

## Miners Trapped In Explosion At Raleigh

Beckley, W. Va.,—(UP)—An explosion believed to have resulted from a coal dust accumulation wrecked one section of the Raleigh Coal and Coke company's No. 4 mine at Raleigh today.

Early reports from the mine stated that at least five men had been injured by the explosion and that from 12 to 15 others were trapped about a mile back in the mine.

An employe of the mine told the United Press that the five injured men had been removed from the mine. He said they were nearer the entrance than those who were trapped and that they had been burned seriously.

Rescue crews started arriving at the mine from nearby communities in this southern West Virginia bituminous field. Ambulances were dispatched from Beckley. The mine is three miles east of Beckley.

The section damaged by the explosion was "9 left." The mine is known as a "drift" mine because it bores almost straight into the hillside.

State Mining Superintendent N. P. Rhinehart hastened to the mine from Charleston. An inspection crew also started from Charleston.

Mrs. C. M. Meadows, wife of a district mine inspector, said she understood at least one man was killed.

The mine normally employs 100 men, of which about 45 are on the day shift.