

2 W. Virginia Miners Killed In Slate Fall

**Third Injured
While Cleaning
Coal Pit Area**

WHARTON, W. Va. (UPI) —Two coal miners died and another was seriously injured when slate fell on them about an hour before quitting time inside a nearby Eastern Associated Coal Corp. mine in Boone County.

Killed in the accident late Thursday at the Harris No. 2 mine were Eugene Dishmon, 43, of Kopperston, and Russell L. Nutter, 22, of Cyclone.

The injured miner was Eddie Goodwin, 24, of Uneeda, who was hospitalized at Charleston in "critical" condition.

A fourth miner escaped injury.

According to safety officials for United Mine Workers District 17, the crew was cleaning up an earlier slate fall when overhanging slate fell on them from both the top and the rib of the mine.

The fall occurred over a nearly 25-foot area, officials said.

The men were working the 4 p. m. to midnight shift when the accident occurred.

Dishmon was a foreman with 19 years of mining experience. Nutter was a general laborer who started working at the mine 15 months ago.

District 17 President Jack Perry of Charleston said mine inspectors have scheduled a hearing Monday on the accident.

The deaths brought to five the number of miners killed in the district this year.