

## Trapped Texas Miners Brought Out Safely

Grand Saline, Texas (AP)—Sixteen miners have emerged unharmed after 9 hours trapped 700 feet underground with a heavy drill suspended above them.

A 6-foot-square, 10-foot high drill was being lowered into a Morton Salt Company mine Tuesday when it tilted and wedged itself across the elevator shaft.

Then during the efforts to right the drill, the cable attached to it snapped.

### In Protected Areas

As the miners took cover the drill crunched through one supporting crossbar and then stopped—dangling 610 feet above the mine floor.

For the next eight hours, the miners left work in the 12-mile

maze of tunnels through the great salt domes to cluster in protected areas within calling distance of the mine Superintendent Ray Rucker, near the elevator shaft.

Above the trapped miners three repairmen cut holes in the floor of the elevator and lowered it to just above the jammed drill, then labored to secure it to the elevator.

The men below watched as the drill was lowered cautiously down the elevator. Rucker said the men stayed cheerful.

“They knew the danger involved — that the equipment might fall and tear out the elevator shaft, but after the mechanism was once tied back to the elevator we all relaxed,” he said.

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