

# REVLOC ENTRY IS ABANDONED

## Safety Move Taken at Mine Where Four Men Lost Their Lives

Following an investigation by three mine inspectors L. F. Crouse, general superintendent, and other officials of the Monroe Coal Mining Company agreed last night to abandon the entry in the mine at Revloc—No. 16 Left, No. 2 Dip—where four men lost their lives Thursday morning.

This action was decided upon, according to Mr. Crouse, in the interest of safety.

"We believe taking this action will be going beyond what would be necessary for us to do in the interest of safety," Mr. Crouse declared. "However, the company desires to take every possible safety measure and as a result we have decided to abandon the entry where the explosion occurred."

William Lamont, mine inspector of District 10, a member of the investigation commission, will examine the mine Monday, it was said and if it is found in a suitable condition, work will be resumed. It was believed last night that the work necessary so that the mine can receive an official O. K. could be completed over the week-end.

The mine investigation commission, composed of Mr. Lamont, Geo. J. Steinhelzer, Indiana, inspector of the 25th District, chairman, and Dennis J. Keenan, Barnesboro, inspector of the 15th District, com-

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pleted the inspection at the immediate scene of the disaster yesterday afternoon. The commission was accompanied by Richard Maize, state secretary of mines; W. Garfield Thomas, deputy state secretary of mines; company officials, officers of Revloc Local 86, United Mine Workers and officials of the Federal Bureau of Mines.

Following inspection of the scene of the tragedy and surrounding areas in the mine, Mr. Maize returned to Harrisburg. Mr. Thomas, however, will attend hearings to be held by the commission beginning at 8:30 a. m., Monday at the coal company office. At the hearings, Mr. Crouse will represent the company and James W. Brown, president of the Revloc Local, will represent the miners. Coroner Patrick McDermott will also attend the hearings. He will hold an inquest following completion of the report.

Witnesses to be heard will include James Luther, motorman, who while taking a string of "empties" into the shaft felt the concussion resulting from the blast; Gerald McKinnon, mechanic and Harry Fennell, pumper, who were also at work near the scene. Several men who worked in the heading about 45 minutes before the explosion are also expected to testify.

Meanwhile members of the local will hold their regular meeting at Miners Hall, Revloc at 10 a. m., today to discuss various angles of the explosion.