6 Miners Killed By Falling Coal

Dante, Va. (UP).—Six miners were crushed to death last night under 50 tons of shifting coal but rescue workers freed five trapped survivors after a four and a half hour struggle at the Clinchfield Coal Corporation here.

A crew of 11 night shift diggers was at work in a side tunnel at Clinchfield's No. 2 pit when the coal slide crashed through supporting timbers. Six men were buried in the slide.

The fall occurred some 6,000 feet back from the entrance of the horizontal-shaft mine. A hysterical crowd of some 200 miners and relatives gathered at the entrance as rescue workers grubbed through the coal fall.

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