S. assistance to any country doing business with Fidel Castro.

The Federal Maritime Administration reported Thursday that 184 ships from 13 nations have violated the U.S. government's informal embargo on trade with Cuba.

**Ships to Cuba**  
In the period from Jan. 1 through last week, the following countries have sent ships into Cuban waters: Britain, 4; Greece, 4; Lebanon, 30; Italy, 4; Poland, 4; Yugoslavia, 4; Norway, 5; Spain, 2; Morocco, 2; Sweden, 2; Finland, 1; Japan, 1.

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