

Plans Now Complete For 1963 First-Aid, Mine Rescue Contest

Final program details for the 1963 National First-Aid and Mine Rescue Contest Monday through Wednesday at the Charleston Civic Center were announced Thursday by Marling J. Ankeny, Director of the U. S. Department of the Interior's Bureau of Mines. Raleigh County and other southern West Virginia miners will be team participants.

Director Ankeny, general chairman of the contest, said that 16 teams were already entered to compete in the mine rescue segment of the contest, to be conducted on Monday. This is the highest enrollment in mine rescue competition since the contest was resumed in 1951 after a lapse of more than two decades, Ankeny said. Fourteen teams entered in 1951 and 1953, but only 11 mine rescue teams entered the last contest, held in 1961.

Five of the mine rescue teams also will compete for first-aid honors as "combination teams" in the first-aid events slated for Tuesday and Wednesday. In addition, 27 teams already have been entered for the first-aid contest alone.

Additional entries for each contest will be accepted at Charleston up to the morning each begins. The biennial "World Series of Safety" is an official event of the West Virginia's current Centennial observances. Gov. Barron has been the formal sponsor of the contest for 40 years, coordinating the efforts of and receiving financial support from the Bureau of Mines, the United Mine Workers of America, the National Coal Assn., and other industrial and safety organizations.

Winning teams in all three categories—mine rescue, first-aid, and combination—will receive Congressional medallions from the Bureau of Mines, plus prizes from the Holmes association, the UMWA, National Coal Assn., and other groups interested in safety. West Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Kentucky usually present banners to the teams from each of those three States finishing highest in each of the three categories. This year West Virginia, as the host state, will also present special plaques to the members of each team taking part.

The mine rescue part of the contest at Charleston will be conducted in mock-up mines erected on the 36,000-square-foot floor of the civic arena. Each team will solve the same problem, and will be judged for its speed, accuracy, and thoroughness.

First-aid teams will compete against one another simultaneously during the two final days of the contest, solving ten-minute problems involving seriously injured "victims," and being scored for speed and accuracy. Prize winners in all events will be announced at a banquet at the Civic Center arena, on Wednesday evening.

Next to the ostrich, the emu is the largest of living birds.

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Mine Rescue Contest Won By Lynch Team

CHARLESTON, W. Va. (AP) — Teams representing the U.S. Steel Corp. coal mines made a clean sweep Wednesday night in the 1963 national first aid and mine rescue contest.

The top first aid award went to a team from U.S. Steel's operation at Gary, W. Va. Its captain is Robert Rosenbalm.

First place in the mine rescue contest was won by U.S. Steel's Lynch, Ky., team, captained by Ted Rollin.

The awards were made here at the conclusion of three days of competition.

Mine Rescue Competition Starts Today

Teams From Six States Entered

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (UPI) — Mine rescue teams from half a dozen states Monday start competition at the Charleston Civic Center in the National First Aid and Mine Rescue contest.

About half of the teams in the contest—billed as the World Series of Safety—are from West Virginia with others from Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, Virginia and Pennsylvania.

The mine rescue contest will be staged in a 36,000-square foot simulated mine area in the civic center beginning Monday morning. The first aid competition will begin Tuesday. A combination winner also will be chosen on the basis of highest scores among teams participating in both the mine rescue and first aid contests.

Gov. W. W. Barron, state Mines Director Wilbur Eigenbrod and Director Marling J. Ankeny of the U.S. Bureau of Mines will speak briefly Tuesday.

Two of the three grand champions from the last contest in 1961 will return. They are the Holden Division team of Island Creek Coal Co., which won the combination event, and the Inland Steel Co., No. 1 team, Wheelwright, Ky., which won the mine rescue event.

The Compass No. 2 team of Clinchfield Coal Co., Clarksburg, replaces the Compass No. 1 team which won its second first aid trophy in 1961.



RESCUE CHAMPIONS — U. S. Steel's Lynch District (Kentucky) Mine Rescue Team won first place today in the National Mine Rescue Contest. The Corporation's Frick District (Uniontown, Pa.) team finished 7th and the Gary (W. Va.) District No. 3 team placed 4th out of 16 teams participating in this "World Series" of Mine Safety Contest. Team members winning the U. S. Bureau of Mines' Congressional Medallion and National Coal Association Trophy are: Ted Hollin, Captain; Lee Marsili; Louis Henegar; Charles Steele; Frank Sizemore; Charles Sheffield and B. J. Floyd.

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Ohio Team Runnerup In Rescue Contest

CHARLESTON, W. Va. (AP) An Ohio team entered by the Hanna Coal Division, Consolidation Coal Co., Cadiz, won runnerup honors in the first aid division of the 1963 National First Aid and Mine Rescue Contest. Prizes were awarded Wednesday night after three days of competition.

U.S. Steel Corp. coal mine teams swept first places in the three categories.

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