

Work continues in attempt to reach miner Louis Bova

SHEPPTON, Pa. (UPI)—Rescue officials may decide today whether to let a volunteer descend the escape shaft now being widened to Louis Bova more than 300 feet underground.

"Miners take care of their own," the townspeople here say, and though the 52-year-old Bova has been buried for 16 days and not heard from for 9 days, the effort to retrieve him continues without official expressions of discouragement.

A few yards from the shaft through which David Fellin, 58, and Henry Throne, 28, were lifted to safety early Tuesday, workers today set about widening a similar 12½-inch probe sunk to Bova's presumed location Wednesday.

Today that hole was to be widened to 30 inches to a depth of 35 or 40 feet, then reamed out for the rest of the distance to a diameter of 22 inches. H. Beech-

er Charnbury, state secretary of mines, said a volunteer might be able to go down Friday.

More than 20 men, including Fellin and John Bova, brother of the imprisoned man, have volunteered to go down. The decision whether to send one depends on the risk of the descent and possible signs of life from Bova.

When and if a man is chosen to go down, his identity will be kept secret, according to Gordon Smith, deputy state secretary of mines.

"If I have my way," Smith said, "no one will know he's down there until he comes up again. If it were announced in advance, his wife probably would go crazy. I wouldn't want my wife to know if I were going down there."

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Agriculture Department says farm exports will remain at near-record proportions

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WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Agriculture Department predicts U.S. farm exports in 1963-64 will continue at near-record proportions and may possibly expand.

The early prediction of agricultural exports for fiscal 1964 came shortly after the end of fiscal 1963 and was based on the near-record foreign sales of 1963. The Department will make a more specific prediction concerning fiscal 1964 exports at the annual Agricultural Outlook Conference in November.

U.S. farm exports in the fiscal year ended June 30 totaled \$5,084,000,000. This was 1 per cent below last year's all-time high. The near-record level of exports occurred despite several major unfavorable developments in leading foreign markets.

A particularly unfavorable development was the imposition by the European Common Market of variable import levies on imports

from outside countries. These levies, imposed in August, 1962, caused U.S. exports of wheat and poultry to decline sharply. Broiler and fryer exports to the European Economic Community dropped by two-thirds in August-May, 1962-63, from a year earlier, while wheat flour exports decreased by one-third.

Cotton Declines

Increased cotton production in the Foreign Free World was another unfavorable trade development. The reduced consumption of cotton in the Foreign Free World resulted in a substantial decline in U.S. exports of cotton. U.S. cotton exports in fiscal 1963 totaled 3.6 million bales, a decline of 1.2 million bales from the previous fiscal year. There were also decreases in exports of tobacco and inedible tallow.

The longshoremen's strike from late December to early January was another unfavorable trade development, although the lost trade

was made up partially in later months. Exports in January, 1963, were down \$177 million from the same month a year earlier.

The Department said that had it not been for the unfavorable developments, agricultural exports in fiscal 1963 likely would have reached record proportions.

Major factors contributing to the near-record exports were all-time highs in gold and dollar holdings in most countries buying U.S. commodities with dollars, continued strength in economic activity in more industrialized countries, sales for foreign currencies to countries short of gold and dollar holdings, and export market promotion activities. The Department said substantial increases in exports of feed grains, rice, soybeans, edible vegetable oils, protein meal, rye, and vegetables reflected these favorable developments.

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