

### Basket-Like Contrivance Assists Chicago Firemen

CHICAGO (AP) — The Chicago Fire Department is using a weird, wonderful contrivance that has stirred up interest across the country.

It is called a Snorkel. ALMOST A DIPLOMAT HOLLYWOOD (UPI) — Actor Boris Karloff was born William Henry Pratt in England. He was the youngest of the nine children of Edward Pratt, a government civil servant, and was slated for consular service until he ran away from home to become an actor. He was 22 years old at the time.

It looks like a giant crane. But the boom, instead of being straight and stiff as a ramrod, bends in the middle like a human arm. At the hand end of the arm is a big basket. A fireman can stand in the basket and direct a stream of water from a hose with rifle-shot accuracy. The arm just lifts the water marksman to a window or a vantage point above the roof of a burning building and he plays the water on the spot where it will do the most good.

It can be used in rescue operations, too. Perhaps you saw photographs of the long arm picking the injured off the elevated trestle, 35 feet high, after the collision of two trains Monday. Two

Snorkels were used to carry 60 boom, can reach seven stories. The larger ones cost \$25,000 each. They just lift the basket up, take on a load and then lower it like the bucket on a scoop shovel.

The Snorkel is the big brain-child of Fire Commissioner Robert J. Quinn. He got the idea when he saw a tree trimmer using a smaller contraption built along the same scientific line.

The Pitman Equipment Co. of Grandview, Mo., provided an experimental model last fall. It cost \$16,000.

Now the department has three Snorkels. The first one can reach up to the fifth floor level. The other two are bigger. No. 2, with a 75-foot boom, can reach eight stories. No. 3, with a 65-foot

GOVERNORS TO RUSSIA NEW YORK (UPI)—Nine U.S. governors will visit Russia to gether this summer. The Institute of International Education, said the group will include the governors of New Jersey, Florida, Utah, North Dakota, Colorado, Illinois, West Virginia, North Carolina and Idaho.

Shih Hsiung, born in Nanking, China, translated the Chinese version of Benjamin Franklin's autobiography. It was a bestseller in China.



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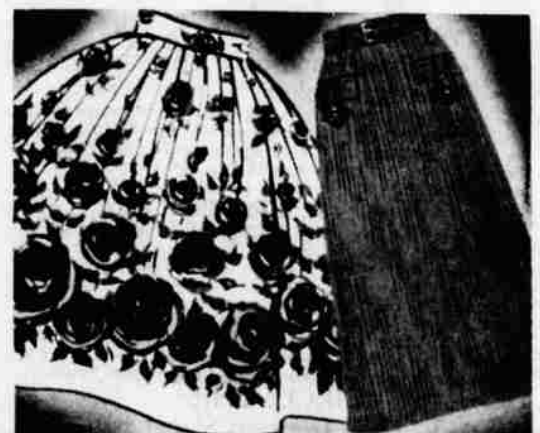


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