

Probers Perplexed

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were so great that many were told to call later in the week and even after. According to Sgt. Brown, his theory on the start of the fire was borne out by these facts: It was usual practice about 2:30 p.m. for boys to take waste paper to the basement to be burned in the boiler room later by janitors. A boy's washroom is nearby. It is a good place for a boy to steal a smoke. Old examination papers also were stored near the area. Brown said two boys were in the northeast part of the building as late as 2:40 p.m. Monday, emptying waste baskets. That was two minutes before the first alarm was sounded. The boys said they smelled something smoldering. But from his hospital bed James Raymond, 44, the janitor, insisted the area was clear of any refuse or stacks of papers as of last Thursday. He doubted anything was placed there Friday, a school holiday. The FBI stood by in the case, saying "it is maintaining a liaison with Chicago officials to see if there is any way we can assist." Examination of a steel 30-gallon can found near the wooden northeast stairway failed to turn up any helpful clues, Raymond said he had seen such a can before, but didn't know why it was there. While the causes of the blaze remained unknown, some fire experts came forth with explanations for the terrific speed of the blaze. So fast did it spread that dozens of children were trapped and killed in their classrooms. Fire Commissioner Quinn said, "When a fire gets going it moves faster than you can run." In Boston, the National Fire Protection Assn. said open doors appeared to be the major cause of death. Association engineers reported heavy wooden doors on the second floor were open, permitting fire and hot gases to spread quickly. First floor doors were closed, the investigators were quoted as saying, protecting classrooms there. Some 1,300 students were in the U-shaped building when the fire broke out. In other developments: A fund established by Mayor Richard Daley to aid financially the families of the injured and the dead reached \$23,100. Two hundred dollars was collected in Jackson, Miss. School officials in Chicago and other cities started checks on rules and regulations in school buildings hoping to eliminate any faults or weaknesses which might result in similar fires. Roman Catholic officials announced these plans for extraordinary final rites: Archbishop Albert Gregory Meyer will sing a Solemn Pontifical High Mass for the young victims in the Northwest Armory. Archbishop Meyer planned to ask all Roman Catholic churches in the archdiocese—more than 400—to conduct masses while the funeral ceremony is conducted in the armory. After the services, the bodies will be buried in a special section of Queen of Heaven Cemetery known as Holy Innocents Shrine. Thursday morning a requiem mass will be said for the three nuns who perished. The nuns, members of the Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, will be buried in a triple funeral after the mass.

Erin Combed For Escapees DUBLIN, Ireland (AP)—The hunt was on today for 15 Irish political prisoners who escaped through a smoke screen set during a prison football game. Authorities suspected the missing men were being sheltered by persons sympathetic to the outlawed Irish Republican Army, which wages a guerrilla campaign to unite British Northern Ireland with the Irish Republic. The break was made Tuesday 25 miles south of Dublin at Curragh prison camp, where IRA men captured by the Irish government are held. A guard spotted smoke billowing up from under his sentry tower during a football game in the camp compound and fired a warning volley. Soon more smoke rose from other parts of the compound. Sixteen of the prisoners broke through the barbed wire fence around the camp and were swallowed up in a mist hanging over the flat Curragh plain. One was recaptured later and two other men were wounded by tear gas grenades.

Arabs Slated For Screening JERUSALEM (AP)—An Israeli official today said Arab Christians applying to make the Christmas pilgrimage to Bethlehem are getting a stricter screening this year. The official said this is because in past years "certain Arabs" living in Israel had made the pilgrimage to contact intelligence agents of the United Arab Republic. Bethlehem and the other Christian shrines are in the Jordan-administered part of Palestine. The official would not say how many applications had been refused this year. But he said about 3,500 Christians, most of them Arabs, would be allowed to cross into Old Jerusalem. The applications now are being screened by the Jordan authorities. In past years they have usually refused about 10 per cent as undesirable.



FLAMES ENGULF CHICAGO SCHOOL, Our Lady of Angels parochial school, in the fire that claimed more than 80 youngsters and three nuns. Most of the casualties were on the second floor.

