

Heroic Nuns, Nurses Save 260 From Hospital Blaze

Lead Patients From Building In Dallas, Tex.

DALLAS, Oct. 24—Heroic nuns and nurses shepherded 260 patients out of St. Paul's Hospital today as a five-alarm fire burst through the roof and threatened to send it crashing down on them. The blaze was discovered at 12:27 a. m. and was extinguished an hour and 26 minutes later. It roared through the roof of the five-story brick building as members of the hospital staff carried and guided the patients out into 50-degree weather to await removal to other institutions. Patients who underwent surgery less than 24 hours before the blaze walked down as many as three flights of stairs. A mother whose baby was born yesterday dashed to the nursery and carried her child out in her arms. A child was born in a nearby nurses' home five minutes after the mother was evacuated.

Removed Mothers First

Nuns under the direction of Sister Alberta, mother superior of the order of Daughters of Charity, and student nurses called from their beds, removed mothers and babies first. The 30 infants were taken to the nearby nurses home and assigned to trainees for care. The fire, believed to have resulted from defective electrical wiring, broke out in the fifth-floor quarters of the nuns.

Sister Alberta said she awoke to see the ceiling of the room "spluttering and then it and a wall broke into flame. It spread quickly through the dormitory." Every ambulance in Dallas, dozens of police and sheriff's department cars, countless taxicabs and a city bus were used in the evacuation. Sixty-two patients were taken to Baylor Hospital four blocks away; 30 were received at Parkland Hospital; four were taken to Methodist Hospital, and patients not seriously ill were taken home by relatives.

Fire Chief C. N. Penn said the blaze caused about \$125,000 damage before it was extinguished at 1:57 a. m. One patient, a 75-year-old woman critically ill with cancer, was the only sick person not removed from the hospital. She was carried on a stretcher to a ground floor office. There a priest administered final rites of the Catholic Church while firemen rushed hose and other equipment through the office.

Quilts and blankets were brought from nearby homes to keep the patients warm until their turn came in the ambulance run to other institutions.

Many In Shock

Many of the patients were in shock, and moaned as they were moved about by relatives or spectators aiding nurses assigned to the street.

Mrs. Anna May Farmer, suffering from an injured leg, said "everybody was calm, and there certainly was a lot of heroic work."

She said the blaze seemed to have started just above the maternity ward, and the 30 babies in the nursery were directly under a part of the fire.

Joseph K. Lane, St. Paul's personnel director, said "it took little more than 15 minutes to evacuate all the patients."

Child Dies After Struck Ruptures Windpipe

LAWRENCEBURG, Oct. 24 (UP)—Larry Thomas, 3 son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Thomas, was injured fatally when his windpipe was ruptured by a stick his 5-year-old brother, Leonard Jr., threw at a hickory tree.

The two boys were knocking nuts from the tree near their home. Larry stepped in front of Leonard just as he threw a stick.

The stick struck Larry. He ran home and his parents rushed him to the office of Dr. Fred Houston where he died.



EXCITING WORLD—This baby girl in the arms of Nurse Mrs. Margery McGuffin was born in St. Paul's Hospital minutes before fire routed patients from their beds. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Lucky of Dallas.

Egyptians Fire on Israeli Patrol Boat

CAIRO, Egypt, Oct. 24—Reliable sources said Egyptian coastal batteries opened fire today on an Israeli patrol vessel near Egyptian-occupied Gaza in southern Palestine and forced it to withdraw.

The shooting erupted about 125 miles northeast of the tense Suez Canal zone and brought new anxiety to the troubled Middle East.

The sources said Egyptian coastal guns blazed forth when the Israeli coastal patrol entered Egyptian territorial waters.

In Cairo, the Egyptian government banned all anti-British demonstrations throughout the land today and threatened drastic penalties for any recurrence of the bloody battles yesterday between demonstrators and police.

Duty Threat

At the same time, the Egyptian government ordered its officials in the Suez Canal zone to follow a program of rigid non-co-operation with the British forces there. The order was issued in defiance of a British threat to invoke "severe measures" against striking Egyptian workers.

The port of Suez, southern gateway to the canal, has been partly crippled by the walkout of Egyptian dock workers. In addition, Egyptian canal pilots have paralyzed ship movements at the port by refusing to guide vessels with British military equipment.

In Cairo, Alexandria, and other centers, police were ordered to deal ruthlessly with any efforts to disturb law and order, informed sources said.

The worst riot occurred in Alexandria yesterday. One demonstrator was killed and four injured after police drove back a stone-throwing crowd with clubs and shots. One police officer and several policemen were reported injured.

In Suez, the British garrison command warned Gov. Ibrahim Zaki El Kholi to get striking dock workers back to their jobs. The garrison threatened to take action.

Lethal Booze Hikes Toll to 31 Atlantans

ATLANTA, Oct. 24—A closed hearing began today into a poison liquor orgy that killed 31 persons who drank a lethal mixture of racing fuel and water that allegedly was distributed in the city by a man known to the police department.

The death toll was calculated from records at Grady Hospital which listed 25 dead and a report filed with the department by Det. Lt. L. T. Bullard listing six others who died at home.

More than 100 others—half blind and pain-racked after consuming the stuff that was purchased during the week-end—were treated at the hospital which battled its greatest emergency since the 1946 Wine-off Hotel fire.

Solicitor General Paul Webb questioned 12 persons who are being held on suspicion of manslaughter and selling the liquor. They said earlier they will plead innocent on grounds they bought their supplies from a "wholesaler" and didn't know it was dangerous.

