

# Writer Puts on Blindfold To Learn Ways of the Sightless

(Editor's note: To gain understanding of the blind and how they are taught to live without sight, UPI correspondent Ira Lurvey put on a blindfold and spent three days at the Blind Rehabilitation Center of the Hines Veterans Hospital. This is the first of three dispatches telling what it was like.)

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Maywood, Ill.—UPI—From the paraplegics' mess hall, up two inclines and under the whirr of the overhead fan to the squeak in the linoleum, lies Corridor B-11—the Hall of the Long White Cane.

Officially, B-11 leads to the Blind Rehabilitation Center at the Veterans Administration's Hines hospital.

Unofficially, it leads to life. "They build one's confidence," a patient said. "That's like building a new world."

For three days, I walked the Hall of the Long White Cane and the rooms of the rehabilitation center. Two of those days I was "blind."

I put a blindfold on outside the hospital gates in this Chicago suburb and was driven to the center.

**Wanted to Learn**  
I wanted to learn how a blind man walks, what he thinks, how he feels.

I learned that blindness is neither a freak show nor an alien world—it's merely a life without sight.

My reaction was colored, of course. I knew I again would see blue sky, green trees and smiling faces.

I learned that a blind man's greatest loss is his anonymity. His greatest problem is mobility.

I was warned by those with sight that my biggest hurdle would be avoiding bruises. It turned out to be avoiding starvation. I left six filled trays for lack of appetite.

Psychologist Dan Blaschke said that just happened to be

my reaction. Others, he said, might react differently.

**Potent Equalizer**  
The blindfold proved a potent equalizer. I judged people solely by what they said.

The first day was a novelty. Time passed quickly.

Sighted orientators led me to my room, then made me retrace my steps until I knew exactly where each piece of furniture was placed.

I was taken into the corridor and led to the washroom and water fountain. The orientation continued until I soiled—all the way from my room to the end of the hall—took a drink, walked into the washroom, rinsed my face, wiped it and returned to the room.

I never was allowed to count steps.

"What if someone talks to you and you lose count?" my guide asked. "Are you going to sit down in the middle of a street because you can't recall if you are up to 15 or 20?"

You walk with one arm crooked in front of your face and the other trailing along a wall. Thus any object you come upon first strikes your arm.

A blind man, I learned, has no super senses. He just makes use of those a sighted man throws away.

**Greatest Pleasure**  
Sitting was my greatest pleasure.

"A blind man never can relax on his feet," I was told. "He always must be alert, re-

## News About Servicemen

Army Pvt. James O. Hansen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Hansen, of Central Point, recently arrived in Germany and is now a member of the 67th missile battalion.

Hansen, a launcher crewman in the battalion's Battery B, was last stationed in Redmond, Wash. He entered the Army in April 1957 and completed basic training at Fort Lewis, Wash.

The 18-year-old soldier formerly worked for the White City Metal company, in Medford. He attended Prospect high school.

Newport, R.I.—UPI—President and Mrs. Eisenhower will end their vacation here Tuesday and return to Washington.

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# Passenger Train, Freight Collide; 2 Dead, 17 Hurt

Broomfield, Colo.—UPI—A 51-car freight train slammed head on into a passenger train at the Broomfield station, just north-west of Denver, Monday.

Two crewmen on the passenger train were killed and at least 17 others, 15 of them passengers, were injured.

The Colorado and Southern Railroad, which owned both trains, identified the dead as S. W. Johnson and P. J. Loughry, both of Denver, who were engineer and fireman on the passenger train.

**Freight Engineer Hurt**  
Another trainman, Fred M. Tingle, engineer of the freight train, was taken to Boulder Community hospital in critical condition.

The locomotive of the freight piled on top of the passenger locomotive on impact directly in front of the Broomfield station.

Crews using crowbars and blow torches removed the body of Loughry from the wreckage. But Johnson's body was still pinned in the locomotive nearly two hours after the collision occurred, at 6:47 a.m. (p.s.t.).

Railroad officials said a crane was en route to the scene to remove the wreckage and that Johnson's body likely would not be removed until after the crane arrived.

**Passenger Train Slowed**  
Witnesses at the station estimated that the freight, bound from Denver to Billings, Mont., was traveling between 40-50 miles an hour when it smashed into the passenger train which had slowed to about 20 miles an hour to make a mail drop.

A spokesman said there is no automatic switch at the Broomfield cutoff and that the passenger train had the right of way. Officials said the freight was supposed to have switched to a siding to let the passenger train through on the main line but for some reason the switch was not made.

