

## St. Meinrad Tragedy Brings State Action

The tragedy at the Christmas coal mine near St. Meinrad last week will probably result in state legislative action, according to Gov. Ralph Gates.

The governor said he would ask the 1949 legislature to require state inspection of all underground mines. Such inspection was recommended by Griff Morris, director of mines and mining, after an investigation of the St. Meinrad tragedy.

Morris said conditions in the Christmas mine were "deplorable", with "poor ventilation and a very poor system of mining."

Present law gives the bureau supervision over mines employing ten or more men underground and the Christmas mine therefore had not received state inspection.

1948 Christmas Mine lacked inspection

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