

Burning Mine Traps 5 Men

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, July 16. (UP)—Rescue crews of the United States Smelting, Refining and Mining Co. are working to rescue five men who have been trapped in the company's Lark, Utah, mine by fire.

The fire broke out in the mine at 5 A. M.

Dense smoke prevented the rescue crews from reaching the men. However, a company spokesman said that the five men are in fresh air areas and are in no danger of being overcome by the smoke or the flames.

Company officials said the cause of the fire was as yet unknown.

The mine is located about 26 miles west of Salt Lake City and is being mined for lead, zinc and silver.

At the present time, the mine's regular workmen are striking against the company. They are affiliated with the U. S. Steelworkers Union (CIO).

The union has been out on strike since July 1 over wage and pension agreements.

Company officials said power trouble may be cause of the fire.

When the fire began, two men, Leland Nielsen of Lark, a pumpman, and Horace Seal, also of Lark, a hoistman, were working on maintenance work.

Three other men, Byran Thomas of Lark; Gordon Meyerhoffer, Lark, and Clyde Augustson, Lark, were sent down into the mine to take the maintenance men to a safe place. Since then the men have not been heard from, but company officials said they believed the men to be safe.