

30 Cars Of Freight Derailed At Lowell

Business Section Saved From Flames

Lowell, Ind., May 22 — (UP) — Thirty cars of a 69-car Monon freight were derailed today and alcohol in six tank cars burst into flame, threatening the business section.

Burning alcohol flowed down the streets and into gutters before volunteers brought the blaze under control with foamite and water some four hours after the derailment.

The Lowell depot was "smashed into kindling" by three freight cars, but most of the fire was confined to an area at the crossing of Indiana highway 2.

Freight cars piled up four deep in the center of town, blocking highway traffic for miles, state police said.

Intense heat, which kept firemen 100 feet away, hampered efforts to bring the blaze under control, according to Harold Heuson, 43-year-old volunteer fireman from Lowell.

"We thought the whole town was going up," Heuson said. "but the boys really pitched into it."

If the tank cars had gone 100 feet farther, though, there wouldn't have been much we could have done to save the business section," he said.

Fire fighters feared the alcohol would "let go" after several small explosions rocked the wreckage. But seven pump trucks spraying water and one foamite unit prevented a large blast.

Officials reported there were no injuries although several persons had been in the depot a short time before the crash.

Engineer Claude Smith of Lafayette, Ind., said the derailment probably was caused by a locked wheel.



A HIGH LEVEL board set up by UN Supreme Commander Gen. Mark Clark in Tokyo to investigate the Koje Island POW kidnap-ransom case is headed by Maj. Gen. Blackshear M. Bryan (above). The U. S. 8th Army has turned over findings of its own investigation to General Clark. (International)

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RED PRISONERS

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and 500 remained in the compound as hospital patients.

Van Fleet said he was "delighted" and "very pleased" with the way Boatner has handled the explosive situation. He said the camp is "certainly fast approaching security."

Van Fleet told newsmen just before he left on the return flight to his headquarters at Seoul that the U.N. "intends, as we always have, to be in command of prisoners, but

to give them every right as human beings and as required by the Geneva convention."

He said he was certain Boatner is "bringing about an understanding by the prisoners themselves of their responsibilities."

ADMIRAL JOY

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held by the U.N. have said they would forcibly resist repatriation.

"After 10 months and 12 days," Joy told North Korean Gen. Nam Il, "I feel that there is nothing more to negotiate. I now turn over the unenviable job of further dealings with you to Maj. Gen. William K. Harrison who succeeds me as senior delegate."

May God be with him."

Joy walked out and Harrison moved into the vacant chair facing Nam. The 57-year-old admiral leaves Friday for his new job as superintendent of the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis.

In his final speech, Joy accused the Communists of obstructing an armistice through "a constant succession of delays, fraudulent arguments and artificial attitudes."

He said that an armistice "easily lay within our grasp, had there been equal honesty on both sides of this conference table."

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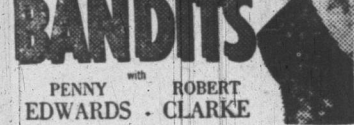
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