

# Rubbish Caused California Fire Half Under Control

## Chicago Blaze

CHICAGO (AP)—A top investigator Wednesday night concluded that Chicago's disastrous school fire sprang from a smoldering pile of rubbish in the basement.

Sgt. Drew Brown, head of the police arson squad, reported his findings after an intensive inspection of the school

where 87 children and three nuns perished Monday.

But he did not say how the fire originated in the rubbish.

Sgt. Brown, who made an inch-by-inch study of source of the flames in the northeast corner of Our Lady of the Angels school, detailed his findings this way:

The smoldering was in a pile of rubbish at the foot of a wooden stairwell. This generated heat. The heat accumulated until it broke a basement window four feet above the rubbish pile.

Air blew in through the broken window, fanned the smoldering trash and flames quickly shot up the unenclosed stairwell to the second top floor, where the fatalities occurred.

Sgt. Brown pinpointed the place of origin by the heavy charring in that area.

Investigators have said old examination books and newspapers had been stacked at the foot of the staircase.

An appeal for blood for children under treatment in hospitals touched off a rush of donors.

Gifts of money to help families of the injured and the dead poured in at a rate of more than \$2,000 an hour. The fund has passed the \$60,000 mark just 24 hours after it was established.

Still in hospitals were 72 patients who were burned or injured in other way, and 14 were on the critical list. Those with severe burns confronted doctors with the difficult double task of preserving life while healing seared bodies.

MALIBU BEACH, Calif. (AP)—A brush fire in this resort area that has destroyed an estimated 29 homes and routed hundreds of families in 24 hours is claimed 50 per cent under control.

But, with winds expected to continue Wednesday night, firemen declined to predict when complete control is likely.

The big blaze had blackened more than 17,000 acres of brush, overrunning with explosive swiftness miles of home and

ranch-dotted hills behind this resort area. There were more than 1500 men fighting the fire along a 42-mile perimeter.

Much of the fire was burning over the same ground covered by blaze that charred 42,000 acres and ruined 99 homes two years ago.

Officials, noting the unfavorable forecast of continued winds, high temperatures and low humidity, said the new fire could be as bad.

The fire broke out Tuesday—arson is suspected—and lashed by hot desert winds up to 60 m.p.h. raced quickly from the inland

slopes of the Santa Monica Mountains to the sea.

It cut a swath of ruin roughly five miles long and eight miles wide, charring ranchlands and roaring down half a dozen canyons lined with homes.

Flames reached brush only a quarter of a mile from the famed Malibu film colony, a strip of seaside homes where film figures dwell. But a massed array of firemen and pumper trucks checked the blaze at the coast highway before it could do damage.

Two hot spots occupied their attention: Malibu Canyon, back of the film colony, and Zuma Canyon, eight miles west. Both are heavily populated.

## Children's Accidents On Decline

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (AP)—An insurance executive says he firmly believes that a concerted drive by doctors against the No. 1 killer of children—accidents—is beginning to pay off.

Dr. George W. Wheatley, vice president of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., said the accident death rate among children 1-14 years old has declined 17.3 per cent in less than a decade.

The greatest drop was in deaths from burning and poisoning in the 1-4 years age group. In these areas, doctors have fought hard for legislation banning the use of inflammable materials in clothing and limiting the amount of poisonous lead in paint on articles children might chew.

Dr. Wheatley said education of parents in accident prevention is one of the major tasks ahead.

"All physicians who care for children have a tremendous responsibility to alert parents to specific accident hazards at various stages of child growth and development," he told the doctors.

## 'Serious' Discrimination Claimed in State Housing

HARRISBURG (AP)—A special citizens' committee appointed by Gov. George M. Leader said Wednesday it found "overwhelming confirmation of serious discrimination" in housing in Pennsylvania.

Dr. Clarence C. Walton, chairman of Gov. Leader's Committee on Housing Discrimination, said the confirmations were received in cases cited by witnesses at public hearings held during the last two days.

"The witnesses have also given us important insights and concrete examples concerning this kind of discrimination," Walton said in a statement, adding:

"But they have at the same time given our committee well thought-out recommendations for combating and eventually overcoming this discrimination.

"The conviction that the state must initiate action to overcome these conditions, including possible education and legislation, was almost unanimous on the part of those who appeared during our sessions."

The committee was established to study the problem and recommend such legislation and other remedial action which it feels will ease and eventually erase the problem.

Ronald M. Sawyer, housing consultant for the United Steel Workers of America, told the committee that discrimination in housing in Pennsylvania is "the rule and not the exception."

"This condition has served to perpetuate a veritable nightmare of exploitation and ghettoization for those effected," he said. He pointed to Negroes as those suffering most by discrimination.

In earlier testimony, Lawrence

A. Conner Jr., executive secretary of the Chester Housing Authority, said the biggest problem facing that Delaware County community is providing adequate housing for Negroes.

"Under present conditions," he said, "it must be recognized that Chester will one day be a city entirely populated by Negroes." He told the committee that an all-Negro community would be "socially and economically undesirable."



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## Army Will Test Space Radio

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Army's imminently reaching the vicinity of the moon will test a new space communications system deemed capable of keeping radio contact at distances up to 400,000 miles.

And by 1962, project scientists say, the system should be able to capture space signals from as far as four billion miles away.

Informed sources said Wednesday the new system will make use of an 85-foot diameter antenna in the Mojave Desert in Southern California.

## Satellites of Future Will Carry Animals

WASHINGTON (AP)—The first of a dozen or more earth satellites will be fired from California's coast in the near future. Some of them will carry mice and perhaps a monkey.

The satellites will be aimed at orbits to take them around the poles of the earth. The hope is to fire perhaps one a month.

The Advanced Research Projects Agency of the Defense Department Wednesday announced details of the project, to which it has given the name "Discoverer."

The purpose is to develop systems and techniques for eventual use when man ventures to travel in space.

Initial launching attempts by the Air Force from the new Vandenberg base in California will utilize 1300-pound vehicles. They will be powered by a Thor intermediate-range ballistic missile and a second-stage liquid-fuel engine.

From these initial attempts it is expected that bigger efforts

will evolve, using Atlas intercontinental ballistic missiles and multi-ton satellite vehicles.

The Air Force will attempt to bring the mice and monkeys back from their journeys into space instead of leaving the satellites to disintegrate when they descend into the air friction of the atmosphere.

For this, recoverable capsules will be used. They will be ejected from the satellites by devices about which ARPA scientists do not care to talk now.

Russia's known successes in putting huge satellites into orbit and recent unofficial speculation that the Soviets may have sent up a moon probe rocket into outer space is spurring the new American effort.

Roy Johnson, director of ARPA, told newsmen the frequency of launching attempts may be as high as one a month, with about a dozen firing now contemplated for Discoverer.

But Johnson quickly added this did not guarantee a dozen satellites would be spinning around the earth, over the North and South poles, by the end of next year.

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