

Syracuse Fire Razes Church, Printing Plant

2nd Methodist Church, 2 Other Buildings Damaged

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP)—Fire last night wrecked the headquarters church of the Central New York Methodist Conference and a nearby printing plant.

A second church and two other buildings were damaged. The fire raged out of control in a downtown block for four hours.

Fire Chief Francis P. Ferren said, "There have been too many of these church fires for us to chalk them off as accidental." He ordered an investigation.

Fire officials said they thought the fire started in the boiler room of the First Methodist Church, which was gutted. One wall collapsed.

Also wrecked was a building that housed the international headquarters and the publishing association of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America, which is separate from the main Methodist denomination.

B. Churchill Loveland, president of the board of trustees of the First Methodist Church, estimated loss of that structure at \$700,000. It was built in 1904.

Damage to other structures was not known.

The Wesleyan Methodist Church was damaged slightly by fire and more extensively by water. The two-story, brick publishing house was between the two churches.

Also contained in the triangular block were the two office buildings that were damaged. Both were two-story, brick structures. One houses Onondaga County Public Works Department offices.

Three firemen were hurt, none seriously, fighting the fires in subzero temperatures.

Queen Mary's Brother Dies

LONDON (AP)—The Earl of Athlone, great-uncle of Queen Elizabeth II, died today at Kensington Palace. He was 82.

He had been in failing health for some time.

The earl was a younger brother of the late Queen Mary, wife of Britain's King George V. Born Prince Alexander Augustus Frederick William Alfred George of Teck in 1874, he became the first Earl of Athlone and Viscount Trenton when titles of German origin were abolished in Britain in 1917.

Board Might Set C-Average as College Entrance Requirement

PORTLAND (AP)—The Oregon Board of Higher Education may today announce a plan to raise the state's tax-supported colleges when it meets here next week.

It will consider a proposal that no state resident with a high school average of less than C be admitted unless he places in the upper 60 per cent in a college aptitude test.

A student also could qualify by averaging at least a C while taking a full study load during a college summer session. Another alternative would permit below-C students to register during the spring term, when enrollment is lowest, and qualify by measuring up to scholastic levels.

According to the board, only 87 per cent of the 4,545 freshmen in Oregon colleges would have been admitted under the C rating classification had the plan been in effect last fall. Another 6 per cent would have been eligible under one of the alternate plans. But the remaining 7 per cent, some 318 Oregon high school graduates, would have been ineligible.

Record enrollments which have overcrowded the state's colleges in recent years resulted in the plan, drafted for the board by a committee from the staffs of all state schools.

Requirements were tightened in 1955 for out-of-state students. They now must have been in the upper 50 per cent of their high school classes to gain college admission.

The report for Oregon students did not say when it might be effective. That will be up to the Board of Higher Education if it approves the plan. But Chancellor John R. Richards some time ago said enrollment limitations should be in effect next fall.

THIS IS THE MIDDLE EAST—II How Can U.S. Head Off Red Subversion in Arab World?

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Two world wars started in places few Americans knew about. It was Sarajevo in 1914, Danzig in 1939.

World War III might start in some unheard-of dusty outpost of the Middle East.

The Eisenhower Doctrine says the United States will fight any Communist-led invasions of the Middle East. But will the United States fight to save the Middle East from communism? That fight is much more difficult.

The Russians already are attacking one of the Arab Worlds. The Communists care little for the world of the Arab leaders. They are more interested in the world of the Arab people, and particularly that small world of educated Arabs whose pent-up bitterness against the West makes them inviting targets.

The Arabs themselves are hopelessly divided on virtually every question except common enmity for Israel. They are highly vulnerable to the sort of indirect attack Communists use.

Even on the question of Israel there is no real agreement. Many Arabs would like to turn their backs on the problem and devote themselves to trying to bring about some measure of stability in their world.

Israeli leaders I have interviewed say they would gratefully welcome such an attitude. They too say they believe the only stability among the Arabs, in governments and economies, offers any chance of peace.

But in the Arab East there is a desperate poverty of leadership. Much of it is leadership by demagoguery. Arab politicians can arouse passions over the Israeli issue, and this is an invitation to political power.

