

Miner Rescued After Cave-in; Third Missing

**Charles Ruganis in Serious
Condition—Second Man
Died When Released**

MOUNT CARMEL, PA., Nov. 27.
(AP)—Rescue workers freed tonight the second of three free lance miners trapped Friday by a cave-in in a makeshift mine slope near the Potts colliery of the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Co.

Charles Ruganis, 34, was taken to a hospital in a serious condition with a fractured arm and a possible fracture of the pelvis. He was also suffering from shock.

John Plichesski, 29, died soon after he was brought to the top of the slope last night.

Charles Bolinski, 55, remained in the mine. He had not been heard from since the cave-in.

The rescue workers, led by Arthur Dillman of the Potts colliery, said it was a "long shot" that Bolinski was still alive.

Dillman said they had 12 feet or more to go before they would reach
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the spot where they thought Bolinski had been buried.

They estimated that it would take nearly 24 hours to dig thorough to Bolinski.

The rescue squad was in communication with Ruganis from soon after the cave-in, but was unable to extricate him until tons of earth and rock that held him had been removed.

An attempt was made to haul him from the coal hole with a cable attached to a truck but the weight of the debris was too great.

With picks, shovels and by hand the rescuers worked to free him. By noon they had succeeded in uncovering him to the waist.

Groaning with pain he finally was lifted from the slope and taken to the Fountain Springs State hospital at Ashland.

Bolinski's son, Higgin, 18, was working with the others when the rock and debris tumbled down.

He escaped and summoned aid.

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