

### Morton cites drop in deaths in coal mines

Interior Secretary Thomas C. Morton said last night that although the number of fatal and non-fatal deaths has decreased in the last three years, the introduction of a new, more accurate recording system indicates an alarming number of disabling injuries.

Morton stressed that the new code will decrease an estimate at the 24th National Mine Safety and Health Institute banquet at the Executive Inn in Louisville.

More than 200 persons, representing mine men across the nation, heard Morton say that as a result of the passage of the Mine Safety and Health Act, the number of deaths has dropped 25 percent.

Morton said that last year 106 men lost their lives mining coal, compared with 211 in 1968. "A reduction of 50 per cent in five years."

"At the end of the first seven months of this year, there was a 32 per cent reduction in fatalities from that of 1972."

"As to non-fatal injuries... on top of two recent safety laws to reduce and non-fatal injuries suggests that we may be doing something right," he said.

During the past few years, a new recording system has been introduced to the mining industry and that the increase of injuries reported may be due to this system. Morton said that there will be more than 25,000 disabling injuries this year.

He said that because of this, a new recording system has been used. He said that this will allow to reduce the number of disabling injuries by recording and more that have disabling injury frequency rates higher than the national average.

West Virginia teams claimed three of the 24th National Mine Safety and Health Institute banquet at the Executive Inn in Louisville.

Maintenance Coal Co.'s Williams Mine at Washington, W. Va., was first in the final contest. Union Carbide's Blue Creek Mine No. 2 at Charleston, W. Va., was first in the final round mine rescue event and in the one-hour mine rescue event.

Prudhoe Coal Co.'s Camp No. 2 mine at Harfield, W. Va., won the combination mine rescue and first-aid event, and Mountain Side Co.'s Roper Mine at Great Salt Lake, W. Va., won the two-hour non-combination mine rescue event.

Combination mine rescue and first-aid: Westmoreland Coal Co., Guyan, No. 2, Guyan, W. Va., second; Allied Chemical Corp., Charleston Branch Mine, Charleston, W. Va., third.

First-aid: Consolidation Coal Co., West Farm No. 22, Cuba, Ohio, second; Westmoreland, Guyan, No. 2, Guyan, W. Va., third.

Coal Mine Rescue: International Harvester, Parkersburg, W. Va., second; U.S. Steel, Gary, W. Va., third.

Non-combination Mine Rescue: American Iron, Mountain Side, Parkersburg, W. Va., second; Clark Laid Co., Sweetwater, W. Va., third.

One-hour Mine Rescue: Westmoreland, Mountain Side, Parkersburg, W. Va., second; National Mine Corp., Walsall, Ala., third.

### \$1,000 in paint reported taken from company

Arthur C. Koss Jr., an employee of the Kite Paint Co., 318 S. Shelby St., told city police last Saturday that he had lost a 5-gal. container of white paint and a 5-gal. container of red paint and about \$1,000 worth of paint.

Other incidents reported to police occurred at:

Asch's Pharmacy, 2800 Bardonia Rd. Arts & Crafts, the owner reported that between 11 p.m. Friday and 4:30 a.m. Saturday, someone broke into the store and took \$500 in cash and merchandise valued at \$2,000.

17th & Main Ave. Christine Wilton said that between noon and 1:30 p.m. Saturday someone broke into her home and stole items valued at \$700, including a diamond ring valued at \$300 off his finger.

18th and Cedar streets, John Peters said that at about 8:30 p.m. Friday a man came to his home on the street, grabbed him around the neck and took his watch containing \$50.

Seventh Street and Mississippi Park way, Eugene J. Kowal said that at 11:30 p.m. Friday while he was stopped at the intersection, two men in a dark car drove into his truck and made him drive away from the intersection. He was taken to New Albany, before getting out of the truck, Kowal said, he was robbed him of his wallet containing \$5, and a ring valued at \$200. Kowal was taken to the hospital.

217 W. St. Catherine St. Thae McChick, an employee of the Day's White Restaurant, said that at about 2:15 a.m. Saturday a man broke into the restaurant's cash register window and, breaking his hands, stole \$1,000 in cash.

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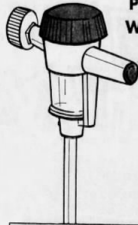
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