Solons Scheduled For Long Session

SALEM (AP)—Will the 1953 Legislature, which meets here Jan. 12, hang up another new record for length? Chances are it will. The 1957 Legislature, so far the longest, went on for 128 days. We're often asked: Why does Oregon's last so long, when Washington winds up its session in 60 days? One reason is that Washington's constitution limits the length to 60 days. Oregon has no limit, so it doesn't have a target date at which to shoot. Another important factor is that the Washington Legislature has an all-powerful Rules Committee, which decides which bills can be considered. Oregon doesn't, so the result is that its Legislature considers many more bills than the Washington Legislature does. There have been several studies made to find out how to shorten Oregon's legislative sessions. They have come to naught. The Oregon legislators believe it is undemocratic to give a Rules Committee such veto powers over legislation. In last year's special session, the rules committee in each house were given the power to decide what could be considered. This was done to limit the session to consideration of tax reduction bills and a handful of emergency matters. But the members didn't like it. Very few Oregon legislators like to entrust their pet bills to a Rules Committee. Another factor in the length of Oregon's sessions is that the lawmakers have a tradition of giving the public ample opportunity to tell what they think about legislation at hearings before legislative committees. Sometimes, this is carried to the point of ridiculousness. Often, the testimony is But, still, it is democracy at its best when you let the public give the lawmakers advice. Still another factor is that the financial affairs of the government are getting so complicated that it takes the legislative Ways and Means Committee longer to investigate the budgets of each state agency. The state budget now is 14 times as large as it was 15 years ago. To help solve this problem, the Legislature probably will adopt a setup whereby an interim committee could do the money spadework before the session starts. The Legislature is taking steps to require earlier introduction of bills. All bills recommended by interim committees will be drafted when the session opens. Long sessions are a severe strain on the health and pocket-books of the members. They only get \$600 a year, regardless of how long the session lasts. The 1943 session lasted 59 days, and that's the last time there was a session shorter than 60 days. The sessions lasted 116 days in 1951, 100 in 1953, 115 in 1955, and 128 in 1957. Almost every legislator will agree that something will have to be done to shorten the sessions. All they'd like to know is: How?

State Intends To Prove Guilt In Dynamite Case

ATLANTA, Ga. (AP)—The state says it intends to prove that George Allen Bright "not only participated in the planning but that he was there at the time" the Jewish temple was dynamited in Atlanta. The statement by Tom Luck, assistant prosecutor, highlighted the second day of the trial of Bright, one of five defendants in the bombing case. The others will be tried later. Luck told the Superior Court jury in his opening statement Tuesday the state expected to show that the 31-year-old Bright was a member of a group of people who had violent anti-Semitic feelings and formed an organization to create unrest. The assistant prosecutor said he intended to show that Bright participated in a conspiracy which planned violent acts and that these acts culminated in the dynamiting of the temple Oct. 12. Luck also said the state planned to prove that Bright possessed violently anti-Semitic literature and exhibited anti-Semitic feelings against Rabbi Jacob M. Rothschild, head of the temple. Rothschild testified that he spoke on Judaism at a Baptist church May 28 at the invitation of the church. At the end of the hole, was apparently made by a rock, city police report.

1 Dead, 3 Hurt As Cars Collide

REDMOND, Ore. (AP)—One man was killed and three injured when a pickup truck and a car collided Tuesday on a county road four miles north of Redmond. The victim was Otis F. Easton, 64, of Redmond, the truck driver. The three injured, occupants of the car, were Mrs. Harold Johnson, about 50; her 5-year-old son; and Mrs. Ralph Denton, 43, all of Redmond. A hole in a window at the George Hillis Refrigeration Inc., 203 Riverside Street, was discovered early Monday morning. The hole was apparently made by a rock, city police report.

