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Three-Alarm, \$5 Million Fire Destroys St. Joseph Cathedral; Seven Are Injured



FLAMES DESTROY CATHOLIC LANDMARK: St. Joseph Cathedral during the height of the blaze which turned largest Connecticut Roman Catholic Church into a raging inferno. Thousands

were attracted to the scene which roared uncontrolled until noon (Courant Photo by Robert B. Ficks).

Road Toll Low But Danger Period Lies Ahead the contents of a 3,000 gallon tumbling down a flight of steps by smoke, condition good. At Hartford Hospital: for additional water. The contents of a 3,000 gallon tumbling down a flight of steps by smoke, condition good. At Hartford Hospital: William E. Powers, 31, 98 Lengton additional water.

Monday were running considera- at 6 p.m. Friday, will continue long weekend. The record traf- by police and firemen, bly below the record Christmas until midnight Tuesday. weekend toll but the worst of the During a similar 102 hour is 407 during the four-day period weekend traffic death in Con- was that of Mrs. Betty Ronning, and flared through the roof and carried large chunks of burning when ceiling fell, condition good.

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-was still ahead. By 10 p.m., EST, 261 persons haps, a record for any holiday, between 35 and 40 million per- was killed in West Haven as a her head and lost consciousness. had died in automobile acci- Added to these were 54 who died sons will be moving in vehicles car driven by her husband skid- She was found frozen to death, dents. There were 36 fire fatal- in fires and 124 in nontraffic ac- during the New Year holiday

THOMPSONVILLE, Dec. 31 Mrs. Gudaszewski, who had

(Special)-An Enfield woman moved to a new house on an

causing a tremendous pressure Classified 28-31 Radio & TV 19

small one-story house. Pieces of Financial 27, 28 Women's Pg. 13.

her home exploded this after-

mailbox when an old-fashioned

wood-burning kitchen range

with a hot water jacket ex-

ploded. She had lit the heater

Damage to her home on

Enfield police said a pipe in Bridge

The force of the blast blew Comics

out windows and shattered Crossword

plaster walls and cellings in the Editorials

the iron stove pierced kitchen Haskin

the jacket may have frozen, Byrnes

Water Street, Scitico, was esti-

mated at \$1,000.

build-up in the system.

only a few minutes before the

noon.

walls.

ities and 67 deaths in miscellane- cidents for an over-all total of compared with an estimated 45 ous holiday accidents for an 884, also a record over-all toll of 364.

million last weekend. The National Safety Council estimated before the New Year GREENWICH, Dec. 31 (P) car struck a utility pole after

For Mail, Escapes Blast Raymond Tutolo, 19, of 16 Elizabeth St., Rye, escaped with

narrowly escaped death when a adjacent lot only a few days ago, Life Sentence Not domestic hot water heater in had returned to the damaged What He Suspected house to do some cleaning. Mrs. Anna Gudaszewski had There was no damage to the just stepped outdoors to her new home, police officials said.

HOLLISTER, Calif., Dec. 31 - (P) Cruz B. Bocanegra, 33, stood before Justice of the Peace Lorena M. Johnson today, accused on a battery charge filed by his common-law wife. "I am going to sentence

Erickson's body, pinned to the

you to life," said Justice Johnson. Bocanegra blanched. Justice Johnson then explained she was directing him to marry the woman.

They have five children. And, Justice Johnson added, after Bocanegra serves battery, she will perform the marriage ceremony-free.

exile abroad.

was shattered.

New Year holiday traffic deaths day fatalities which commenced would be lost in traffic over the front seat, had to be extricated ded on a snow-swept road and completely burned out before from windows around the rotunstruck a utility pole.

fic toll for a New Year holiday This was the second holiday Another violent death Sunday the foundary point the foundation of the foundation that the foundation of the foundat lost their lives in traffic misThe council has figured that when Mrs. Andrew Martin, 47, doorstep in New London, hurt The Methodist

Stoned Mona Lisa To Get The count of New Year holi-holiday began that 490 lives Robert J. Erickson, 18, of 6 Blind Brook Lane, Rye, N.Y., Was killed early today when his

Enfield Woman Steps Out failing to negotiate a curve on PARIS, Dec. 31 (UP)—The Museum officials said damage about \$7,000. Old Field Point Rd., near Oak bearded Bolivian who threw a to the priceless canvas painted Long before the Sowers and standing. Stained glass windows ture at the northwest corner of stone and damaged the Mona between 1503 and 1506 was mis their guests returned, plans insured for \$275,000 were gone; the building. The boilers were Lisa, the world's most famous nor. But they admitted it might were completed for feeding and the rotunda, covered with \$100. painting, had what he wanted to- have been "irreparable" if it housing them and townspeople 000 worth of gold leaf was no minor injuries after being tossed day-a warm prison cell. Police sources said Tugo Un- which shielded the painting of burned out family.

> Paz, was jobless and broke matic smile, They said he had no other motive than getting jailed through the cold winter when he flung a marblesized stone at the painting in the Louvre Museum.
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> Judge Andre Guillot of the man Henry Cotton's auto skidded into a North Granby fire engine. There were no injuries.
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> The Methodist Church building, some 1,500 feet from the believed the Bolivian would be parsonage, was not threatened.
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> Masses Teleporters a See 7 QUIZZED, Page Man Henry Cotton's auto skidded into a North Granby fire engine. There were no injuries.
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> The Methodist Church building, some 1,500 feet from the parsonage, was not threatened.

