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One Dead, Five Missing In Fire In Alaska Hotel

FAIRBANKS, Alaska (AP) — Punctured by explosive bursts of flame, a fire raced through the old Pioneer Hotel here early Monday, leveling the three-story structure in two hours and leaving at least one person dead.

Police chief Floyd Clower listed five persons as missing and said eight were hospitalized with burns. Clower said the toll may go higher as firemen start probing the ashes of the wooden building Tuesday.

He pointed out that only 180 of the 250 persons registered at the hotel had reported in to police headquarters 20 hours after the fire had died down, despite urgent radio and newspaper pleas.

He expressed the possibility, however, that many of the more than 50 yet unaccounted for would show

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Mental Defectiveness Alleged Killer's Plea

SALEM (AP) — Albert William Karnes, charged with the axe murder of Mrs. Susan Litchfield, 81, pleaded innocent Monday by reason of mental defectiveness.

He entered his plea before Circuit Judge George Duncan. Karnes is charged with first degree murder.

He now is in the state penitentiary serving 15 years for assault and robbery, being sentenced at the Dalles.

TRUMAN BETTER
WASHINGTON (AP) — A mild virus infection kept President Truman from his desk again Tuesday, but the White House said he is improving.

up Tuesday. He said some who escaped the flames may already have left the city.

The one listed victim was identified as Bill Vanderpool, an Alaska Freight Lines employe who died in a hospital of burns.

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — All survivors of a B-17 — 48 men in the mountain wilds near the Alaska-Yukon border were reported by the Air Force Monday to be recovering satisfactorily here.

Names of the seven men and their fellow crewmen who died in the Friday morning crash — up were to be released later in the day.

Professor Says Students At College More Religious

IOWA CITY, Ia. (AP) — College students today are getting more god-minded.

That is the conclusion of a pioneer religious educator at the University of Iowa here.

"Interest in religion on the part of college students is rising," said Dr. M. Willard Lampe, "It is a questioning interest—a genuinely yearning interest."

"It doesn't take the form of a mass movement. It is more on an individual basis."

"Young people are searching for a philosophy of life that can give an inner peace and security against the outward confusion and turmoil of the times. The cynical point of view, as compared to a generation ago, has declined both among students and professors."

Few educators in America are in a better position to assess the religious interest of college youth than Dr. Lampe, 68-year-old director of Iowa University's famous school of religion.

Twenty-five years ago, Dr. Lampe, a Presbyterian minister, conceived the idea that even in a tax-supported state university religion should be taught "not indirectly or surreptitiously, but unapologetically, comprehensively, and in line with the best educational practice."

Helped by a \$35,000 Rockefeller grant, Dr. Lampe worked for several years to get churches of different denominations to provide faculty members for his new school and underwrite their salaries. His idea was that in addition to stock courses in the history of comparative religions students at state colleges should be able to study the specific faith of their choice.

Today the school has a seven-

man faculty, including four Protestant, two Jewish and one Roman Catholic clergyman. It has become so popular that in a recent year more than 2,000 students—one fifth of the enrollment in the college of liberal arts—elected to attend religious classes.

"Many of our students go on to become clergymen themselves," said Dr. Lampe, "but that is not our primary goal."

"There is a real interest on the part of students in finding out about the faith of others as well as their own. Often they are less interested in orthodox forms of religion, however, than they are in finding the meaning of life in satisfying ways."

But to Dr. Lampe this eager student quest for a basic meaning to existence is a sure sign of the religious instinct.

Since he quietly instituted the "Iowa Plan" other tax-supported educational institutions across the country have adopted it as a pattern for their religious schools. He likes to feel that it has been a formula that has encouraged religious tolerance.

"One of our former students has written a textbook on religion which he hopes will be acceptable to Jews, Protestants and Catholics," Dr. Lampe said.

"We are living in a world where an idea like this, even when well started, will not perpetuate itself automatically," he added in discussing his school's first quarter century. "It will always have to fight its way against prejudice, against misunderstanding, against cynicism and indifference, even against a false sense of security on the part of its friends."

