4 ENTOMBED MINERS RESCUED AFTER NINE HOURS UNDERGROUND

SCRANTON, Pa., Aug. 19.—(INS)—Four miners entombed in the Shawnee Coal company mine at Peckville, near here, suffered from nothing worse than shock today after being imprisoned almost nine hours below the surface.

The quartet was rescued from the company's number 4 slope late last night from the mine 75 feet underground and taken to Mid-Valley hospital where they were treated for shock.

A throng of 6,000 spectators watched a steam shovel dig through tons of coal, rock and dirt to open the mine entrance, following which a ladder was lowered and the men came up unassisted.

"It's great to smell this fresh air," said one of the rescued miners as he reached the surface.

A loaded coal car which ran away when a cable broke demolished mine props causing the entrance to cave in and imprison the four miners.

It had first been reported that five men had been entombed, but a later check showed only four.