SPECIAL PURCHASE! LADIES "CINDERELLA" SHOES

Advertisement for Bogatay's Shoes featuring a special purchase of ladies' "Cinderella" shoes. The ad lists various shoe styles like De Angelo, Naturalizer, Life Stride, Joyce, and Alaskan Kickerino Boots, with prices ranging from \$7.95 to \$12.95. It also mentions a selection of 8-pc. manicure sets for \$69 and wonderful "Cameo" shoes for \$29. The store is located at 617 Main Street.

Nation's Public Officials Seek Sterner Fire Laws

United Press International Public officials throughout the nation today demanded more stringent fire safety measures to prevent school fires similar to that which claimed 90 lives in Chicago Monday. Chicago's most tragic school fire, which killed 87 children between the ages of 9 and 15, and three Roman Catholic nuns, spurred immediate investigations in most large cities. The Our Lady of The Angels tragedy also laid bare in many areas the recurring crises in schools—lack of money to build new ones and the tendency to go soft on safety measures during fair weather. "It takes a tragedy like this to wake people up," said Fire Chief Arnold W. Phillips of Indianapolis, Ind., when he was ordered to make a thorough check of all public, private and parochial schools. In most areas, the biggest problem was the condition of the older and obsolete school buildings, emphasized by the fact that Chicago's fire broke out in a 40-year-old building which had one fire escape. The example set by the Chicago fire threatened the closing of at least one school. In Sioux City, Iowa, an investigation was made of the 63-year-old Cathedral Parochial Grade School "with an eye to ordering the school closed as a fire hazard," according to Capt. Philip Kenimish, head of the Fire Department Prevention Bureau. In New York City, Fire Commissioner Edward F. Cavanagh Jr. ordered an immediate basement-to-roof inspection of the city's 1,500 public, private and parochial schools. New York Gov. Averell Harriman in Albany called for a complete review of recently completed fire inspection reports covering all private and parochial schools. Immediate fire inspections of all schools also were ordered in Atlanta, Boston, Memphis and Nashville, Tenn.; Birmingham, Ala.; Indianapolis, Ind.; El Paso, Tex.; Milwaukee, and throughout Georgia. In Boston, where one of the nation's most disastrous fires killed 453 persons at the Coconut Grove nightclub on Nov. 28, 1942, firemen were ordered to make particular checks of storage space for trash and inflammable materials. Percy Bugbee, general manager of the National Fire Protective Association, also in Boston, said the Chicago fire "re-emphasizes the folly of permitting combustible trash to accumulate in any building and the danger of combustible interior finish. Safety Director Louis Rosenberg of Pittsburgh and other safety officials from the Steel City were to travel to Chicago Thursday to learn more about the cause of the Our Lady of The Angels fire. Pittsburgh voters in 1953 rejected a referendum proposal, which would have financed gradual replacement of obsolete buildings. Although hundreds of new schools have been erected across the nation in recent years, construction of many has also been turned down by voters.

Advertisement for La Pointe's Christmas gift thoughts. It features the text "You Are Invited To Tune In Gift Thoughts OF Christmas KOTI-TV Thurs. - 8 p.m. Presented By La Pointe's".

Advertisement for Crater Lake Holiday Fruit Ice Cream. It features an image of a fruit basket and a box of ice cream, with the text "SPECIAL ELEVEN LUSCIOUS FRUITS Crater Lake HOLIDAY FRUIT ICE CREAM".

Large advertisement for J.J. Newberry Co. featuring a variety of gift items. The ad includes a list of products such as leather billfolds, fancy hankies, handkerchief sets, jewelry boxes, white linen hankies, 2-blade pen knives, men's handkerchiefs, puppy love cologne, Walt Disney hankies, "The Parisienne" jewelry box, 4-pc. MacGregor set, smart towel sets, 8-pc. manicure set, inf. dress & slip set, assorted billfolds, dish cloth sets, wonderful "Cameo" shoes, 9-pc. floral sets, ladies' dresser sets, jeweled compacts, and fancy dresser sets. Prices range from \$29 to \$198. The store is located at 825 Main St. in Klamath Falls.