

## Cecil Sanders Still Trying to Forget Yuletide Mine Disaster

By TOM MADDOX  
WEST FRANKFORT, Ill. (AP) — Cecil Sanders is trying to forget it.  
But this Christmas season is renewing to all involved stark memories of the New Orient Coal Mine disaster a year ago. It took 120 lives.  
Another 130 men escaped; some only after terrifying hours. Sanders was entombed 69 hours with nine men. Their bodies were still warm when Sanders was found—the only entombed survivor of the worst mine disaster in a quarter century.  
Today Sanders still suffers from the carbon dioxide his blood absorbed and other after effects. The 45-year-old religious man has retreated from the shadow of the disaster site to a modest home by a park in another Southern Illinois community.  
He wants only peace and seclusion in his wife's care. His daughter, and son, both married, are among the few visitors.  
His physician said, "I'm trying

to help Cecil Sanders forget the whole thing. Any interview might set him back months."  
Meanwhile survivors in 16 communities are recalling anew the tragedy that chilled hearts which had been aglow with Christmas spirit. It occurred on the last shift before the men were expecting to be off for the holidays.  
For the first anniversary ministers of Benton and West Frankfort, plan prayerful memorial services in their Sunday services. It will be their Christmas program.  
A mass memorial observance in West Frankfort High School Auditorium at 2 p.m. Sunday is planned by United Mine Workers of America, Local 6265.  
Cecil Sanders probably will not attend, his wife said.  
The ordeal that Sanders seeks to forget started at 7:35 p.m., on Friday, Dec. 21, 1951. He and other miners were 600 feet underground, five miles from the main shaft.  
There was a spark or flame, possibly from an electric motor or a cigarette. It exploded methan gas. The force snapped 12 x 12 timbers like matchsticks. Big rails were twisted like curling spaghetti.  
Some men died violently and instantly. Others by-passed by the explosion died from carbon dioxide poisoning or burns.  
It was 1:30 p.m., Wednesday before the last body — that of an assistant night mine manager, James O. Cantrell — was recovered.  
Helpful in finding Sanders were signs a fellow miner, Joe Revak, had left as they retreated from gas. One said, "Men here;" others were arrows.  
Sanders told his story from his hospital bed:  
After a series of retreats down tunnels from gas, he said, "Boys, now you're at the end of the road. The only thing that can save us now is the almighty hand of God."  
They sang hymns and some prayed as they gradually lost consciousness. Sanders said, "I know when I lost consciousness I was singing 'The Amazing Grace'—his favorite church song. Part of it goes, 'I was lost but now am found.'"  
Sanders said they shared a stub pencil to leave notes to loved ones "and I wrote this note to my wife and children on the back of an old cough drop box, which was all the paper I had:  
"May the good Lord bless and keep you, dear wife and kids. Meet me in heaven. Your husband and dad, Cecil."  
Sanders regained consciousness and saw lights of rescue workers, to whom he called, "Help me, boys, help me." He said someone said, "My God! There's a man alive."  
"They didn't seem to think it was true."  
At the hospital one physician called his survival "a miracle."

## U.S. to Avoid Binding Human Rights Treaties

By CHARLES F. BARRETT  
WASHINGTON (AP) — The incoming Republican-controlled Congress is building up steam behind a move to prevent the United States from entering into any binding treaties dealing with human freedoms, or social or economic rights.  
Sen. Bricker (R-Ohio) told a reporter he sees an imminent danger that American freedoms will be chipped away in treaties now pending before the United Nations.  
And incoming congressmen, responding to an Associated Press survey, lined up 172 to 20 in favor of a constitutional amendment along the lines sponsored by Bricker.  
Bricker asserted that social and economic rights are internal matters to be governed only by U. S. law — and he wants to write in the Constitution a clear-cut statement that such rights cannot be regulated, limited or defined in any way by international agreements.  
Opponents of his amendment say it is unnecessary and would hamper international teamwork.  
In the survey, senators and representatives throughout the country were asked, "Do you believe the constitution should be amended along the lines of the Bricker resolution to specify that treaties may never take precedence over rights and guarantees in the Constitution?"  
Ninety-seven House members and 28 senators replied with an all-out yes, many including comments such as "absolutely," "100 per cent," "highly essential."  
An additional 41 House members and six senators said they are inclined to agree but want to see the language of the Bricker proposal.  
Two Democratic senators and five representatives — four Democrats and one Republican — gave a flat no.  
Ten other House members — six Democrats and four Republicans — and three Democratic senators indicated they are inclined toward opposition. Not a single Republican senator voiced opposition.  
Replies from 52 representatives and 17 senators did not show sentiment either way, and the remaining lawmaker could not be reached or did not respond.

