

# Trapped Miners Brought Out After 80 Hours in Nuclear Mine

MERCURY, Nev. (AP)—The last of four men trapped Saturday night in an 1,800-foot-deep test hole was hoisted to the surface today.

All were in good condition. They had been lowered fresh food and other supplies throughout their three and one-half day ordeal at the Nevada test site.

Last to come up — at 8:05 a.m. — was George R. Cooper of Tucson, Ariz. The others, res-

cued earlier in the morning, were Floyd Shaw of Santa Barbara, Calif., Leland Roeder, 45, of Pioche, Nev., and Art Luhn of North Las Vegas, Nev.

They were stranded when a thick cable, being installed to link instruments in the underground nuclear blast chamber fell into a spaghetti-like tangle — jamming the shaft.

A task force of workmen toiling around the clock finally cleared the cable, restored the

elevator to operating condition and began bringing up the quartet.

It took more than a hour for the two-man elevator to make the trip down to the 30-by-30-foot chamber and return. An elevator operator went down on each trip.

"I'm well and happy to be upstairs," said Shaw, when he surfaced at 4:20 a.m.

The original four were in the room — installing wiring for instrumentation for a future underground atomic test — when a cable being used to lower electrical wiring to the room snapped in the shaft.

The lower end of the cable — about 13,000 pounds of it — fell into the shaft, trapping the four.

The upper end whiplashed up and came writhing out of the lip of the shaft striking four other workers.

One, James C. Gray, 45, of Indian Springs, Nev., was

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## U. S. Cardinals Urging Full Religious Freedom

By BENNET M. BOULTON

VATICAN CITY (AP)—Three American cardinals appealed to the Vatican Ecumenical Council today to pass a declaration that every human being has a right to complete religious freedom.

Ritter of St. Louis. — speaking for nearly all 244 U.S. bishops — called on the council to defend religious liberty. They said approval of the declaration was an absolute necessity.

The opposition to the religious liberty declaration — one of the

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killed. The others were injured, none seriously.

A smaller ventilation shaft still connected the room with the surface. Down it rescue workers dropped hot food from the test site cafeteria and reading matter. The lights in the room, wired from above, still functioned.

Rescuers began clearing the tons of cable from the shaft, snipping it in short lengths and hauling it to the surface.

Late Tuesday night the four in the bottom looked up the shaft and could see lights of the rescue team through the tangle of cable.

One shouted up: "Hey, what are you trying to do up there, keep us awake?"

The rescuers hooked onto the last big hunk of cable and began slowly pulling it to the top.

Many times before they had thought they had the last piece — only to discover there was more still below.

The AEC imposed secrecy on certain aspects of the incident. No newsmen were allowed at the scene. The AEC wouldn't give any details of the test for which the shaft is designed, nor would it say if the room would house an atomic device. The AEC said only it was for "instruments."

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