

# Rash of Fires Across Nation Takes Lives of 23 Persons

## Young Sailor's Three Children Die in Trailer

By United Press International  
At least 23 Americans, 18 of them children, died in fires which swept their homes today and Monday. A number of the fires were blamed on overheated furnaces and heaters heavily taxed by the wintry cold.

Seven of the victims, all children, died today at Youngstown, Ohio, and Nashua, N.H. Sixteen persons perished Monday.

Four children of Mr. and Mrs. Josh Hall, ranging in age from 7 to 12, died when flames swept their two-story frame home at Youngstown. The parents and other children escaped from the blaze, which was believed to have started in an overheated furnace.

At Nashua, a tenement house fire claimed the lives of three children of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Ricard. The children, aged 3 to 5, were sleeping in an attic when the pre-dawn fire was touched off by a stove explosion in the apartment of another couple.

Four members of a Wisconsin family died Monday in one blaze while three children of a young sailor perished in another.

Clarence E. Hanson, 27, his wife, Frances, 28, and two of their four children were asphyxiated when fire swept their spacious home at Pleasant Prairie, Wis.

The children were Clarence, 2, and Kenneth, 2 months. Firemen said Mrs. Hanson helped save two daughters and a baby-sitter before succumbing to smoke inhalation herself.

Overheated Lights Blamed  
The fire was apparently started by overheated Christmas tree lights, authorities said.

The three children of a sailor burned to death when their house trailer at San Diego, Calif., burst into flames while they slept. Their mother, Mrs. Clodette Pike, 22, was awakened by the children's cries. She suffered serious burns trying to save them before rushing from the trailer, her hair ablaze, crying for help.

The bodies of the children, Robert Eugene, 5, Marvin Lloyd, 3, and Valeria Sue, 5 months, were found in their charred bunks.

Three children died at Danville, Ill., when fire swept their home and a neighbor with a back ailment was unable to drag them from their flaming rooms.

Dead were Clifford, 4, Derrick, 2, and Michelle, 1, children of Mr. and Mrs. James Kelly. A neighbor, Harvey McCray, tried to revive two of the youngsters but was unable to carry them from their house because of a permanent back injury.

Mother Not at Home  
The children's mother was not at home at the time of the fire.

Two children died when fire destroyed their frame home at Sandusky, Ill., but their brother and sister managed to escape. The dead were Lucille Kimble, 2, and Lillian, 3. The children's mother was visiting a neighbor when the fire started, apparently touched off by an overheated stove.

In other fires, the bodies of Ohio Goetts, 47, and his daughter, Caroline, 7, were found in the flame-charred ruins of their South Side Chicago home, Carl

# TROUBLE AHEAD SEEN FOR JOHNSON OVER FOREIGN AID BILL

WASHINGTON (UPI) — If President Johnson thinks he had headaches with the foreign aid bill this year, just wait until 1964.

Rep. Otto E. Passman, D-La., already is looking forward to

cutting next year's program by at least half a billion dollars below the \$3 billion that Congress finally voted for the current fiscal year.

This is right in line with Passman's step-by-step strategy

to chop the foreign aid program down to proper size, which in his view is about \$2 billion.

The \$3 billion aid bill approved by the Senate Monday before Congress adjourned its

longest session in 22 years was a far cry from the \$4.5 billion that President Kennedy asked.

Informed sources said that Passman, chairman of the House foreign aid appropriations subcommittee, would be

shooting for a \$2.5 billion program in the new session, with the hope he could reach the \$2 billion mark in 1965.

President Johnson knows the fight is brewing. He ordered a top-level review of the objec-

tives and organization of the U.S. foreign aid program. The five-man White House group has been instructed to report to him by Jan. 15.

The group's recommendations will serve as the basis for the

President's foreign aid message to Congress, expected late in January or early in February.

Passman regards the appointment of such groups as part and parcel of the annual bat-

tle. Every President since the program started 15 years ago has ordered a similar "hard look" at foreign aid. Passman has labeled such studies as "whitewash."

## Valley Girls Are Assigned Papers

Two 18-year-old Central Point girls were placed on probation for 18 months and ordered to write 2,500-word research papers on how to alleviate shoplifting among young people who have no prior criminal records after they pleaded guilty to charges of petty larceny in Jackson County District Court Monday.

