

# Iowa Blaze Kills 14 in Rest Home

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Iowa (AP)—Fire that "all of a sudden" enveloped a three-story rest home killed 14 patients yesterday.

Thirteen other patients and employees needed hospital treatment, with one patient listed today as in critical condition.

All together 17 patients, 10 employees and three children of the home manager, Kenneth Patin, were carried from the blazing building, hobbled out on crutches, sped their wheel chairs onto the hilltop lawn of the 71-year-old structure or raced out on foot.

Many of the 13 found dead in the tangled mass of debris died in their beds. The 14th victim died in a hospital.

Firemen who answered the alarm within four or five minutes after it was sounded told in trembling voices of seeing one woman

knocking in prayer in her bed as flames swirled over her.

Firemen could find no survivor who could immediately tell them what started the fire. Today fire officials dug through masses of debris in a search for the cause.

The home—in which one person died in a 1942 blaze—was operating under license suspension.

Iowa State Health Commissioner Edmund C. Zimmerer said the license of Mrs. Ivy Lee Gilmore had not been renewed after an inspection Jan. 30. Zimmerer said that following the inspection he withheld renewal "pending certain corrections at the home." He did not specify what corrections had been ordered.

But the Council Bluffs public service director said he and a Health Department inspector looked over the home last month and it met requirements for fire safety. He said an automatic fire detection system was recently installed.

Fire Chief Waldo Merrill described the flames as sweeping the building all of a sudden. Violet Hedrick, an employee, said she sprang up from her lunch table at the sharp cry of "fire" and ran to the ladies room where she saw curtains ablaze.

"The next thing I looked like the whole place was on fire," she related.

## German Fails To Pick Up 25 Plane Tickets

PORTLAND (AP)—A United Air Lines ticket clerk sold 25 tourist tickets to Berlin Wednesday for \$13,307.50. The purchaser said he'd be back at mid-afternoon to pay for them and pick them up.

Afternoon, evening and nightfall came. The purchaser did not.

The clerk, Marian Stebinger—who might have won a company-paid vacation to Hawaii for such a large sale—said the purchaser spoke with a German accent. The tickets were to take him, 23 fellow crewmen on a ship in drydock here, and the charming young wife of one of them, to their homeland.

When the tickets remained too long at the will-call window, investigation disclosed no ship such as he described in drydock here and no group of German sailors known to the Immigration Service or to ships agents.

They were not present when the plane departed. Neither was Miss Stebinger's hope for a Hawaiian vacation.

## Encephalitis Vaccine Developed

BALTIMORE (AP)—Discovery of a vaccine to protect man from several forms of encephalitis as well as dengue fever was reported today by a Johns Hopkins scientist.

Dr. Winston H. Price, its developer, said the vaccine is made from two strains of the West Nile virus, an organism which causes outbreaks of a minor illness in Egypt and Israel.

He said it is the first time that a single vaccine has been found that offers protection from several viruses that produce encephalitis, a brain infection which sometimes causes sleeping sickness and paralysis.

He said it also will protect against dengue fever, which can sweep through a group and prostrate its victims with fever and pains.

The new vaccine, which Dr. Price says is still in the experimental stage, has major implications for the health of populations in Asia, Africa, Russia, the Mediterranean area and South America.

Occasional outbreaks of encephalitis occur in this country. One epidemic in Kentucky last summer and fall struck down 142 persons, killing 17. Dr. Price says the new vaccine would have given protection from the virus responsible.

In a technical paper just published in the "Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences," Dr. Price recommends a continued search for a better strain of the West Nile virus before vaccine is adopted on a worldwide scale.

However, he said human tests he conducted have proved the vaccine will work.

## Draft Sign Up Still Required, Black Warns

Young men still have to register for the draft on becoming 18 years of age, even though the monthly calls for selective service have been reduced, the chairman of the local selective service board, John Black, warned Wednesday.

Black said there had been an increased letdown in the prompt registration in Marion county of these young men and noted that men of eligible age should keep in contact with their local board and inform them of changes in their draft status, such as marriage, children, entering school, or joining a military reserve unit.

He further pointed out that young men are still required to register within five days after their 18th birthday anniversary.

## Neuberger Won't Oppose Ellsworth

WASHINGTON (AP)—The nomination of former Rep. Ellsworth (R-Ore) to the Civil Service Commission will get no opposition from Sen. Neuberger (D-Ore).

Neuberger said, as he had done before, that "despite the profound political differences which he and I have had in the past," he would not oppose the nomination.

"This is a Republican appointment, and I take the position that the President of the United States has the right—barring extraordinary circumstances—to have a person of his own choosing," he said.

The nomination went to the Senate Monday.

## Hungary Reds Admit Rebels Hold 1 Town

BUDAPEST (AP)—Hungary's Communist regime admitted Thursday that anti-Red rebels still control the town of Toemorkeny, nearly 3½ months after the Russian army attacked Budapest to smash the October revolt.

The Communist Party newspaper Nepszabadsag said "the forces of counter-revolution (the Soviet name for the October rebels) are still holding their positions" in the town of about 5,000 persons near the Yugoslav border.

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## House Studies Tax Deduction Change Bills

The House Taxation Committee yesterday considered income tax bills involving changes in dependency credits for minors, for minors claimed as dependents in divorce and separation cases and allowing deductions for transportation for medical care.

None of the bills was acted on, pending further research.

Representatives of the American Society of Public Accountants told the committee they favored a bill that would add students over 18 who are earning less than \$500 to the list of dependents for whom income tax exemptions could be claimed. However, committee members were not sure the \$500 earning limit should be retained.

Rep. Joe Rogers, Independence, testified in favor of a bill that would allow income tax deductions for child support payments.

Rep. Vernon Cook, Gresham, suggested that while the committee was considering exempting costs of transportation for medical care, it also should look into removing the 5 per cent of adjusted gross income limit before medical expenses can be deducted. Cook also said he thought the upper deduction limit of \$1250 should be removed.

**CITY TAX VOTE SET**  
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