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Life-saving operation

Mine rescue teams take make-believe disasters seriously in competition

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rescuers marched single file into the mine and first aid center. The winners will be announced today at the end of the two-day event.

Yesterday, the east wing was filled with covetous mine workers from first states who have trained as rescue workers

and were now testing their skills in competition. The air was given a hoarse, mine-like atmosphere by the continuous detonation of smoke bombs to simulate one of the chief obstacles that face mine rescue workers—poor visibility.

The teams were arranged in mass through which the rescue teams moved on their make-believe life-saving mission.

After three hours, the teams were divided by U.S. Bureau of Mines judges into one of the many simulated mines in the exhibition hall.

The teams were given a written "problem" which described the disaster. In this case, it was a gas leak in the east wing of the mine. Filled with smoke bombs and other equipment, the rescue teams were to search for the gas leak and extinguish it.

There are other benefits to a national mine rescue contest. It makes for competition, and you get to know others from other districts. He said, "If there ever is a disaster, they call for help from all over."

William Craft, a Bureau of Mines official from Madisonville, said the rescue teams take the competition seriously, even though it appears a little silly to observers who witness rescue practice. "I thought we did real well for the first time," Magrath pulled. "Boy, when they throw that smoke at you, that makes it a little more realistic."



HELPING an "injured" man are Troy Curry, left, and Billy Wright from Boone Creek Coalfield. Coal Co. team, Wayland, Ky. Playing a live but unconscious miner in Basin Base of Boone Creek.



MEMBERS of the U.S. Steel mine rescue team from Lynch, Ky., moving through a make-believe rescue operation. Robert Knell, kneeling, examines a dummy representing a dead man while J. Day, right, holds a map.

PSC gets warrant

By DON WALKER

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On nomination, election, notice procedures

Rights group wins clarification on Floyd health board vote

By ANNE FARBER

FRANKFORT, Ky.—An Eastern Kentucky welfare rights organization that took a vote on an election of one of its members last week has won an approval order spelling out terms for the election.

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Joe Creason

WHITE baseball World Series approaching at a speed of 130 mph per day, so we report a little offbeat story that might be of interest to some of our readers. It is the story of Joe Creason, a 19-year-old boy from Louisville who was killed in a plane crash on Oct. 2.

The incident occurred when a small plane carrying Creason and two other passengers crashed into a field near Louisville. Creason was the only survivor.

The Series, an event that knows no generation gap

discussed right now," said the man who answered my knock. "But you might come in and wait."

When he entered the hallway, I found forward until he had seemed to meet me on the table. Turning into the room, I saw that he had my coat and a hat.

Flower girl

GETTING ACQUAINTED with Kentucky's state flower, Mary Anne Venable, a candidate in the Miss Kentucky pageant.

Flower girl Mary Anne Venable, a candidate in the Miss Kentucky pageant, is shown in a photograph.