



State mine inspectors are shown in the slope where three miners were trapped during a mine cave-in yesterday near Sheppton. Timbers and other supporting structures were carefully checked as a

safety precaution before teams began rescue operations. Frequent mine tremors throughout the day and night prevented all attempts.

## Hope for Trapped Miners Dim as Coal Slides Block Rescue Work Inside Slope

HAZLETON, Pa. (UPI) — A search resumed today for three independent miners trapped 380 feet underground in a gas-filled ing although hope for their survival was all but abandoned by federal mine inspectors.

mine slope since Tuesday morn. William Rauchunis, supervisor of Federal Mines District A, said a work party will make an "exploratory" probe as soon as giant fans clear the shaft of gas. Rescue operations were halted

Tuesday night when rescuers were driven back repeatedly from the 425-foot slope which pitches at a steep 75 degrees, by gas and coal slides. They also encountered water.

Trapped in the Fellin Coal Co. mine near Oneida, about 15 miles from here, were David Fellin, 48, Sheppton, one of the mine operators, Louis Bova, 42, of Pattersonville, and Henry Throne, 28, of Hazleton.

The collapse became apparent at 8:50 a.m. to hoist man Joseph Walker when he sent the "mine buggy"—a small-track coal gondola—down and it failed to touch bottom.

Rauchunis, said there was hope for the "entombed" men. He said it appeared a portion of the slope caved in, but that the reason will not be known until the shaft is cleared. He said at least 100 feet of slope is choked off by falling coal.

He said the mine, in the Big Buck Mountain coal vein, was classified by the government as a Title-One mine which is subject to safety recommendations by federal inspectors but which the owners may or may not apply.

Mrs. Eugene Gibbons, wife of a co-owner, said the shaft was found to be safe as late as Monday.

She said the mine, idle for a long period, was reactivated when the market for "deep mine" coal picked up recently.

### Two Trapped Men Head Families and Third Operates Cafe

Two of the three men trapped in the Sheppton mine are married. David Fellin, of Sheppton, one of the owners of the mine, is married to the former Anna Hoystrich.

Fellin has a stepson, Joseph Klein, in New Jersey; a brother, Joseph, of Zion Grove and four sisters, Mary Fellin and Mrs. Emil Palubinsky, both of Zion Grove; Mrs. John (Barbara) Martini, of Oneida and Mrs. Paul (Della) Skurka, of Hazleton.

He is a member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Sheppton. Louis Bova is married to the former Eva Kase.

The couple has a son, at home, who is eight months old today and the following brothers and sisters: Peter, Pottstown; Anthony, William Penn; John, Frackville; Daniel, Shenandoah Heights; Joseph, Shenandoah; Mrs. Jerry (Lucy) Nigalori, Glen Olden, Philadelphia; Mrs. Richard (Catherine) Nasuti and Mrs. Joseph (Theresa) Kershtsky, both of Shenandoah. His father, Anthony Bova, also resides in Shenandoah.

Henry Throne, unmarried, managed Ann's Cafe at 30 East Mine street and resided at the same address.

He served in the U.S. Armed Forces but no information was available today on when or where he was located in the service.

A relative said his mother, Mrs. Edna Throne, is residing either in Philadelphia or Wilkes-Barre, that he has a brother, Harry, Denville and two married sisters, Louise and Edna. His sisters are residents of Hazleton but their marriage names and addresses could not be learned today.

### Automobile Kills Woman As Bee Annoys Driver

YORK, Pa. (UPI)—A 60-year-old woman was struck and killed on the Mount Pisgah Road Tuesday by a car whose driver was trying to rid his vehicle of a bee.

### House Group Votes to Cut Income Tax for Everybody

By VINCENT J. BURKE  
WASHINGTON (UPI) — The House Ways & Means Committee voted 19 to 4 today to cut everybody's income taxes starting Jan. 1.

The tax rate reductions—recommended by President Kennedy—would average 20 per cent and cost the Treasury \$9.5 billion in revenue when fully effective on Jan. 1, 1965.

The net tax relief would average less than 19 per cent. Savings for some taxpayers would be reduced by tax-tightening provisions. This probably would hold the net revenue loss from individual tax relief below \$9 billion.

Still facing the committee were showdown votes on the President's recommendations for reductions in corporation tax levies. Kennedy's over-all tax program is designed to provide net reductions of \$10.6 billion for both individuals and corporations.

This motion was defeated on a 13 to 12 vote. It was offered by Rep. Howard H. Baker, R-Tenn., and supported by all of the other nine Republicans. Two of the 15 Democrats jumped party traces to support the motion.

Earlier, Republican congressional leaders expressed doubt that a tax cut would be enacted by Congress this year.

### Governor Vetoes Two Minor Bills

HARRISBURG (UPI) — Gov. William W. Scranton finally has broken the veto ice and cast his first two blackballs on legislation. The two vetoes—both on minor bills—came Tuesday and broke a