

14 Trapped In Mine Fire Rescued Alive

COPPER CANYON, Nev., June 5 (U.P.)—Fourteen miners, trapped for three hours by flames in a mine shaft here, were rescued shortly after noon today.

Mining Engineer Tom Cahill of the Copper Canyon Co. said that fire of unknown origin broke out at the top of the main shaft at 9:30 this morning. Contact with the underground crew 700 feet below the ground level was immediately cut off when telephone wires in the main shaft burned.

Cahill said that Supt. Robert Raring ventured down a parallel shaft abandoned as a working operation and used as an emergency escape route. By 12:15, the last of the 14 miners had climbed ladders in the old shaft and emerged safely on the ground level. None of the men had been overcome by smoke, Cahill said.

When news of the trapped men was first transmitted to nearby cities, rescue crews of miners were flown from adjoining areas to the scene. Ambulances from nearby Battle Mountain, Winnemucca, and Elko traversed the rocky road to this isolated mining camp.

Extinguishing operations are now underway in the main shaft. All underground crewmen have been accounted for, Cahill said.

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