

Blame Coal Dust for Fatal Mine Blast

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19 — (UP)—The Bureau of Mines reported today that the disastrous Oct. 31 coal mine explosion at Union, W. Va., was caused by a spark igniting a cloud of coal dust.

It added that miners violated

safe mining practices at least five times to create the dangerous situation leading to the explosion.

The blast occurred in the United Gas No. 1 mine of the Truax-Traer Coal Co. Twelve of the 16 men in the mine were killed. The other four escaped.

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