

TRAPPED MINER RESCUED, DIES

Pottsville, Pa., Jan. 9 (UP)—John Ryan, 28-year old free lance miner, was listed today as the anthracite area's latest bootleg mining fatality despite a dramatic rescue after being trapped for nearly 48 hours in a coal hole at nearby Heckscherville.

Ryan was brought to the surface alive late yesterday, but died a short time after as he was being placed in an ambulance to be taken to Pottsville hospital.

Rescue crews worked in relays of 20 men from Monday afternoon when Ryan was trapped by a cave-in 80 feet below the surface.

Monday night, Joseph Slane, 30, who was trapped with Ryan, was brought out alive. He was discharged last night from Pottsville hospital after receiving treatment for minor injuries. Vincent Burns, 35, a third man working in the hole, climbed to safety and spread the alarm as the mine roof gave way.

Weary rescue workers reached Ryan after a second cave-in had dimmed hopes of finding him alive. Spurred by his tappings, they sent a priest and a doctor into the mine after he told them weakly that he was "all right, but cold." Last rites were administered before diggers were able to remove Ryan.

Ryan was found pinned between a coal car and the side of the mine by the physician and clergymen who risked another cave-in to reach him. Despite first aid at the scene, Ryan died of exposure and internal injuries, physicians said.

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