60 TRAPPED MINERS ARE RESCUED AFTER BLAST, 15 MISSING

NORTONVILLE, Ky., Oct. 27— (UP) — T. H. Rhodes, assistant mine superintendent, said 60 miners trapped by an explosion at the Daniel Boóne mine south of here early today have been brought to the surface unharmed, but 15 men are unaccounted for.

Rhodes said no contact had been established with the men remaining in the mine but that so far none was known to be dead.

.Cause of the explosion which rocked the mine about 7:30 a.m., was still a matter of "guess work" he said.

State Mine Inspector Moss Patterson was reported en route to the scene and federal engineers were expected from the U. S. Bureaú of Mines station at Vincennes, Ind.

Rescue squads worked to clear a way into the section of the mine where the explosion occurred. All 15 men still in the mine were believed to have been very near the blast while the 60 who were brought to the surface were reported to have been working in a shaft some distance away.

The mine is the property of the Sterling Coal Company of Dawson Springs, Ky.

W. A. Vinson, mine rescue official in charge of the rescue work, said the missing men were in an "entry branching off the main shaft where most of the miners were when the blast came. The exact position was not known, however.

Miners who same up from the shaft after the explosion said they felt "a big gush of air" followed by the deafening blast.

The Daniel Boone mine, is two and one-half miles west of Norton-ville.

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