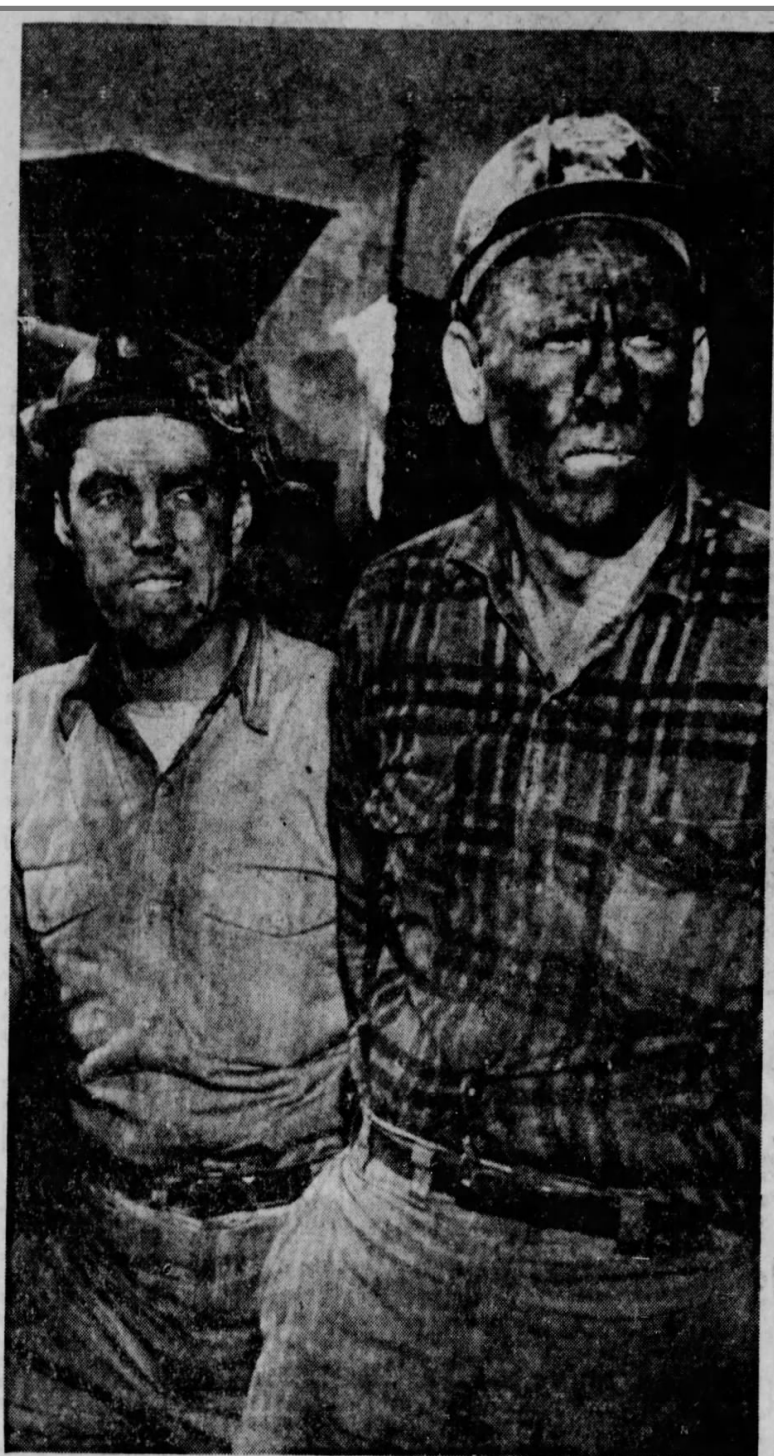




18 of Their Buddies Are Trapped

Strained, begrimed faces of Willie Carter (right) and Kyle Blair show ordeal of escape from fire at the Island Creek Coal mine at Holden, W. Va. Rescue operations are being rushed in an attempt to save 18 other miners trapped below the ground. Carter and Blair reached the surface by following ventilation passages.

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