The less seriously injured including four other trainmen and 12 passengers, all of whom were riding in the single coach in the eight-car passenger train. The other cars were a Pullman and six baggage units.

In 1860 North Carolina levied special taxes on harps, beaver hats, gold headed canes, watches and politicians.

# Large Short Interest Evident In Bullish Wall Street Market

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New York—UPI—Once upon a time a fellow sold a bear skin before he shot the bear—in other words, he sold it

Somehow as time went on this expression "bear" was applied to anyone who sold something short—mostly securities.

A bear is one who sells a stock he doesn't own with the hope of buying it back at less than he sold it for, thus realizing a profit.

A bear wants prices to go down after he's sold stocks short, just as a bull wants them to go up after he buys stocks.

When a short seller buys back stock he has sold short, the process is called covering. This covering is just like bulls buying stock in that it provides a stabilizing influence for the market.

**Bullish Sign**  
Hence the statement that a large short interest is bullish. We have a large one right now. As of Sept. 15 it totaled 5,646,414 shares. That was a reduction of 158,807 shares from the total reported by the stock exchange on Aug. 15. It was a much smaller decline than expected, and hence it was termed bullish.

**Youth Found Dead at Portland Identified**  
Portland—UPI—The Multnomah county coroner's office said that the young man found dead last Wednesday at the Central YMCA here has been identified as Harold George Burgin, 18, of Walla Walla, Wash.

The body was identified by a friend who said Burgin came to Portland as a student. He said the youth worked at a Portland hospital as a male nurse.

Cause of death has not yet been determined.

**GOOD HUNTING FOR ALL**  
Madison, Wis.—UPI—Bow and arrow deer hunting season opened in Wisconsin Sunday and hunters did very well, bagging 192 deer. Game wardens did almost as well, marking the season's start with 71 arrests of hunters, all charged with hunting in a closed area and trespassing.

of stocks in which there is a short interest, he can get an idea of the issues that bears think ought to go down.

It should be noted here that the poor bears have been very wrong for a long time. They just haven't been able to pick stocks that will decline for the simple reason that the stock market has been rising steadily.

This time they seem to think the low-priced automobile issues are too high and should come down. They think General Motors is too high too, but aren't so sure about Chrysler because they reduced their short interest in that stock. Also Ford.

They increased their short interest in Bethlehem Steel and reduced it in United States Steel. The latter with its 298,489 shares short is the most heavily sold issue by the bears.

**Utilities**  
Evidently the bears think

the utilities are in for a drubbing because their incomes are limited and they just are not considered the best stocks to hold in an inflation.

The short interest in the utility group has been built up sharply with the largest totals in Columbia Gas and Detroit Edison. Consolidated Edison only has a 23,316-share short position, but it is nearly double that of a month ago.

Wall Street regards the short interest as a cushion under the market in event of a selloff of broad proportions. If stocks go down the bears will cover—buy back the stock they sold short—and thus sustain the market.

That's one thing that provides a cushion. Another is the vast wealth waiting investment on the bull side—buying side of the market.

The shorts insist the market must fall some time. In that one can predict without too much risk they are right. But the big question is when.

# Townsend's Affair With Princess Told In Forthcoming Book

New York—UPI—A controversial new book about the sensational Princess Margaret-Peter Townsend love affair says their story may yet have a happy ending.

"The Peter Townsend Story," which will be published in this country Thursday by E. P. Dutton, purports to tell "the true facts" behind the palace romance.

The author, British journalist Norman Barrymaine, says Margaret, 28, and RAF Group Capt. Townsend, 43, are "still deeply in love" and have not given up hope of marrying.

**There's No One Else**  
Barrymaine, a friend of Townsend, also says that in October, 1955, before her "no marriage" announcement Margaret told the divorced commoner who served as her late father's household aide that she would never marry anyone else. Barrymaine says the princess still feels this way.

While biding time, he adds, Margaret and Townsend want to go on seeing each other as often as possible.

"I think the princess and Townsend are only anxious that their love and friendship should be established in such a way that it is accepted by the court, the church, Parliament and the public," he writes.

Barrymaine also suggests the couple might even be seen together at royal events.

**Controversy Stirred**  
The book, published in Britain Monday, has stirred up a pre-publication newspaper controversy. One British paper said the book's effect will be to destroy Townsend's relationship with the princess. Barrymaine has written that while Townsend objected to the book, he read it and made no comment about the account of the history-making romance.

Barrymaine said that while his association with Peter did not really begin until early 1956, when Townsend consulted him on plans for writing a book about his world trip, he felt himself qualified to write "The Peter Townsend Story" because of his status as a newspaperman and friend of Townsend.

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