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## State Workers Collect Food, Clothes, Toys for Needy



Employees of the drivers' license and traffic safety divisions of the Oregon secretary of state's office have collected the imposing array of household items, food, clothing and toys shown above, in addition to cash for distribution to some needy family during the holiday season. The employees planned the collection in lieu of their annual

## New Simplified Pregnancy Test Demonstrated

CHICAGO (AP) — A new test for pregnancy so simple that the family doctor could perform it in his office in a few minutes was demonstrated last week to the American Academy of Obstetrics and Gynecology.  
The only equipment needed for the Roland test is a syringe-type instrument and a low-power microscope. A sample of cervical mucus is smeared on glass plate, permitted to dry and crystallize, and is then observed.  
The different patterns in the crystallization process tell the story. An Academy spokesman said the test has verified pregnancy when the menstrual period is only a day or two late, compared with the 10 days to two weeks waiting period required for other known pregnancy tests.  
In an earlier report on the technique, Dr. Maxwell Roland of the New York Post-Graduate Medical School, New York University-Bellevue Medical Center, said it has been accurate in 99 per cent of 300 cases tested.  
The test also has been used to determine whether a woman is fertile in any particular month.  
The Academy spokesman said it undoubtedly would be given widespread trials in the months ahead to determine if it lives up to its early record for accuracy.  
In devising the test, researchers studied 20 mothers with known normal ovulatory menstrual cycles. Cervical smears were taken every two days from the end of one period to the onset of the next.  
The samples obtained from all women in the group assumed a "fernlike" crystalline structure on the glass slides from the fifth or seventh day of the cycle to the 20th or 22nd day.  
This was replaced from this point to the onset of menstruation by a cellular type of pattern. The cellular structure also was observed the first five days of the cycle.  
The next study group consisted of 30 infertile female patients who failed to ovulate. The smears in these cases, taken every two days, showed persistent fernlike structure throughout the period.  
Thus, if menstruation was late one or more days and no fernlike structure was shown on the slide, the test would indicate the woman was pregnant.  
If a fernlike structure was found on the slide of a woman two or more days late, the test would indicate she was not pregnant and that she had failed to ovulate that month.  
In the test to determine fertility in women, a fernlike structure found one or two days before the expected menstrual period would indicate failure to ovulate, while a cellular structure would indicate that ovulation occurred.  
The spokesman said present tests for infertility are mostly costly and time consuming.  
Doctors believe the activity of two hormones, estrogen and progesterone, influence the structure of the crystals.

## Siamese Twins Before Operation



CHICAGO—The Brodie Siamese twins, who are waging a grim battle for life after being separated in an historic marathon of surgery, are held by nurses in a Rock Island, Ill., hospital one day after their birth on Sept. 16, 1951. A team of specialists operated for 12 hours and 40 minutes in Chicago to part the 15-month-old boys and give them a chance to lead separate lives. The twins are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Brodie of Moline, Ill. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman.)

## Ike and Mac After Confab



NEW YORK — President-elect Dwight Eisenhower and Gen. Douglas MacArthur pause outside the home of Ike's secretary of state, John Foster Dulles, in New York City, after their long-awaited conference. The two five-star generals met at luncheon in the Dulles residence to discuss MacArthur's promised plan to settle the Korean war. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman.)

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## U.S. Envoy to Return to Iran For New Talks