Three new patients were admitted to the hospital's emergency clinic today, indicating that the death-dealing intoxicant still is in circulation. One of the three said he drank it last night.

Most of the victims were residents of the "Peopletown" section behind the state Capitol. All had drunk the lethal "popskull" distributed in the area for 50 cents a pint Sunday.

Atlanta detectives said today 12 suspects, including the manager of a nightspot had been jailed, "and were going to arrest the man who peddled this stuff as soon as we can find him." They refused to identify the man.

Imbibers were still pouring into Grady's emergency ward, where harried physicians have treated "some 200" for the effects of the poisonous potion. Fearing the liquor had been generally distributed in Atlanta, police issued a warning against drinking anything not purchased in a liquor store.

Detective Lt. L. T. Bullard said methanol—sometimes used to "soup up" racing car motors—can be purchased in 50-gallon drums for \$1.50 to \$2 a gallon. He said investigation showed the deadly fluid was distributed for \$6.50 a gallon, then retailed at 50 cents a pint after it is watered down.

Twenty-three of the victims died after arrival at Grady. Six never reached a hospital. In some cases, imbibers were stricken as long as 48 hours after drinking the mixture. Others became blind and deathly sick immediately.

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Schricker to Take To TV to Give Support to Bayt

Gov. Schricker, a "star" of the movie screen, will take to the television screen in support of Philip Bayt, Democratic candidate for Mayor.

Gov. Schricker's office said today he had agreed to make "at least one" TV appearance for Mayor Bayt in his mayoralty battle with Republican Alex Clark.

B. Howard Caughran, former federal district attorney here and prominently mentioned as a Democratic candidate for Governor in 1952, handled the arrangements. No definite date has been selected for the Governor's lone TV appearance.

Arthur Campbell, executive secretary of the Governor, said: "Gov. Schricker will make at least one TV speech for Mayor Bayt. Mr. Caughran has submitted between eight and 10 available dates from which the Governor will select one. It will probably be in the very near future."

Gov. Schricker is no newcomer to television. He made his debut on TV medium at the State Fair. Along with Times Columnist Ed Sovola, the Governor made his motion picture debut in "Johnny Holiday," the movie about the Indiana Boys Home at Plainfield.

Safety Board Goes Shopping

The Safety Board went shopping today and spent more than \$41,000 for a "buggy," two fire engines and other equipment.

The "buggy" is fire department talk for a battalion chief car, purchased from Community Motors, Inc., for \$1918.

Two 750-gallon pumpers were purchased from the local representative of Maxim Motor Co. on a low bid of \$36,200.

The two engines will replace two 30-year-old Stutz pumpers now in service.

A police prowl car was purchased to replace the one wrecked in an accident in which Detective Sgt. James T. Gaughan was killed. John Ramp, Inc., won on a low bid of \$1331.

A panel truck for the fire department was purchased from International Harvester for \$1273. The board also spent \$277 for 700 special police badges.

New Albany Man Killed in Plane Crash

A New Albany man and a Kentuckian were killed in a plane crash yesterday near the airport at Shelbyville, Ky.

Carl C. Coleman, 43, New Albany, and James D. Wilson, 41, Frankfort, Ky., died when a private plane cracked up. State police said there were no known witnesses.



NICKY AND BETSY—Nicky Hilton and Betsy Von Furstenberg meet on a terrace of the Shamrock Hotel in Houston. Betsy flew to Texas from the West Coast yesterday.

A Bedside Conference—Acheson and Mossadegh Seek to Settle Oil Crisis

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24—Secretary of State Dean Acheson, armed with new peace proposals for the Iranian oil controversy, scheduled a bedside conference today with Iranian Premier Mohammed Mossadegh.

The two men and their advisers were to meet at Walter Reed Army Hospital, where the 72-year-old Iranian leader is resting in the "Presidential suite."

Mr. Acheson and Mr. Mossadegh met as American officials saw grounds for new hope that the United States, acting as "middleman," could get the stalled British-Iran oil negotiations going again.

U. S. officials are gambling that British and Iranian tempers have cooled enough to make possible "reasonable" oil negotiation for the first time since direct talks were broken off last month in Tehran.

There was little likelihood that Britain would be brought into the Washington talks because of the British elections tomorrow. But Mr. Mossadegh's answers to questions and proposals by Mr. Acheson may determine whether the British will re-enter the negotiations after the election, it was said.

President Truman, Mr. Acheson, Defense Secretary Robert A. Lovett, Assistant Secretary of State George C. McGhee, and other officials conferred with Mr. Mossadegh yesterday during lunch at Blair House.

Mr. Truman was understood to have renewed his appeal that Iran negotiate with the British in order to keep oil supplies flowing to the West.

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Two children fell out of cars. Less than one hour later, at yesterday. One was hurt. Belmont Ave. and Howard St., a Edward Daniel Stephenson, 3 baby 7 weeks old escaped injury Noblesville was released from St. although he was thrown out of Vincent's Hospital after treat his father's car in a two-car ment for head cuts. His mother, crash. Robert D. Stafford Jr., Mrs. Annie Mae Stephenson, 26, 930 W. Minnesota St., was the said she was driving at 30th St. lucky baby. Warren K. Bush, 40, and Sherman Dr., when he opened of 1464 Blaine Ave., was the driver the rear door and dropped out. er of the other car.

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