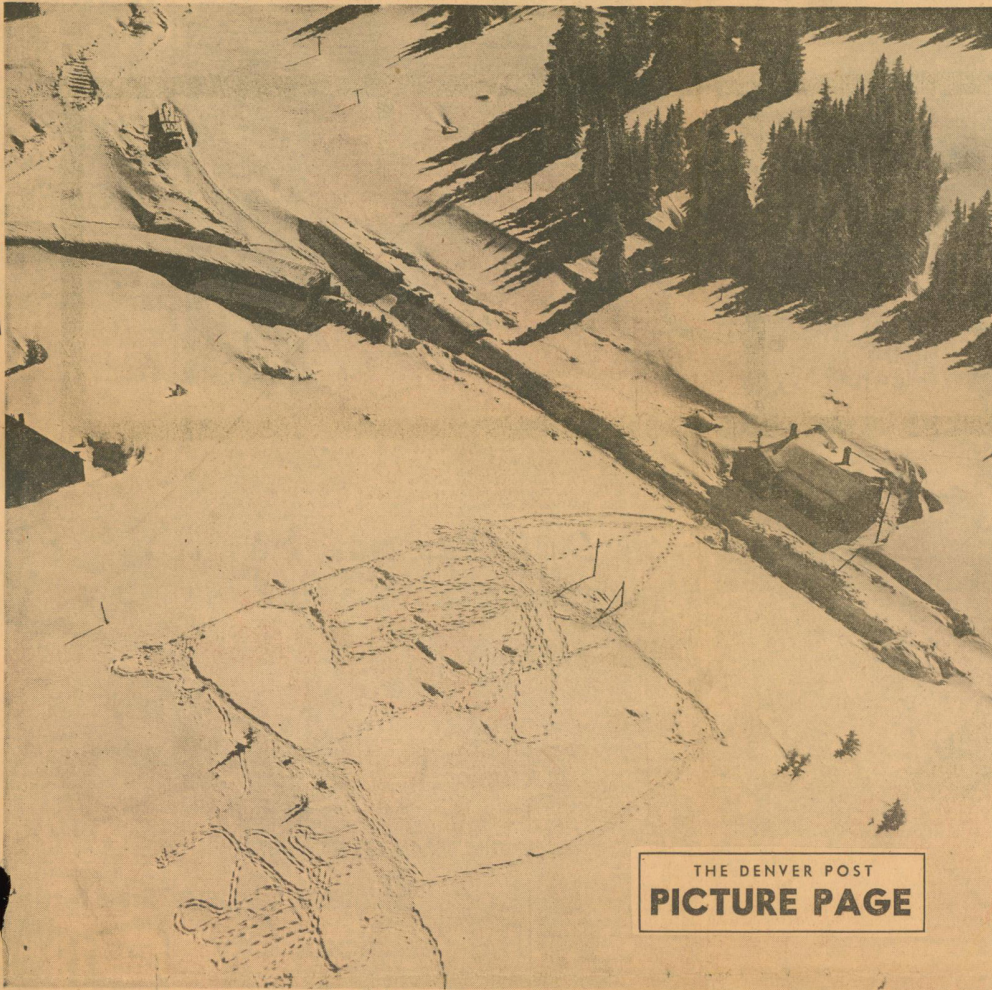


# Railroad Rescue Scenes from Snowbound Cumbres Pass



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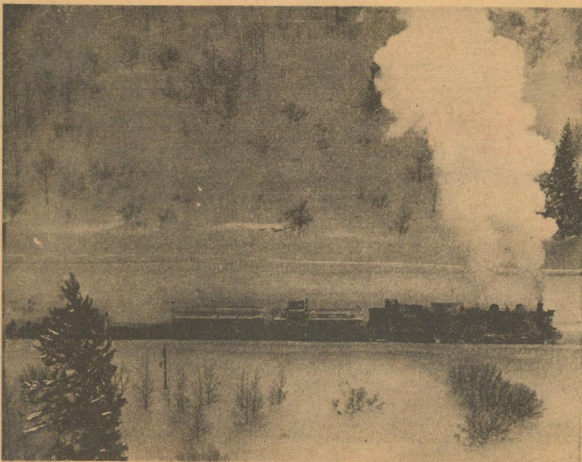
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AERIAL PHOTO SHOWS SUMMIT OF CUMBRES PASS, WHERE 20 RIO GRANDE CREWMEN REMAIN STRANDED. MEN HAVE TRACED STRANGE PATTERN ON SNOWY FIELD.



Three of the first men rescued from Coxo siding walk along trail broken by two army weasels on way to Chama, N. M., just across the Colorado line.

Shown here are a series of aerial pictures taken Thursday by Albert Moldvay, Denver Post staff photographer, in the Cumbres Pass region of extreme southern Colorado. Pictures cover the rescue of 40 Rio Grande railroad crewmen at Coxo siding a mile from the pass summit, and tell the status of 20 other crewmen still marooned on the summit itself. Army weasels went to Coxo Wednesday night, and began evacuating the men Thursday morning. Plans possibly involving a helicopter are now being formed to rescue 20 railroaders atop pass. Plane carrying Moldvay was a Cessna 170 from Denver Air Taxi service, piloted by R. G. "Dick" Koplitz.



THE RELIEF TRAIN IS SHOWN AS IT STARTED UP THE CANYON OUT OF CHAMA, N. M.



TWO ARMY WEASELS CHURN ACROSS AN OPEN FIELD, ONE TOWING TWO SKIERS



*Jim Pease - Durango crew - was on train in this photo*  
FOUR STEAM LOCOMOTIVES ARE STALLED ON A HORSESHOE TURN BELOW WINDY POINT ON CHAMA SIDE OF PASS