

# Eight Trapped By Mine Fire Are Rescued

HOCKLEY, Jan. 12 (UP).—A desperate to save the lives of eight men working more than a quarter of a mile underground was won Thursday by the combined efforts of firemen from four cities.

The miners were laboring at the 1,600 foot level in the United Salt Co. mine, unaware that a fire was raging in the mine's engine room.

But on the surface, orange flames were spurting high into the air. They threatened to spread to the hoist house and cut the cable to lift the workers' elevators.

Firemen from Houston, Hempstead, Katy and Waller controlled the flames after they did \$20,000 damage. Electric wiring was burned and the mine's hoist was temporarily idled.

The miners had been lowered deep into the earth only minutes before the fire broke out. They did not know the seriousness of their plight.

Ground workers, too well aware of the possibility of tragedy, combined their efforts to halt the raging fire. Superintendent Ray D. Seslet called for all available fire equipment, for "we knew that fire had to be stopped in a hurry."

Dozens of anxious loved ones of the miners stood and watched the fire fighters toil. Most of them remained calm, knowing that all possible efforts were being made.