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## Rescuers Try Vainly To Reach 31 Entombed Men in Kentucky Mine



Waiting outside Straight Creek Mine No. 1 for the return of a rescue squad with news from inside the tragedy-struck coal mine were these officials. From left, Earl Acuff, Harlan, district mine inspector; U. D. Boyd, state mine inspector from Nashville; Sgt. Henry B. Slater, State Highway Patrol; Police Chief Arnold Kirby and Policeman Henry Webb of Pineville.

### Down in Mine, Water Runs Across Feet While You Burn Up, Says Rescue Worker

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Frank Rind's general superintendent of Three Points Mine, Ky., said last night that emergency rescue crews seeking to deliver the trapped mine disaster victims. In the following, he tells what it is like down in the mine.

**By FRANK RHODES**  
Newspapers.com Staff Writer  
as told to the News-Sentinel

PINEVILLE, Ky., Dec. 27—After a night down in that slope, I think I know what hell is like. It's hot and smoky and it stinks. And while you're burning up

above there is cold water running. Fifteen or 20 of us have been down in it a time. The men in the front of the slope have to dig their hands down into the mud and pull out the carbon monoxide and that's all they can do. It's not a lot better. But there's the mud. The mud is getting in the ventilation going. The mud is just coming all the way down the slope and we're putting up a quick stuff that looks a lot.

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### Chinese Reds Submit Proposal

**By GEORGE WANG**  
Special News Staff Correspondent

CHUNGKING, Dec. 27—Chinese Communist leaders submitted a formal proposal for the "immediate and unconditional cessation" of civil war as unity meetings were resumed today after a 40-day deadlock.

The meeting was the first between Nationalist and Communist negotiators since Nov. 17.

The Communists were strengthened by the addition of Gen. Yen Chien-ying, chief of staff, to the original three members, Chou En-lai, Communist vice chairman, Tung Pi-wu and Wang Ruofei.

Chou had been a lone champion earlier of Gen. George C. Marshall, special American envoy, who recently arrived to help the Chinese achieve unity.

### Stoic Families Watch Work of Rescue Crews

**By KYLE WHITEHEAD**  
(Managing Editor of the Boston Daily Enterprise)

PINEVILLE, Ky., Dec. 27—Six cold and wood-burned families waited vigilantly on the slope of Black Mountain last night, lending flickering shadows to a cold watch by relatives and friends of 30 to 50 miners trapped by an underground explosion yesterday.

The scene near the drift-mouth of the mine of the Kentucky Straight Creek Coal Co. in Four Mile Hollow, four miles from this Bell County seat—was not unfamiliar in this coal mining country. It was a re-enactment of a disaster of calmness that will be shattered only when tried and dirty squads reveal the fate of the "menfolk."

There was not a sob to be heard, the heavy night as mothers, wives and sisters huddled close to the fires in close view of the darkness—night-time howl through which the living or dead eventually will be brought out.

### 2 Boys Die in Crash of 'Borrowed' C-47

**By Associated Press**

ONTARIO, Calif., Dec. 27—Two 17-year-olds with 16 hours flying experience were killed in a C-47 transport's flaming crash near here Christmas Day.

Coroner B. E. Williams, after a day during which the victims' names remained unknown, said their parents identified them as Jack Starnes, Barrow, Studio City, and Gilbert Crockett, North Hollywood.

The big craft, loaned to airport corporation by the Army for tests, was flown from the Army Air Base here, the coroner said, without permission. It dived into a vineyard four miles from the field and crashed, moments after it took off.

### Rockwood Man Reports \$5000 Stolen From Car

**By Associated Press**

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 27—John Reynolds, 25, Rockwood, Tenn., reported to police today that \$5000 in cash was stolen from the glove compartment of his parked automobile on Christmas night.

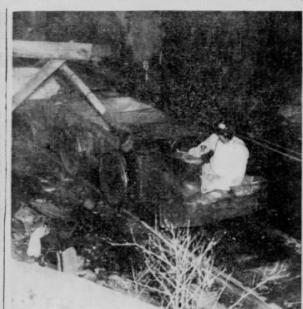
Reynolds said he left the money in the pocket of his coat when he made the trip in another automobile. He made the trip in another automobile. He made the trip in another automobile.

### Pineville Disaster May Rank Among Country's Worst

**By Associated Press**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27—The Pineville, Ky., coal mine disaster in which 31 men were killed and 30 were trapped, may rank among the country's worst if it is not the worst.

"That always looks like a day after a holiday," the 20-year-old youth said, "but he decided to go to work."



These miners are mixing fire extinguisher fluids to combat the blast left burning inside Kentucky mine by the explosion. The fires hampered rescue workers.

### Looking Over Mine Map

Rescue squads walked and rode into the tragedy-struck mine, Here, a squad goes in on a team—which could go only to about 1700 feet. State falls and fires halted the team here, and rescuers themselves were slowed to a snail's pace last night because of bristling work necessary to force pure air into the tunnel.

### Three-Point Blast Killed 12 in '43

**By Associated Press**

Here are other Kentucky tragedies

Here are the previous tragedies in the Southeastern Kentucky coal mines.

Kettle Island Mine, where 40 miners died in 1938.

At Vance, Ky., where 21 died in December, 1932.

At Three Points, a few miles from Pineville, where 12 were killed in an explosion in October, 1942.

### Suit Claims Health Hurt in Atom Work

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State Mine Inspectors Harry Thomas (left) and Louis Huber (extreme right) read a map of Straight Creek Mine No. 1 before sending in rescue squads in an effort to rescue or recover some 30 miners trapped by an explosion that rocked the 21-year-old mine from end to end.

### Mrs. Mansfeld Declared Sane

**By Associated Press**

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27—Three court-appointed alienists today reported that Irene Mansfeld, society matron, was sane and was not suffering from any "delirious psychosis" on the day she killed Mrs. Yoda Martin, a nurse whom she suspected of having an affair with her husband, Dr. John Mansfeld.

The report on Mrs. Mansfeld's mental condition was disclosed in the first session of her sanity trial.

### Names of 31 Believed in Mine Revealed

At least 31 miners received lamps before the explosion that entombed between 30 and 50 miners in a mine near here, a list compiled by the Kentucky Straight Creek Coal Company, mine operator, showed today.

A mine employee who issued the lamps said he was not sure all those receiving them went into the mine. He added that it was possible several more than the 31 reported for work. An earlier list showed 28 lamps issued.

The 31 men include a father and son, J. T. Gambrell and his son, Floyd and two brothers, John H. and William Brumister, all of Four Mile Hollow.

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