

MINERS RESCUED

Two Men Were Entombed For 17 Hours

CARBONDALE, Pa., April 1 (AP).—Two anthracite miners were recovering in a hospital today from effects of a 17-hour imprisonment 30 feet underground as a result of a cavein.

Steve Daynock, 58, and Michael Hurchick, 36, were brought to the surface in a dramatic rescue yesterday. A cavein in a sub-leased Northwest Colliery mine borders state highway 70 between Simpson, the men's home, and Vandling in the northeastern corner of Lackawanna county.

John Palish, 42, working in the mine with Daynock and Hurchick, heard the warning rumble of the cavein in time to scramble to safety, his alarm brought scores of miners from nearby communities and set them to digging frantically at the 30-foot earth wall that entombed the pair in a subterranean pocket.

At 9 a. m. yesterday, a steam shovel was brought up to aid in the rescue activity. Then an ambulance and two doctors arrived. Then extra state troopers and Fell township policemen to handle crowds which grew to 5,000 as the day wore on.

Making the rain-softened earth fly with their picks and shovels, the rescue workers took heart from Palish's report that he heard his imprisoned fellows tap out feeble signals.

Then, at 3:28 p. m., the life-and-death battle ended triumphantly at the brink of the 32-foot hole dug by the power shovel and hand labor. Rescuers reached the trapped miners and lifted them up ladders to a wildly cheering reception from the throng of spectators.

"Thank God!" Daynock murmured.

"I feel all right," his younger companion said. "Now let's have something to eat."

Both men's clothing was soaked by water accumulated in the mine pit during heavy week-end rains. They were taken to St. Joseph's hospital, Carbondale, and treated for exposure. Daynock at first was too weak to eat.

Visiting them at the hospital, their families uttered devout thanks for their safety. Daynock has five children; Hurchick, two.

1940 Steve Daynock and Michael Hurchick rescued 17 hrs after cavein

