

3 Rescued From Mine In N. Mexico

AMBROSIA LAKE, N. M. (UPI) — Three dirty but happy Indian miners, trapped all night 100 feet down in a New Mexico uranium mine, scrambled out unhurt Wednesday after a perilous rescue.

The trio had spent 16 hours in a cubicle four by eight feet in size, with eight feet of solid limestone separating them from a main tunnel of the small rimrock mine. There were air holes into the chamber and rescuers were able to pass food into them through a passage drilled through the limestone.

The men, Jerry Yazzi, 29; Charlie Martinez, 34, and Scotty Hudson, 27, all apparently were in good condition. When they got out, they embraced their families, talked briefly to newsmen, shook the hands of their rescuers and then got in their cars and went home.

It was a hazardous job freeing the men, because there always was the danger of triggering another cave-in. As a result, the digging was done only with shovels and picks. No drills were used after the initial narrow passage was made.

1966 Three miners rescued after 16 hrs in a NM uranium mine cave in

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