

4 Coal Miners Killed In West Virginia

TRIADELPHIA, W. Va. (UPI)—Four coal miners were killed here Friday when a motor pulling them to the outside at the Valley Camp No. 3 Mine derailed underground.

Officials identified the victims as Edward Schultz, in his 40s, George Thompson and Howard Sims, in their 50s, and Paul Orth, in his early 30s. All were from the Triadelphia-Wheeling area.

The mine, which employs 200

men, was closed pending an investigation Saturday by representatives of the U. S. Bureau of Mines and the State Department of Mines.

Officials said the derailment occurred about 3:45 p. m. at the mine, located just off U. S. 40. Valley Camp operates four mines in the area.

A spokesman said three of the dead men were among seven miners lying on a flatcar for the trip to the outside—in violation of regulations.

The spokesman said the "train" consisted of a lead motor, followed by the flatcar normally used for supplies, an enclosed man trip car carrying several other miners, and a rear motor.

The fourth victim was the motorman on the rear motor.

The Valley Camp spokesman said the lead motor derailed, jamming the flatcar into the rear of the motor. The enclosed man trip car ran over the flatcar, killing three of the seven men riding the open vehicle.

The other four men on the flatbed suffered minor injuries, but did not require hospitalization. None of the men in the man trip car was injured.

The spokesman speculated that no one, except perhaps the motorman, would have been killed if all men had been riding the enclosed car, as required by mine regulations.

The mine was shut down Wednesday after a wildcat walk-out, but the strike lasted only a day and work was resumed Thursday.

Coup Fails In Syria

DAMASCUS (UPI)—Syria's shaky leftwing regime announced Friday it had smashed an attempted coup led by an army officer who helped bring the regime to power in a bloody upheaval last Feb. 23.

It was the second attempt in a week to overthrow the government.

Officials identified the leader of the latest plot as Col. Salim Hatoum and said he and 200 military and civilian followers had been arrested with no loss of life.

Hatoum directed a bazooka and rifle attack against the residence of then-President Amin Hafez in the February Coup. But later Hatoum was relegated to garrison duty outside Damascus.

Khalid Jundi, leader of the official labor federation, said Hatoum teamed up with