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER  
WASHINGTON (AP) — Ambassador Loy W. Henderson is returning to Tehran this weekend for a new try at breaking the British-Iranian deadlock over payment for Britain's nationalized oil properties.  
Henderson conferred Friday with Secretary of State Acheson, a few hours after Acheson returned from conferences in Paris with British Foreign Secretary Eden.  
Diplomatic officials told a reporter Saturday they thought some progress was made by Eden and Acheson toward a solution of the acute Iranian problem.  
The United States had been trying to get both Britain and Iran to compromise their positions on the compensation issue so oil can begin flowing from the rich Iranian fields again.  
At the same time the State Department has discussed with American companies the idea of joining with Britain's Anglo-Iranian Oil Co. to transport and sell Iranian oil. Officials said arrangements along that line are being worked out and that the British are agreeable.  
Meanwhile, it was understood that:  
1. American and British authorities discount the possibility of any quick Anglo-Iranian settlement and expect the problem will go over to the Eisenhower administration, despite a determined drive to try to settle it in the remaining weeks of President Truman's regime.  
2. Defense Department authorities rate the need for a settlement as of even greater urgency than the State Department, which has long been fearful of a Communist seizure of power in Iran should the oil dispute drag on and the Iranian government starve for lack of oil revenues.  
Iran has had no oil income for more than a year and the government is short of funds. The British do not seem to fear the Communist danger so much as American officials do.  
Military authorities have been pressing inside the U. S. government for a settlement because (a) they don't like the idea of draining aviation gasoline from the United States to European Allies which formerly got it from Iran's great Abadan Refinery, and (b) they would like to see the situation ironed out so Iran may be offered a place in the proposed Middle East defense organization.

## Impudence Caused by Pet

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Out of the darkness of a neighborhood shopping district street early Saturday sounded several loud romantic phrases:  
"Hello, pretty boy." "Hello, sweetheart."  
"Give me a little kiss, good-looking."  
A number of complaints were phoned into police as the sweet talk phrases repeated over and over again.  
Patrolmen W. W. Costen and S. L. Chandler traced the voices to a pet shop. The owner kept a record playing these words in his shop all through the night to teach his parakeets to talk.  
The sounds usually toned down, had been accidentally turned up loud when a small, bear-like animal, a kinkajou, had gotten loose and brushed against the record player volume switch.

## Disabled U.S. Ship in Port

SOUTHAMPTON, Eng. (AP) — The 7,210-ton American liberty ship Columbia Trader arrived here Saturday night after being towed 866 miles by a French tug.  
The vessel, bound from New York to Bremerhaven with a cargo of military stores, lost her propeller Dec. 9 after traveling 2,221 miles in nine days across the North Atlantic.  
For the next four days she drifted helplessly. Then, in answer to a radio message, she was taken in tow. She will go into drydock Sunday to have a spare propeller installed.  
Master of the ship, which is on charter to the U. S. government from the West Coast Transoceanic Steamship Line, is Captain Bernard Jacobson, of Portland, Ore.

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## Truman Upholds Secrecy for Names of Screening Board

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State Acheson has advised Senate investigators that President Truman has upheld the department's refusal to disclose the names of officials who handle security screening of American employees of the United Nations.  
Sen. O'Connor (D-Md.), a member of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, made public a letter from Acheson relating to the group's attempt to obtain this information.  
In an accompanying statement, O'Connor said Acheson's letter did not help the subcommittee in its efforts "to ferret out Communist infiltration in the United Nations."  
On the contrary, he said, "this represents another roadblock obstructing the attempt to uncover instances of subversive activities in this country."  
O'Connor's statement added:  
"Failure has occurred as the result of which a great number of American Communists succeeded in infiltrating into the international organization. Yet we can not blame the U. N. if they did not receive adequate and accurate information from the State Department."  
"And we can not determine the adequacy and accuracy of the information supplied if we are denied the opportunity of questioning the men in the State Department who evaluate the evidence on which final opinions were based."  
"Yet such information is now refused us by Secretary Acheson and his position is approved by the President of the United States."  
More than a score of U. N. employees who refused to answer questions about alleged Communist affiliations have been fired as the Senate subcommittee and a New York grand jury pushed inquiries into Red influences in the international organization.  
The grand jury said in a report earlier this month that the State Department had given "disloyal officials a clean bill of health" in some of the most flagrant and obvious cases of disloyalty.  
Representatives Chelf (D-Ky) and Keating (R-NY), members of a House Judiciary Subcommittee that heard some of the grand jurors behind closed doors Thursday, said a new grand jury investigation should be started immediately.  
Keating told reporters it "made my blood boil" to hear the jurors describe their experiences in questioning U. N. employees about Communist affiliations.