For many reasons, Soviet armed attack in the Middle East seems unlikely. But the Communist world covets the Middle East—not for the oil so much as to deny that vital commodity to the economies of Western Europe. If that could be accomplished, the Communist job in the West would be easier.

This is what the Middle East is like today:

Iran—A nation of about five million people, 90 per cent illiterate, a third nomadic. Rich in resources—oil, minerals and above all the precious water of the Tigris and Euphrates. A forward-looking program using oil money is reclaiming long-neglected land. But the program is long range, and the lot of the average Iraqi remains a sorry one.

Per capita income is \$85 a year. The government of Premier

Nuri Said, now 68, is called the West's best friend in the Arab East. But most literate Iraqis are against it. Fourteen times prem'r, Said remains a virtual dictator mostly because of the lack of any other responsible leadership. If anything happened to him, Communists surely would try to fill the void—but not by military means. The Tudeh (Communist) party of neighboring Iran, strong in numbers, is ready to infiltrate.

Syria—This country of four million is dominated by its army intelligence section, whose leaders are pro-Soviet, but not pro-Communist. The Russians are supplying Syria with significant amounts of arms. Officially outlawed, the Syrian Communist party operates openly and wields influence through its wily leader, Khaled Badash, a member of the Kurd minority. The regime is at sword's point with neighboring Iraq. Syria's economy is rocky. The Soviet approach again would not be military aggression, but gradual attrition to break down Syrian resistance.

Syria still has many people who worry about Communist intentions and look westward for avenues of salvation.

Jordan—The future of this little nation of 1 1/2 millions—a million of whom can consider they owe no allegiance to young King Hussein—is shaky. The late King Abdullah annexed that part of

remains a staunch friend of the West and a possible bridge between West and Middle East.

Yemen—This feudal country of 4 1/2 millions provides a quick test for the Eisenhower Doctrine. The Yemen, a feudal monarchy ruled by its Imam, has concluded a deal with Russia for arms to use against the British in the neighboring Aden protectorate. Nothing in the Eisenhower Doctrine seems aimed at stopping this sort of penetration.

Egypt—Israelis and Westerners alike said they had great hopes for the Arab world when Egypt's revolution ousted King Farouk in 1952. Washington entertained rosy hopes for young Gamal Abdel Nasser, who took over as premier in 1954 and later made himself president. The young officers announced a planning program which someday might rescue the fellahs—the unshod, unwashed and disease-ridden peasantry—from their eternal misery.

But events interrupted the dream. Nasser, claiming desperate need to defend Egypt from Israel, got from Russia the arms he could not get from the West. Nasser today is more a hero to

nations, her economy still depends on goods imported from abroad.

Israel always is in danger of runaway inflation. Her policy of immigration and program of public health indicate her population, now less than two million, eventually will be too big for her territory. She needs Jordan River water to open up new land in the Negev Desert. Syria says it will mean war if the Jordan is diverted. Meanwhile, Arabs fear Israel's natural growth will push her.

Tomorrow: What the Arabs are asking about the Eisenhower Doctrine.

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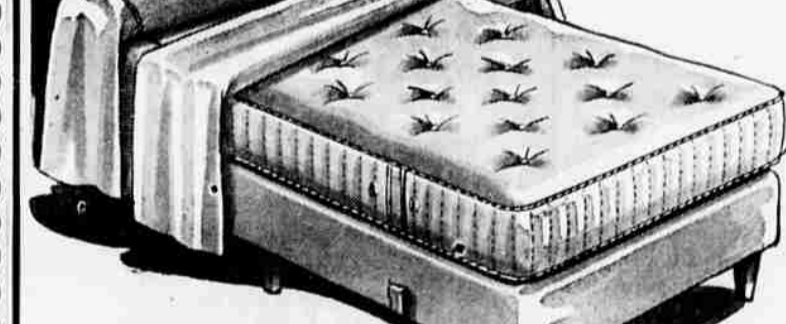
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Twelve donors gave their first blood to the Red Cross program, 19 had given a gallon or more.

Gillam Is Injured While on Ski Trip
SMITHFIELD (Special)—Ross Gillam required seven stitches for

a cut on his leg in a skiing accident while skiing at Mt. Hood. Becky Brown from California is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Hardin Smith.

Harold Smith is improved and will return from the hospital soon.

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