

TRAPPED MINE CREW RESCUED

Credit Four Who Construct Firedoor.

Silver Plume, Colo. — (UP)—
Six miners who escaped death in
a mine fire, today gave credit
for their rescue to a 4-man party
that built a firedoor to keep the
flames from spreading.

The six men were trapped for
four hours.

Herman Reidel, 41-year-old
father of four, one of the first
freed from the Old Smuggler mine
said, "We knew someone would
get down to us."

Others rescued in the near-
disaster were Morris Jacobs, 36,
Plume; Pete Rockwell, 25; Dick
Rizzardi, 25; Alex Knoll, 40 and
Leonard Otten, 23.

The fire broke out yesterday
in the hoist house and spread to
the dry timbers of the shaft.

Some 30 men jumped to the
task of rescuing the men and
four of them went below through
a supplementary tunnel that
joined the main shaft about 75
feet below the surface. They con-
structed the firewall there, con-
taining the fire with steel plates
and heavy timbers.

1950 Six miners trapped four hours in Old Smuggler mine rescued

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