



West Virginia's Pearl S. Buck—the only woman writer to ever win the Nobel Prize—will be honored with a reception and tea Sunday at 3 p.m. at the Huntington Galleries.

Miss Buck's appearance here is part of a current statewide tour in connection with the planned restoration of her Hillsboro home, a view of which is shown in the sketch above. She is also to address Marshall University students Monday at 10 a.m. in a convocation at Smith Hall.

## Today's Events

MARSHALL University (3-5) will be trying to make it two football victories in a row today as it takes on East Carolina University (1-8) at ECU's Ficklen Stadium in Greenville, N. C. Game time is 2 p.m.

WEST VIRGINIA University (6-3), its hopes of a post-season bowl game still alive, meets Syracuse (5-3), another team with bowl aspirations, at Mountaineer Field today at 1:30 p.m. Syracuse Coach Ben Schwartzwalder, a Huntington native and one of WVU's all-time football greats, is looking for his first win over the Mountaineers since 1967.

ON THE SCHOOLBOY football circuit, the Class AAA state championship playoff game in Parkersburg at 1:30 p.m. today matches defending champion Charleston (8-0-1) against Clarksburg Victory (8-0-1) at City Stadium. The Mountaineers will be seeking their third straight big school championship while Victory is marking its first appearance in a playoff game.

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## Weekend Weather

TODAY — Cloudy with a chance of rain today and tonight with the high temperature in the lower 50s. Low tonight near 40. Precipitation 30 per cent today and 50 per cent tonight.

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"The Devil and Daniel Webster" — a musical version of the classic story by Stephen Vincent Benét, at the season's first offering by the Marshall University Opera Workshop. After an initial performance Friday night, it will be repeated Sunday at 3 p.m. at Smith Music Hall on the campus. Admission is free.

"THE BANK DICK," a classic film starring W. C. Fields, will be shown Sunday at 3 p.m. at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 731 12th Ave., sponsored by the Cabell County Public Library. Admission by library card.

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# Coup Overthrows Syrian Government

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Defense Minister Hafez al-Assad, a fervid Arab nationalist and advocate of all out war with Israel, staged a military coup in Syria late Friday, a spokesman for the ousted leadership said.

Assad, 40-year-old air marshal, overthrew the Marxist leadership of the ruling Baath party and arrested President Nureddin al-Asali and Maj. Gen.

Salah Jadid, the party's assistant secretary-general, the spokesman told a news conference. He said the coup took place one day after an emergency Baath congress adopted a resolution firing Assad.

The spokesman, a member of the party's international command, said he drove to Lebanon to break the news of the coup.

Leftist Premier Dr. Yousef

Zayen also was arrested, the spokesman said. Assad seized control of the state radio and television and two government newspapers in Damascus, he added.

Assad, a moderate in the socialist Baath party, has blamed Jadid's Marxists for Israel's crushing defeat by Israel in the 1967 war. He also accused Jadid of pursuing Marxist policies at

the expense of the economy and security of this nation of 6 million people.

Reliable sources said agents of Syria's air force intelligence service rounded up Assad's opponents and set up a guard at key military and government buildings.

They said there was no outward sign of tension in Damascus, capital of Syria with 5.8

million citizens, and that Assad had not used tanks or heavy armor to move the coup.

Assad made his move after a month-long government crisis that grew from the power struggle between Assad's military key and government buildings.

President Al assi had resigned Oct. 8 because of his differences with Assad, but the party con-

gress was called to press him into withdrawing his resignation. The Marxists also wanted the congress to curb Assad's growing power.

Assad sent tanks into Damascus Oct. 20 and seized three prominent Marxist members of the 16-man Baath party command.

The 156-man Baath party con-

gress went into emergency session Oct. 26.

Assad had tried to throw the Marxists out of the Baath leadership in February 1969, but that fight was patched up with a compromise.

He then succeeded in increasing his authority but the Marxists continued to dominate the party's 16-man command.

## Laird Warns Hanoi U. S. To Hit Back

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WASHINGTON—Defense secretary Melvin R. Laird warned North Vietnam that the United States stood ready to retaliate against any continued firing at American reconnaissance aircraft.