## Stock Market Ends Year on Splurge Of Active Trading

NEW YORK (UPI) — Stocks rang out the old year with a sizable gain in very active trading today.

Steels and motors were firm. Du Pont moved ahead while Eastman Kodak backtracked, apparently on profit taking.

Pennzoil, Getty Oil and Continental Oil all made good progress in an otherwise neglected petroleum section.

Abbott Labs took the spotlight in the drugs but Merck, Schering, Johnson & Johnson and Upjohn also fared well.

Liggett & Myers, American Tobacco and Philip Morris made good progress.

IBM rocketed higher followed by Consolidated Electronics, Electric Associates, Minneapolis-Honeywell and Zenith.

DOW JONES AVERAGES  
NEW YORK (UPI) — Dow Jones final stock averages: 39 industrials 762.95, up 3.05; 20 railroads 178.54, up 1.31; 15 utilities 129.99, up 1.09, and 65 stocks 268.22, up 1.47. Sales Tuesday were about 6.73 million shares compared with 4.93 million shares Monday.

Today's prices to selected stocks

Alcoa	54 1/2
Alum. Co. Am.	68 1/2
American Air Lines	34 1/2
American Can	42 1/2
American Motors	108 1/2
American Oil	120 1/2
American Tobacco	26 1/2
Anaconda Copper	46 1/2
Armco	45 1/2
American Standard	18 1/2
Avco	20 1/2
Avco Corp.	47 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	30 1/2
Boring Air	35 1/2
Brucard	11 1/2
Caterpillar Corp.	48 1/2
Coca Cola	115 1/2
CBS	75 1/2
Columbia Gas	29 1/2
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Curtis Wright	18 1/2
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Eastman Kodak	37 1/2
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Martin	10 1/2
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New York Central	24 1/2

Sullivan, 78, an invalid, burned to death when a stove apparently started a fire in his home near Nelsonville, Ohio, and Mrs. June De Annabal, 43, died of asphyxiation when fire swept her Steubenville, Ohio, home.

## Anti-Segregationists Force Closure of Five Restaurants

ATLANTA (UPI) — Anti-segregation demonstrators, led by Negro comedian Dick Gregory, forced the closure of at least five Dobbs House restaurants Monday during a daylong sit-in campaign.

No one was arrested during the demonstrations by Gregory, of Chicago, and about 35 Negro and white persons.

John Furrow, manager of one of the restaurants, said he had orders from the firm's Memphis headquarters not to press charges against the demonstrators.

The campaign was directed at Toddle House and Dobbs House lunch counters, both of which are owned by the Dobbs firm. The group also forced temporary closure of the Tiki Bar and Polynesian Restaurant, which is operated by the Dobbs firm.

Julian Bond, a spokesman for the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) which is directing the campaign, said a bus carrying volunteer demonstrators and Mrs. Gloria Richardson, a Negro leader from Cambridge, Md., was expected to arrive this afternoon to aid in the campaign.

Mrs. Richardson was a leader of the desegregation movement which sent tensions soaring in that Chesapeake Bay fishing village this summer.

## Colombian Girl 'Adopted' Financially by CP Couple



BLANCA DIAZ  
Lives in Bogota, Colombia

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Dew, 3677 Hanley Road, Central Point, have financially "adopted" Blanca Cecilia Diaz, 8, of Bogota, Colombia, through Foster Parents' Plan, New York City.

Under the program foster parents contribute \$15 a month for the child's support for at least a year.

Blanca has two brothers, Jorge Armando, 12, and Jose Manuel, 9, and two sisters, Carmen Adelia, 5 and Clara Ines, 2. Their father, Jose de Jesus Diaz, is a mason's helper, earning about \$20 per month. Their mother, Barbara Cecilia, works part time as a domestic, making about \$3 per month.

Jose is the only child in school. The Diaz family shares a poor house with another family. They have just one room, furnished with two beds, a table, two stools and a box to hold household needs. The kitchen is a hut with the roof and walls

## Viet Nam Buddhists Plan New Actions

SAIGON, Viet Nam (UPI) — Leaders of Viet Nam's 14 Buddhist sects, many of them reported dissatisfied with the new military government, gathered here today to plan a possible renewal of political action.

Buddhist demonstrations, including several dramatic suicides by fire, helped bring about the downfall of President Ngo Dinh Diem last month.