## Utah Wilson Shows Despair As Death Nears

WALLA WALLA (AP)—Christmas is near but there is no cheer in the heart of Utah Wilson, 23, who, with his brother Truman, is scheduled to die on the gallows of the state penitentiary early January 3.  
Utah, it was reported Friday, is beginning to show signs of despair and strain. Unofficial sources inside the prison say the younger brother is becoming increasingly moody and somewhat difficult.  
Much of his time, they say, is spent just sitting and "looking at nothing in particular." He has developed a rash which an assistant psychiatrist said might be caused by mental disorders, nervous exhaustion or tension.  
Which might be understandable in a youth who has lived in the shadow of death since he and his brother were convicted in mid-1950 of the kidnap slaying of Jo Ann Dewey of Vancouver.  
Four times the pair has escaped the official set date with the gallows, often by a matter of hours, as the never-ending legal maneuvering has continued in an attempt to save their lives.  
Now, their fate rests again in the hands of Governor Langlie, who stayed their execution at almost the last moment three months ago. The governor appointed a committee to study the case and its report is on his desk.  
He won't act, he has said, until the report is thoroughly reviewed and he has had a chance to consider all the angles in the case. That may not be until after the new year — again a few short hours before the official deadline.  
Utah usually sleeps late, a prison officer said. Rarely does he talk to anyone other than Truman, who is 26. His temper, never the best, is becoming shorter.  
Truman, always the calmer one of the pair, is quiet and calm acting — apparently unconcerned.  
Both, however, have expressed an interest in religion and have asked to see the new chapel recently completed at the prison.

## 2nd Man May Be Held for Brink Holdup

BOSTON (AP) — A second man has been tagged as a participant in the huge \$1,219,000 Brink's holdup and is reportedly in the custody of the FBI, it was reported Friday night.  
U. S. Atty. George F. Garrity had no comment.  
These latest reports were that affidavits named a second man as having been one of the hooded gunmen who tied up five employees in the armored car firm's vaults on Jan. 17, 1950 and made off with the largest cash haul in America.  
The man, unidentified, was described as 37 years old with a bad record. He was said to be in the hands of the Federal Bureau of Investigation but not necessarily in a penal institution.  
The inference was drawn that this man might "talk."  
This information, learned by Federal Building reporters, was said to be based on FBI affidavits no longer available. The affidavits purportedly said the man at one time had in his possession approximately \$80,000 of Brink's money.  
Since sworn affidavits became available Thursday night naming Joseph "Specs" O'Keefe, 44, of Boston, as a participant in the robbery, all papers having any connection with the robbery have been removed from the files and hidden.  
It also was reported in the Federal Building, where a grand jury is investigating the stickup, that FBI agents may have cracked an alibi of "Specs" O'Keefe, who has been cited by the jury for contempt in refusing to answer questions.  
The night of the robbery, O'Keefe has told police, he was drinking with a woman companion in an uptown hotel between 7 and 7:30 p.m. The robbery occurred about 7:10.  
These reports about O'Keefe's alibi were shrugged off without comment by federal officials.  
Two more reluctant witnesses were cited Friday on contempt charges by the grand jury.  
The jury submitted two new names to U. S. Judge William T. McCarthy, bringing to 11 the total of close-mouthed witnesses so far charged.

## Congress Tax Scandal Probe To End Soon

By B. L. LIVINGSTONE  
WASHINGTON (AP) — House tax scandal investigators will wrap up nearly two years of fireworks next week with a final report aimed generally at basic changes in the tax laws and the already revamped Internal Revenue Bureau.  
Coincidentally Republican members made it known they intend to check on the effectiveness of the bureau reorganization. This placed collectors under civil service and administration officials said, eliminated political patronage in connection with many bureau jobs.  
Rep. Kean (R-NJ), slated to succeed Rep. King (D-Calif.) as chairman of the ways and means tax investigating subcommittee, said he proposed to determine whether the bureau reorganization created "a lot of cushy jobs for politicians."  
The subcommittee's report, to be made public next Friday, is expected to be more moderate in its findings and recommendations than its sensation-studded hearings might have indicated.  
Described as pretty much of a compromise of differing views among members, the report deals freely with the "evils" uncovered over two years of inquiry but makes few direct recommendations.  
Among other things, the report is expected to recommend "consideration, if advisable," of divorcing the Internal Revenue Bureau from the Treasury Department.  
Rep. Curtis (R-Neb.), a subcommittee member, introduced a bill to this effect last year for the announced purpose of removing the bureau from the "political" influence of the treasury.  
Curtis plans to reintroduce his bill in the new 83rd Congress, but key House Republicans thus far appear to have shown no great enthusiasm for so drastic a change.

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