

Hearing Set To Probe Cause Of Mine Tragedy

LOGAN, W.Va. (UPI)—A hearing was set Thursday to determine the cause of the tragic accident which killed 18 miners in the Holden No. 22 mine about eight miles southwest of here.

Bodies of all those trapped have already been recovered, the last being found late Thursday afternoon in the Island Creek Coal Co. mine.

The investigation will begin next Tuesday and is to be conducted jointly by the West Virginia Mines Department and the U.S. Bureau of Mines.

Funeral services for three of the victims were held Thursday. Albert Marcum, 34, Monaville, was buried and funeral rites were held for Garfield Hensley, 44, Holden, and foreman Josh Chafins, Pine Creek.