Montana conference, "Search for a Workable Future"

- Amarantha: toxic on 1 side, pristine on other
- Nicklaus gets courts to spend on S.
- "Bag of S Clay"
- Daily: water of Wm. S. Co. for smelter
- Union scale made a code of solidarity
- Steel label "worse than hell itself."
- Smeltermen's Day official (paid) holiday - 15,000 at Co.
- MT last to declare silicon an industrial poison
- At issued report remained - \EPA right
  ('76 Anco pictures: closed smelter in '80)
- May be that unions get too powerful
- 13 times higher than male are lung cancer
- 1950s, Anco Co. went from world's largest copper exporter to world's largest importer.
The Montanians

Butte: industrial island in Montana (Reflections in Montana cassette abt Butte have this line?)

- Teresa Jordan Book
possible Butte mine name:

the Oroplata (from MT state seal)
the Cleargirt (Butte street)
*the Bottom Dollar
the Money Musk
the Stemwinder
the Rosie Palme
laced with the lights of the dome
Butte America video notes:

concertinas (Morrie could use in song contest)
miner talked about the importance of the partner, down in the shaft
the danger in the shaft when it is "dribbling," dropping small rocks
the honeycomb of tunnels under Butte; "wide open" under there
the term "beyond recognition"
shot of Columbia Gardens, huge lyre pattern of flowers; mention of calliope; kids would come just to roll in the grass (which the city lacked)
historian mentioned that strikes were a cycle, an expected part of Butte life (every 3 yrs)
sounds from The Hill: the swish of winding wheels; whistles
from our Butte research trip:

neighborhoods wind through the mines (headframes)
Helena country? or homesteading?

"God didn't put anything on top of this land, so it must be underneath."

(Irene Olsen letter #1)
Butte Was Like That

p. 52—mining description
11-13—nicknames
171—mine scene
Butte: beaut

--the place wasn't exactly a beaut.

- Butte was no beaut.
"The great dark mineral pocket" of Buttem--in Karshner article in Mont details file, use in with quotemarks.
Butte had the reputation for knuckles, cudgels, fists, gravy for fortune's palmlines. They ran deep; gulches, but Helena had the spoon.
See "At the Hall, In the Stope" Wn Folklore article in lingo file; p. 166, Butte mining was "violation paid in fire and flood, instant death and lingering disease."
A mountain of copper to be fought over, and rough factions ready to do the fighting.
Butte: the best poor man's town in the world.
- long beam (like string) entrance
- Line of cage lights (like auto safety lights); cut peel away paper in black
- Cave like; rough; better like small stalactite
- Tinty tunnel ahead, like inside of smoke; gets up 1 dm
- Turn: strange color
- Driveway to dump
- Turn: 6" c diamond bit, pull out 200 cm sample; 2500' reach

1/2 oz / ton silver
- Musty
- Drill and blast holes, like woodpecker holes in wood; interior holes empty
  so blast will break "in" - 8" hole

2'/day a rubber hammer & bit
1st power drill, jackhammer, called "underwater"; dry rock dust = silicosis
-1940s, jackleg hydraulic drill
- stops: much chute, wet slag
- out 40°; some 100°
- if hood been out, stop, "This goes a man."

Well system: 9 bells meaning "a hurt man"
1 well: stop
2 " lower slowly
3 " hurt"

- gray wetness of walls

Manway: ladder
keep pulling, are we in yet
Track marooned, power shovel extremely dangerous
Mike Fox & Durey Summers, tour guide
Cpid
"driving drift": drilling
"drift": tunnel

much, drill, load, blast (cycle)

mine creates its own environment: damp, colder, hot
not for big men: tour abandoned

NSS: the mp Battersby's firm article on going down in mine
Pick in mine shaft when lights go out: wash basin

"I am going to die, right here & now, c a chamberpot (safety helmet) on my head."

My heart will stop at any time, immobilized by: out of darkness.

R to mine guard: "You mean you don't carry a spare light?"

Guard: "It slipped my mind until right now. I guess it didn't you too?"
Butte, 4/26/65
mine town c'town 5 10 stories high
- push & thrust of mine town: strain & tension, even above ground.

(C's pic of slag butte follows black iron slag heap)

Clear quest St. (use as mine name?)