He is sure of one thing: The student atheist is no longer an intellectual hero on the American college campus.

Tito's 'Good Shape' Army To Get More U.S. Aid

BLUED, Yugoslavia (AP) — Communist Yugoslavia looked forward Monday to stepped up American military aid — including jet planes, tanks and heavy artillery — after a ranking U. S. military team found Premier Marshal Tito's fighting forces in excellent shape.

The decision to greatly strengthen the American aid program to this Anti-Soviet ally was announced Sunday night at a formal dinner given by Tito at his summer palace here for the U. S. mission headed by Frank C. Nash, special assistant to Defense Secretary Robert Lovett.

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Home Mortgage Increase Act Inked By Truman

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Truman Monday signed an act opening the way for the government to boost its operations in financing home mortgages.

The new law puts up \$1,295,000,000 for the purchase of federally guaranteed home mortgages. It also provides additional mortgage insurance under the Federal Housing Administration and veterans housing programs.

The program includes an additional 900 million dollars of purchasing power for the Federal National Mortgage Association, a government owned corporation which buys mortgages from lending institutions and thus establishes a secondary mortgage market for private home builders.

The association—popularly known as "Fannie Mae"—because of its initials—has now been given \$3,650,000,000 of purchasing authority since it was set up.

The act also gives the FHS an additional 400 million dollars of home insurance authorization, an additional 50 million dollars for housing in critical defense areas, 40 million for community facilities and service and five million for housing loans in Alaska.

Under the new law savings and loan associations will be permitted to purchase mortgages on property more than 50 miles from their offices.

Hart Mountain Deer Season Plan Protested

LAKEVIEW (AP) — The Order of Antelope is protesting against a proposed deer-hunting season for archers in the Hart Mountain area.

The State Game Commission last weekend tentatively scheduled the deer season there for the bow-and-arrow hunters.

The Order of Antelope said wild life in the Hart Mountain refuge area should be protected from hunters, adding that there is plenty of feed available for the deer and antelope and therefore no reason why hunting should be allowed.

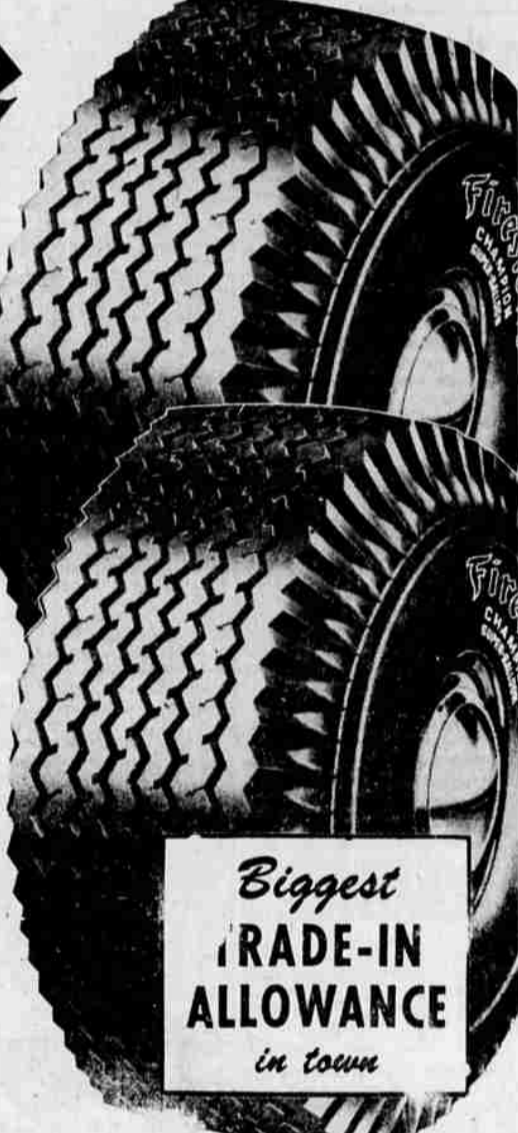
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