

# DANIEL FREE ON \$10,000 BOND

## Mine Inspector Held For November Grand Jury At Paintsville

PAINTSVILLE, Ky., July 30 (AP)—State Mine Inspector John F. Daniel, jailed on a murder charge in connection with death of nine men in an explosion, was freed on \$10,000 bond today.

After a night in custody, Daniel through his attorneys waived examining trial before County Judge H. B. Conley. He was held for the November grand jury under bond which he supplied immediately.

John Mollett, Van Lear miner, spore to the warrant July 20. It accused Daniel of murder "by failing to discharge his duty as state mine inspector at the Van Lear mine." The mine, operated by the Consolidation Coal Company, was blocked by a blast, which Daniel Monday blamed on accumulation of gas.

Prominent citizens, some of whom Monday tried to arrange bond for Daniel, signed the papers for his release today. Among the bondsmen were E. J. Evans, oil operator; R. C. Thomas, manager here for the Northeast Coal Company; Harry La Viers, president of the Southeast Coal Company; and James W. Turner, vice president of the First National bank here.

Daniel left for Van Lear to finish his investigation of the blast as soon as he was freed. He planned to return to his headquarters at Lexington this afternoon. He said after court that he knew several days ago that the warrant had been issued but that his duty took him to Van Lear and that he wanted to face the issue without any hesitation.

He repeated that his examination had shown that the explosion was in no way due to any responsibility of his department. Daniel declared Monday that the state department of mines and minerals, of which he is chief, has only advisory and supervisory duties and has nothing to do with operation of mines in Kentucky.

Z. Wells and Clifford Pace, Paintsville attorneys, represented Mr. Daniel at his hearing.