Laird issued a barely veiled threat of resumed air strikes against offending air defense sites in the North a few days after the American military command in Saigon announced that an RP-40 aircraft had been shot down by enemy ground fire 42 miles south of Vinh in North Vietnam.

Last May, American fighter-bombers staged four large-scale strikes against air defense and related facilities in North Vietnam. It was explained at the time that the raids were in response to missile and antiaircraft firing at American surveillance aircraft.

Addressing a meeting of the National Council of Community Workers Affairs Organizations at the Pentagon, Laird raised the matter of downed aircraft.

"We remain ready," he declared, "to take appropriate action in response to attacks on our unarmed aircraft."

Pentagon officials said that some reconnaissance planes had been fired at since the May raids, but that none had been shot down prior to Friday's reported incident.

Pentagon sources said they knew of no immediate plan to strike antiaircraft batteries believed responsible for the latest shot down.

Laird recalled that there had been a recent rocket attack on Saigon and he said that such action, together with firing at reconnaissance planes over the north, or military incursions across the demilitarized zone separating the two Vietnamese, were barred by the understanding under which the United States agreed to stop bombing North Vietnam starting Nov. 1, 1968.

North Vietnam has insisted it was not party to any such agreement.

Laird's comments on the newest incident in Vietnam came during a question-and-answer period following a prepared speech.

While he was not asked directly about the downing of the plane, Laird brought up the subject himself.

"We are deeply concerned," he said, "about the loss of the two pilots who were flying on an unarmed reconnaissance mission."

The Saigon report of the incident noted that accompanying flight crews saw the plane crash and explode. They saw no parachutes.

"The bombing halt," Laird said, "was predicted on the fact that the North Vietnamese would negotiate in good faith as far as Paris is concerned."

"To date, the North Vietnamese have chosen not to negotiate in any substantive way."

## Plot To Release Angela By Kidnapping Governor Is Thwarted By Police

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (AP) — A bold plan to kidnap Minnesota Gov. Harold LeVander, his wife, Omaha, Neb., Nov. 29. Clark is being held in a cell in Paul, Minn., in a \$15,000 bond. Reed also was sought in connection with a St. Paul bank robbery.

As pieced together by state officials from Minneapolis Police Chief Jerry Lutz, Deputy Joseph Rusinke and St. Paul police sources, this was the background leading to Reed's arrest.

Police said LeVander, 51, was at the plot's meeting point, the Vandalia, Republican, governor who is retiring in January after a four-year term. Also named as a target of the plot was Mrs. Rosalie Butler, St. Paul city councilwoman and wife of a wealthy attorney.

At least two other persons were at the apartment but they were not apprehended, authorities said. The search was carried out with their permission.

A spokesman for the FBI at Minneapolis said, "We are filing a federal complaint against Reed charging him with conspiracy to plan a hijacking of an aircraft."

Reed and Larry L. Clark are

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Kenneth Yablonski Offers Advice To Consol Widows

## Widows Offered \$10,000

FARMINGTON, W. Va. (AP) — Survivors of 78 men killed in a mine disaster two years ago were offered \$10,000 each Friday in a settlement proposed by the Consolidation Coal Co.

Widows, mothers and other survivors of the miners met at nearby Fairmont and then here with lawyer Kenneth Yablonski to study the proposal. It would allow Consolidation to resume mining operations and give it the right to remove the 78 bodies or leave them in the giant Consol No. 9 cavern forever. Coal bodies have been recovered.

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## BEACH FORK

It's one of the oldest settled sections of the region.

But soon the Beech Fork of today — and of yesterday — will be no more.

Construction of a dam and recreation area means many for Beech Fork residents, relocating.

And relocating means leaving behind things one has treasured for years...

A favorite fishing hole... a well that has served pure water to a family for generations... a barn... a choice view from a hilltop...

— And how do the Beech Fork citizens feel about it all?

"The government men can see farther than a common man like me," says one.

"It won't be the same," says another.

But few are bitter; most are taking in stride this passing of a special kind of world they've known for a long time.

Tonight, the Herald-Advertiser devotes much of SUNDAY, its weekly magazine, to the changing scene of Beech Fork. Writer Melinda Hamilton and photographer Jack Burnett have concentrated not on the dam itself, not on the future, but rather on the people of Beech Fork — their customs, their homes, their past.

It's a special edition you won't want to miss.