Truck seat as porch couch

MIM Special spelled as Sepcial

Ames reopened Missoula & Livingston shafts, 500-700'; problems & caution;
mine cars w't in gd working order; "closed since '57
Butte/2

- headstone at museum (E's pic of it begins c me in middle dist Key Argonaut)

- showing uprights in shaft are 0.1" thick; overhead beams 0.5" same
- tiny rail tracks, like large top toy train set
  (E's pic of me at shaft mch shows height)

- odd angles: shaft showing slopes to under all base than top; drifts angle off.
- ore can long v white in pic

- dank in mine

Pics in museum basement; in mine are # 648, 549, 837
850: mining pics, incl 1897 (diagrams of shafts etc.)
hoist bell signal:
1 bell hoist, or stop (if in motion)
2 " lower men
3 " hoist men
4 " blasting
9 " danger; then ring #9, station warn danger exists

Station bells: 2 pause 1 = Syl #1
1 " 2 = 2
1 " 3 = 5
1 " 4 = 7
1 " 5 = 5
Thus, in some ways Butte was a runaway example of the Athenian ideal of a city built upon a hill, and in others it had no more (pedigree) than than... mushrooms.

its only pattern seemed to be
St. Vrain Dance.
Buster Midnight's Cafe, p. 39--the Cornish celebrated St. George's Day
Butte slept as much as it ever does.
Butte's cast of characters was challenging...

"record of bloodshed..."
You couldn't be a street vendor in Butte without an adjective. (Fat Jack, Blind Frank)
Eamon De Valera visited Butte, July 1919 (ONLY IN BUTTE ph'copy, Butte-general file)
Butte City Directory

Movie Inspector

desk

"asanic" articles (copy)

Christie Hasken

no on-line catalog into - Butte Band clip only
Annette Marx (and ambulance driver)

Murphy, Glittering Hill (novel)

Butte Smith, Eunomus (was a note)

and Rich, Worldies?

Brain: ethnic part? Butte?
The Glittering Hill - Clyde F. Murphy

- copy @ Haast Free Library, Haast
- " @ Minorda Public Library
- also on Google
Movie in Butte ('08 trip)
- arr. Milwaukee depot (pic)
- goes to scenery house (pic, little tunnel) across from Welsh church (pic)
- funeral parlor
- Dustin Fabel (Centerville) (historic pic)
- library (pic of body across) (Hindman body high on E horizon 7 ft)
- mioned @ night: galloons frames ghostly?

- advent of elevators etc. that M had known in Chi-
- Butte is as if Chi's smaller skyscrapers had been eroded west
- here or there a dramatic skyscraper, waiting for metropolitan to fill in
Butte trip:

1st & last frost: Garden Club? somebody w/ garden?

--Hooper grows vegs while Griff does house odd jobs?

night of June 9, '08, when we were there: 32 degrees.
Butte was the most American city in the West, which was to say it was wildly European.
Butte, 11 Sept '87

The redoubtable M&M at breakfast:

—the bar was closed, with big panels the size of plywood sheets leaning against it as a barricade—clubs-diamonds-hearts-spades cutouts in the panels.
—gambling machines, a couple of rows of them in middle of the room and a random one here and there, were all alit, a few people playing them.
—main action was the meal counter, about half full when we got there a little past 6. The fry cook was even more deft than the night before's supper cook:

—flipping cheese slices as if dealing cards into rectangle of omelet eggs on the grill; after a bit, carefully folded the long sides over the cheese, lightly crimped each end of the mass with edge of his long spatula to make a seam and then folded the end "tabs" in to make completely enclosed omelette, then flipped the whole thing over.
—breaks eggs with one hand, tapping them on bowl edge and seeming almost to squeeze them to the site he wants them.
—constant mound of hashbrowns at left side of grill; he puts fresh pile on front center of grill and occasionally scoops them over to the ready mound.
—the huge soup tureen we saw y'day under the counter today was atop, soup in the making.
—opened a gallon can of mixed vegetables and poured it into a steam bin ready for the day, added a little cooking oil.
—dollops butter onto a pancake, cradling the plate in palm of his hand and swirls the butter in a slow circle "skating" the inner perimeter of the pancake.

—the cook, like last night's and cook and bartender, was 30ish.

