



A COMFORTING HAND — A mine rescue worker, his face and hands blackened by coal dust and soot, tries to comfort a relative of one of the seven trapped miners in the Mars No. 2 mine near Sardis, W. Va., Sunday. Bodies of the last four of the mine vic-

tims were found today. The other bodies were found earlier today by rescuers. The first man found was brought unconscious from the mine Sunday and was dead on arrival at a hospital.

(AP Wirephoto)

## Seven Men Are Killed In West Virginia Coal Mine

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CLARKSBURG, W. Va. (UPI) — Six miners trapped deep underground when fires broke out in a coal mine near here Saturday night were found dead today. A seventh trapped man was brought from the mine alive Sunday night but died minutes later.

It was a heartbreaking end to a 30-hour rescue effort.

The last four bodies were found less than an hour after rescuers discovered signs which spurred hopes the four may have found safety in the very extremities of the Mars No. 2 mine, two and one-half miles from the entrance.

The last four bodies found were those of Andy Kuruscz, 44, of Galloway; Isaac Moats, 39, of Moatsville; Clell Ledy, 53, of Bluefield, who was the foreman of the trapped crew, and Robert Savage, 57, of Rosemont.

Rescue workers found a piece of planking on which had been written in chalk the names of the four missing men.

About three hours before the planking was found, rescue workers recovered the bodies of Carl Banish, 45, of Lost Creek, father of 10 children, and Kenneth Kerr, 53, of Belington, father of three.

Charles Lantz, 26, of Buckhannon was brought to the surface last night but died of his injuries on the way to a hospital.

"Ledy is an old veteran,"

Spotte said. "he would have taken his men to a safe area of the mine, where they would have barricaded themselves to avoid all the bad air."

"We've found all kinds of arrows and symbols written in chalk on ceiling posts, with the times written on them. The last time mark seen by the rescuers was 2:30 a.m. (edt) Sunday."

"The arrows showed the men tried to advance toward the entrance of the mine but were

driven back. After that, the arrows point back toward the extremities of the mine.

"The men were seeking a safe area with fresh air, and we hope they found it."

The miners were trapped in the company's No. 2 Mars Mine at midnight Saturday when fires broke out in four separate passages as they were moving a continuous mining machine into the tunnel to prepare for the start of work today. The machine digs out coal and moves it into cars by conveyor.

Rescuers said the fire, which started when the mining machine snapped an electrical cable and caused a short circuit, was spreading early today. They feared this would hamper rescue operations in the area where the four remaining miners are believed to be.

Rescuers said the bodies of the two miners recovered today were found in a passageway that had been bypassed earlier. The spot was about a mile from where a fire had broken out in one of the passages.

Clinchfield President George L. Judy said it was possible the four remaining miners barricaded themselves into a "bore hole" or air shaft.

"If they are there, there is hope," Judy said.

### Petition For Cable TV In City Studied

A corporation proposing to erect a community television antenna has petitioned the city to allow it to hook its service lines onto city-owned utility poles.

Howard Ehrhart, chairman of the Board of Works, to whom the petition is directed, said the board is considering the request and that the city's legal department is studying aspects of the proposal.

Assistant City Attorney Don Peck attended a conference in Washington, D.C. last week at which seminars on community television antenna service and their legal implications were discussed.

In a community antenna service a big tower is erected which draws in television broadcasts from a much greater overall

### Five Planes Are Lost In