Some Buddhist sources said that although the ostensible purpose of today's convention was to settle differences of religious creed the gathering actually constituted a struggle for leadership and an attempt to work out a common political line.

## Derailment Delays Passenger Train

HUTCHINSON, Kan. (UPI) — One Pullman car of the Santa Fe Chief passenger train derailed Monday night, injuring five persons slightly.

The sleek No. 19 of the Santa Fe line was just starting to slow for a scheduled stop here when the tenth car left the tracks. It derailed dozens of passengers and crewmen forward and onto the floor.

The train continued its run to Los Angeles several hours after the derailment.

## West Expected To Be Above Normal

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The weather bureau predicts colder and snowier weather than usual for the eastern part of the nation in the first month of the new year.

The bureau's forecast for January says the western half of the country should have temperatures ranging from "warming to prevailing above normal levels" except in California where near normal is expected.

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — The San Francisco Customs District handles imports and exports in excess of \$1.5 billion a year, according to the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce.



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# Foreign Briefs

AVERAGE BRITON SPENT \$51.30 WEEKLY IN 1963  
LONDON (UPI) — The average British family, according to the Ministry of Labor, spent \$51.30 a week during the 1963 fiscal year. The ministry said the figure for the previous year was \$48.50.

HARD COAL PRODUCTION DECREASE ESTIMATED  
LUXEMBOURG (UPI) — Production of hard coal during 1963 in the six-nation European coal and steel pool was estimated today at 229 million tons, a drop of 1.5 per cent from the previous year.

SHARKS CAUSE BAN ON COASTAL SWIMMING  
DURBAN, South Africa (UPI) — Swimming was banned along a 10-mile strip of Natal province's north coast Monday after the third shark attack this month.

The latest victim, 26-year-old medical student Barbara Strauss, lost her right hand and foot when she was attacked by sharks Sunday.

GUATEMALAN CHIEF ANNOUNCES ELECTION  
GUATEMALA CITY (UPI) — Col. Enrique Peralata, head of the Guatemalan military government, announced Monday that an election will be held before March 30 for delegates to a Constitutional Assembly.

EXPLOSIVES, PROPAGANDA SEIZED IN COLOMBIA  
BOGOTA, Colombia (UPI) — Authorities in the north coastal city of Barranquilla reported Monday the confiscation of a cache of bombs, dynamite, fuses and Communist propaganda at a home in the center of the city.

## Two-Car Collision Hurts Five Persons

GRESHAM (UPI) — Five persons were injured, one critically, in a two-car collision near here Monday.

Listed in critical condition with head injuries at Gresham General Hospital today was Crisola Morris, 16, of Camas, Wash. Two other Camas teenagers, John Woodward Jr., 18, and Ray McDowell, 14, were reported in satisfactory condition, along with David Myers, 29, of Sandy. Mrs. Myers was listed in good condition.

Police said the accident involved a collision between a car driven by Larry D. Morgan, 17, of Camas and one driven by Duane E. Myers, 22, of Sandy. Neither driver was hospitalized.

## One-Time Mailman, 87, Seeks Old Job

PITTSBURGH (UPI) — An 87-year-old former letter carrier who was fired 48 years ago has filed suit against a long-deceased postal inspector for reinstatement to his old job.

The suit was filed Monday in federal court by Benjamin Frazier, who is 17 years over the mandatory retirement age, against George V. Craighead, the postal inspector, who has been dead for 25 years.

Frazier said he wanted to clear his name of charges "that branded him a thief" and led to his dismissal from a local post office on Oct. 15, 1915.

Federal Judge Rabe Marsh set a hearing for Jan. 24 after the government made a motion for dismissal.

## Medical Mirror

DREAMING  
It is true that dreams last only a few seconds even though they seem to progress at a rate comparable to real experience?

A recent investigation shows that dreams do not occur instantaneously. In the typical night, four or five dreams take place. The initial dream is about 10 minutes in length. After a period of about 1 1/2 hours of sleep, a second dream occurs which lasts about 20 minutes. Further sleep is followed by a dream of about 25 minutes and still more sleep by a dream of about 28 minutes. Although everyone has his own pattern, the average total dream period after night is very consistent, making up 18 to 20% of sleep time. Dream recall seldom occurs unless the subject awakens during or shortly after the dream.

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