—At the street end of the counter, above passageway the waitresses and dishwasher have to go through, sign reading PLEASE DO NOT STAND HERE has had final E of HERE broken off but firmly rewritten in in red.

—the small area, really, the cook works in, to keep a large and varied flow of orders going. Jick could remark about this fry cook knowing his business, the way he rolls the spatula in his hand, swirls butter on plate etc.; unhurried but his hands always going.

—3 people behind counter again—besides cook and another capable sturdy waitress, a woman setting up for the day, slicing onions on the meat slicer, for example.

—half a dozen flats of eggs under counter near dishwasher. And cook opens drawer to left of his grill, drops steak into pan of flour in it before grilling.
10 Sept. Butte

Mr M: whistling waitress, shunt (Shirley); handles entire of 0/2 stools
- fry coq, flipping burger buns onto plates
- grandmotherly dishwasher @ 1st and behind counter
- waitress dips soup out of big cauldron under counter to smaller kuchen
- stove by using a big plate to catch overflow & spoon sauce pan
- pasty: quasy-covered mound as long as plate (8 x 14") no dips with
- slice of small bread loaf. Also dumb buns & canned veg (vegetable)
- Please Pay When Served sign
- permanent cast of Eddie's head in corner
- mumps of geezers hanging off stools: 90% male clients
- Kano players get up in middle of supper when cattle of cage is heard
- young cook & young drink-halt: hefty bartender (both 30 yrs)
- old tin cutting
- jumbo case: big, dull axes - proclaim to
- business part of tin has drained away down onto plate
Marcus Daly enters into heaven:

in "anecdotes & storytelling" file folder; Morrie cd recognize ancient basis cited in article about it.
chronology:

Granville Stuart 1834-1918

Aug. 1, 1917, vigilantes hanged Frank Little

June 8, Speculator fire, 164 miners died

Malone et al: "...between September 1914 and April 1920, national guardsmen and federal troops occupied Butte six different times..."

Mid-April of 1917, national guard sent to Eureka in lumber company strike; IWW called a general strike; federal raids, union defeat on Sept. 7.
from Jyl Hoyt tape, Butte family album:

Butte as an urban island in ranching and farming Montana
I, Mary Maclean

(Butte novel mentioned by Lang at anthology com'tee mtg; says it has stuff about sex with the devil.)

p. 93+

p. 269 +

12— I am too young... awaiting David

50— We suffer still

50— "We have not yet ceased to weep... We suffer still in 1902, even as they suffered in 1802, and in 802."
The Story of Mary MacLane
In Montana it only takes two minutes' talk to find you know someone in common.
best line of the morning came after the gabber brought up the topic of a couple who'd passed thru here horseback, with pack horses, making a ride from Mexico to Canada. A particularly battered-looking local, with a big cut or scab on his temple and vociferously unshaven because the water dept. has turned off the water on his st. for road work, said, "Hell, one guy went through here on a skateboard."
Sept. 21, '87, Ennis

geezer talk in Bettie's Cafe, circa 6:30 a.m.—

—when one local asked another how hunting has been, the answer was "The hunting's been fine. The killing ain't been worth a damn."

—another guy said there's been more elk, deer, bear, whatever, killed right here on Main Street (i.e., in talk) "than anywhere on the mountains." "Guys get to talking in the Longhorn, it gets so bloody you've got to have your overshoes on."

—we were sitting in booth behind a tall 70-ish guy in camouflage jumpsuit who proved to be a conversation killer, like poison in a well, to the booth of locals across from him. A couple of times, after he held forth on some topic out of nowhere, a local got up and said he had to go feed a horse, or some such. When the gabber began on a murder in Idaho and theories of why young people do such things these days, the boothful heard out his first spate, then one guy turned to another and asked if he was done haying yet.

over
I was enjoying myself more than I had anywhere yet on this sputtery migration with Mariah and Riley. Since Butte's glorytime of mining ended,
MHS RESEARCH: Butte mine shaft description

51 SEV Sept 1951
51 SEV Oct 30, 1943
Lang suggest Mont Mag of History article of early '70s, '72 or so, by Theodore Wiprud on use of Nat'l Guard in Butte strike of 1914.

- Old Copper Collier (@ mont 7 Dan Cushman's lab)