



## West Virginia Team Wins "World Series of Safety"

The National Pocahontas Team of the National Mines Corp., Pineville, W.Va., placed first in the two-hour coal mine rescue contest held Sept. 20-21 in Louisville, Ky., in competition with 77 other top teams in the Nation. The competition, held in alternate years, was part of the 1979 National Mine Rescue and First Aid Contest.

The winner received the first place trophy, a Congressional medallion and a \$5,000 scholarship donated by the Ansul Co., a manufacturer of firefighting equipment used in a number of mines.

The contest is known in the mining community as the "World Series of Safety" and the winner is designated as the top coal mine rescue team in America. The two-hour test and three other contests were sponsored by MSHA.

Competing teams were variously asked to solve rescue and recovery problems which might confront them in a real emergency. These included problems that normally would require either one hour or two hours, a series of first-aid problems, and a combination test of the two-hour and first aid contests.

Other companies sponsoring trophies were Mine Ventilation Systems, Inc.; National Mine Rescue Assn.; Joseph A. Holmes Safety Assn.; CSE Corp.; Fairchild, Inc.; National Mine Service Co.; Mine Safety Appliances Co.; and, Marion Health and Safety, Inc. In addition, state awards were awarded to winning teams from the respective states by the Kentucky Department of Mines and Minerals; the Pennsylvania Office

of Deep Mine Safety and that state's Department of Environmental Resources; the Tennessee Department of Mines; and West Virginia Department of Mines. MSHA sponsored the Congressional Medallion which went to all first-place teams.

Jewell Ridge Coal Co. of Jewell Ridge, Va., placed first in the one-hour contest. Dominion Coal Co.'s B Team of Vansant, Va., won the first-aid contest. The Combination Team of Emery Mining Corp., of Huntington, Utah, took first in the combination contest.

Final places in the contest in addition to the above-named winners were:

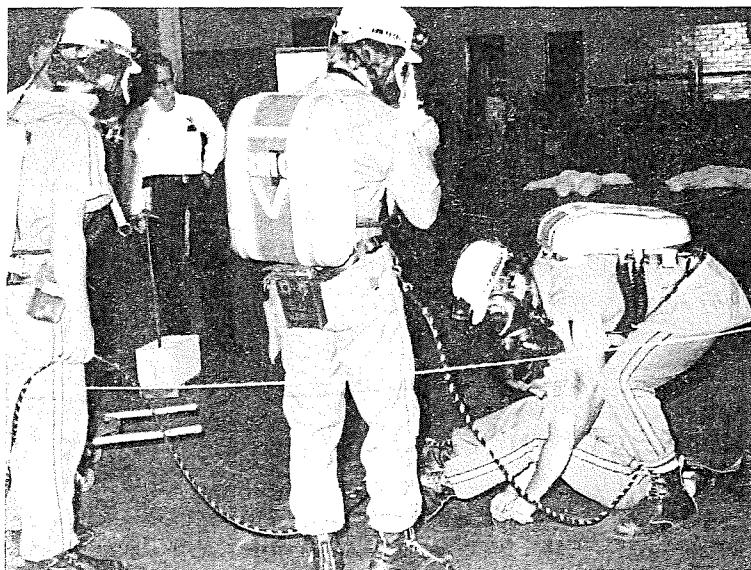
Two-hour contest—2. Combination Team, Emery Mining Corp., Huntington, Utah; 3. Virginia Pocahontas No. 1 Team, Island Creek Coal Co., Oakwood, Va.; 4. Leeco No. 1 Team, Leeco Inc., London, Ky.; 5. McComas B Team, Consolidation Coal Co., McComas, W.Va.

One-hour contest—2. McComas Team, Consolidation Coal Co., McComas, W.Va.; 3. Dante Team, Clinchfield Coal Co., Dante, Va.; 4. Leeco No. 2 Team, Leeco Inc., London, Ky.; 5. National Team, National Mines Corp., Pineville, W.Va.

First aid contest—2. Harewood Team, Allied Chemical Corp., Montgomery, W.Va.; 3. Combination Team, Emery Coal Co., Huntington, Utah; 4. Star Team, Peabody Coal Co., Graham, Ky.; 5. Alston No. 4 Team, Peabody Coal Co., Centertown, Ky.

Combination Contest—2. Virginia Pocahontas No. 1 Team, Island Creek Coal Co., Oakwood, Va.; 3. Star Team, Peabody Coal Co., Graham, Ky.; 4. Gauley Northern Team, Island Creek Coal Co., Craigsville, W.Va.; 5. B Team, Dominion Coal Co., Vansant, Va.

Awards were presented at a banquet held after the competition. Master of Ceremonies Herschel Potter said, "It was the most successful contest we have had. The cooperation of the teams and judges were excellent. The teams finished sooner than expected."



Coal mine rescue team rescues victim during the 1979 National Mine Rescue and First Aid Contest.