

# Gas Explosion Cause Probed

## 2 Mine Inspectors

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The cause of the gas explosion Thursday morning at Inman Shaft, Buttonwood Colliery, Glen Alden Coal Company, has not been determined, and the investigation is continuing, State mine inspectors said last night.

The explosion claimed the lives of two men and burned seven others, four of whom are in serious condition in Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Mine Inspector John Edwards said he and Inspector Andrew Wilson, with coal company officials, yesterday made a thorough examination of the chambers in which the explosion occurred, but the cause is still to be learned.

The two men who lost their lives were Anthony Soldon, 39, fireboss of 23 High Street, Korn Krest, and Albert K. Mastalski, 36, laborer, of 256 Lee Park Avenue, Lee Park. Their funerals will be Monday morning.

In serious condition in General Hospital are Adam Redenski, 42, of 75 West St. Mary's Road, Hanover Township; Walter Knopke, 44, of 918 Bennett Street, Luzerne; James Hoison, 44, of 67 Simon Block, Hanover Township, and George Miller, 33, of Wilkes-Barre RD 2.

Treated at that hospital following the explosion were John Pape, 26, of 214 Boland Avenue, Hanover Township; Anthony Gabriel, 31, of 175 Davenport Street, Plymouth, and George Soldon, 53, of 16 Dexter Street, Hanover Township.

All were released following treatment.