#### **Carrier** Fire Lists 42 Dead

NEW YORK (P)-The world's newest, largest aircraft carrier, Constellation, nearing completion at the Brooklyn Navy Yard, was swept by an inferno of raging flames yester-President-elect John F. Kenday. Forty-two persons were known dead, and a police offi-nedy gathered a triumvirate cial said the toll could exceed 100.

piping system.

stern,

survivors.

The liquid gushed along the deck and into a well where a welder's torch ignited it. At first

there seemed some hope of con-

trolling the flames, but the fire

suddenly exploded out of hand

and ravaged the sleek, missile-

carrying carrier from stem to

Police placed the number of injured at more than 200. Hospi-

tals in the area were clogged to

overflowing with choking, burnt

## **Finds Jet Off Course**

NEW YORK (AP) --- The United Air Lines DC8 jetliner involved in history's worst aviation disaster Friday was 11 miles from where it should United Air Lines DC8 jetliner have been when it collided with a Trans World Airlines came from the Navy, Most of the unit with a trans world Airlines came from the Navy, Most of the cometer the transmitter of the t Constellation, the administrator victims were civilian workers And against the background of of the Federal Aviation Agency aboard the \$250-million carrier. lengthy House and Senate service of all the others measured Berly and Senate Service of all the others. said yesterday.

The collision, with the DC8 jetliner falling in Brooklyn and the Constellation on Staten Island, resulted in the deaths of at least 135 persons.

In Washington, Gen. E. P. Quesada, FAA head, said he had advised President Eisenhower that one of two electronic navigation aids aboard the DC8 was out of commission at the time.

However, he said, this should not have caused the plane to stray from its course and it should not. have been over Staten Island where the collision occurred.

Meanwhile, Time magazine nublished recorded conversations between the traffic controller and the TWA pilot.

The magazine said that at 10:35 a.m. an unidentified blip showed up on the LaGuardia controller's radar as he nursed TWA's flight 266 through the falling snow and overcast to a landing.

"Unidentified target approaching vou at four miles, 3 o'clock" (a 90-degree angle). Time quoted the controller as saying. The pilot. David Woolman, acknowledged.

Seconds later, the tower again warned the pilot and again he acknowledged.

Time said the LaGuardia tower checked Idlewild which reported there should be no pircraft in the TWA plane's path. Then the controller watched as the two blips merged and became one.

Quesada and Chairman Whit-ney Gilliland of the Civil Acronautics Board met with Eisen-hower and White House aides for an hour and 10 minutes to relay an interim report on the investi

# egislation onference

PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) of top Democratic congression-

In addition, Kennedy picked a deputy budget director and set up an all-day conference Wednesday the government's massive spending program. The deputy di-rector will be career man Elmer B. Staats, now holding the post in the Eisenhower administration.

of all the others present, Rayburn dropped a crisp one-word remark that made it clear he expects no interference from them in running the House.

More ominously, of the 4200 Rayburn — who has served 16 persons aboard when the fire years as speaker, more than any broke out, an uncounted number other man in history — told re-were trapped below red-hot deck porters at the airport that the plating, at the mercy of flames way the House Rules Committee and deadly fumes, their fate un-operates is "utterly" a matter for certain. the House to handle.

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### JFK Begins Cuba, USSR Sign New Trade Pact

MOSCOW (AP)-Proclaiming their solidarity in foreign affairs, the Soviet Union and Cuba signed yesterday a new and bigger trade agreement that promises Soviet aid to build Cuban industry.

The Soviet Union also announced it is ready to buy 2.7 million tons of Cuban sugar -

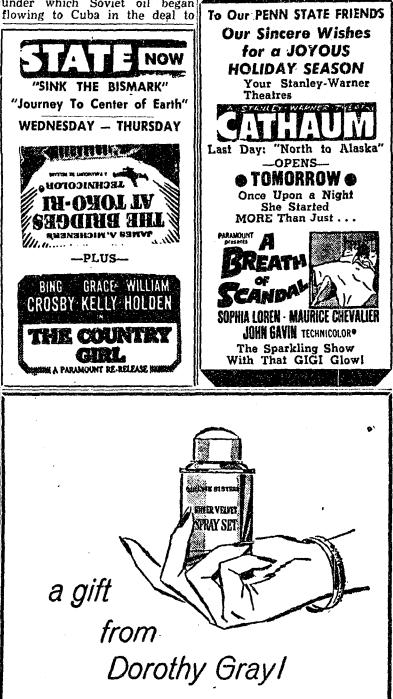
The fire started in the main deck when a small hoisting al leaders around him yester-truck sheared off a plug on a tank of volatile jet aviation fuel. No planes were aboard but the fuel was being used to flush the ship's ining system. Investigation

pact signed Feb. 13.

Returning from a bout with the flu, Premier Khrushchev met Ernesto Guevara, Cuba's economic chief in the Kremlin. Then Guevara and Deputy Premier Anastas I. Mikoyan signed a communique. Looking fit, Khrushchev showed up later at a reception for Guevara.

the Soviet Union will build an iron and steel mill and power plants and send technicians to aid in the exploration for iron and other minerals. No over-all figures on the size of the trade pact were given.

There are indications that cave-dwelling Indians lived in Utah as long ago as 1500 B.C.



gation of the accident.

Later, Quesada met reporters in the office of press secretary James C. Hagerly to relate "the facts as we know them,"

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