In La Paz the man was identi- given a mental examination. fied as a nephew of the leader All the brown-bearded Villegas by the flames. of Bolivia's chief opposition polit- would say in court today was "I ical party. e a want a lawyer."

Unzaga is Unzaga de la Vega He was dressed in a black turhead of the Bolivian Socialit Fa- tleneck sweater, a black and lange. He once was imprisoned white checked scarf, a dirty brown gabardine coat and brown and sent to the Curahuara controllers with a hole in one leg centration camp, some 50 miles when police seized him at the from La Paz. When released museum yesterday. from the camp he was sent into

restore a finger-sized patch of Leonardo da Vinei painting and to replace the glass cover which

\$1,000 For

The Courant Monday offered a standing reward of \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person or persons in connection with the wilful damage by fire of any church building, synagogue or other place of religious worship in Connecticut. If arson is involved in the fires at St. Patrick's Church and St. Joseph Cathedral, this offer applies also in the investigation of those occurrences.

In the event of more than one person claiming the said reward, or to be entitled to a share therein, it will be apportioned as the Chief of Police, Michael J. Godfrey, and a representative of The Hartford Courant deem

Fire Ruins West Granby Parsonage

Methodist Church parsonage altar and suddenly roared into Catholics in Connecticut, the cold, snowy outside through Arson theories arose almost the shattered stained glass of immediately because of the quick firemen who worked more than the rose windows.

determined. Minister Away

The fire was discovered by hoses upward. Raymond Messenger, a resident Lowered By Rope nearby, at about 2:30 p.m.

ing from the caves and chim-three stories to the ground by ristry roof, condition good. ney. Messenger ran to the par- rope.

truck's booster tanks along with of heat sent several firemen crest Dr., Newington, overcome for additional water.

tonight. They were unable to in- nue in front of the Aema Insur- discharged. spect the darkened ruins but ance Co. building.

ance, church officials said. The east, and St. Joseph's Convent, Boilers Shut Off building was remodeled about to the west of the cathedral.

were not for the glass plate began raising money for the more; the cathedral organ worth from the convent, rectory, chan-

parsonage, was not threatened

1956 News Roundup In Courant Today A roundup of outstanding

local and state news events of 1956, in the fields of political and economic affairs, education, health, reli-

Courant Offers 7 Quizzed In Probe Arson Conviction Of Arson Possibility

A \$5 million, three-alarm fire destroyed majestic St. Joseph Cathedral Monday in eight flaming, smokefilled hours. The Rt. Rev. Msgr. William J. Collins, rector of the historic landmark, placed the loss at \$5 million but said that the replacement cost would probably far exceed that figure. Insurance, he said, is about \$4 million

dral's value. The Hartford description of the course of the Fire Marshal's Office and fire and why it mushroomed so Monday night, as flames still church. flickered in the ruins.

O'Neill, and Deputy Fire Chief zontal."

the ceiling over the main altar seen outside the cathedral. posing structure.

through." Fire Chief Henry G. some 15 feet high in places. Thomas said then, "we lost "When the fire reached that

Flames Break Through

windows on the east, west and It was at that point, Thomas front of the enthedral. Fiames resped into the air Earlier Church Blaze through the roof of the sacristy Destruction of the cathedral at the rear of the church, Tiny followed by less than two days

ceiling fell. Firemen turned their liles.

Mrs. Donald W. Sower and their through the building a squad of admitted to hospitals. four children were at Old Stur firemen under Capt. Raymond They are: bridge. Mass., with their guests. Daly had been on the roof of the At St. Francis Hospital:

sonage but was blocked by the Only a minute or so elapsed nedy, 42, of 285 White St., overafter Cap. Daly had clambered come by smoke, condition fair. Arriving at the house with off a ladder to safety before the Kenneth Lindley, 22, of 207 four engines, the Lost Acres sacristy roof disappeared in a Main St., struck in the head by Fire Department fought the huge billow of smoke and flame, a 90-pound hose, condition good. blaze with water from the At about the same time a blast Charles Owen, 32, of 76 Ledge-

could hope only to contain the ox St., Manchester, back injured, Two ground floor rooms were raging flames. Heat rolling hurt when parts of the cathedthe fire was checked. Mush-da shot fast moving streams of good. The Methodist minister and bers littered the huge expanse 46, of 12 Kenneth St., broken

will be partly covered by insur- the cathedral rectory, to the by ambulance.

seven years ago at a cost of By 3:30 p.m. only the heavy

\$100,000 had been destroyed. zaga Villegas, 42, a native of La the woman with the famed enig- Two vehicles were slightly Fire Chief Henry G. Thomas damaged at the fire when Fire- late Monday gave reporters a

or 80 per cent of the cathe-

Hartford police immediately The blaze, he said, originated launched an investigation in an area beneath and to the into the possibility of rear of the main altar of the arson. During the day seven men cathedral, Fire burned in the were picked up by police. Two space between the main floor were still being questioned late and the ceiling of the basement

Many Open Shafts Pictures on Pages 10, 11 "There are no fire stops in By a strange twist of fate, the building, It is old construcit was the Fire Department tains a great many large, open chaplain, the Rev. Francis S. sharts both vertical and hori-

James McSweegan who found Through these openings the fire at 7:30 a.m. after flames burned inside partitions Father O'Neill completed the toward the rear of the sacristy and upwards to a third floor Smoke poured from the build- storeroom. During the hours ing continuously for hours. At firemen tried to battle the par-10:45 a.m. a large chunk of titlon fire no flames could be

collapsed and flames roared the Flames eventually reached to length and breadth of the im- the large rotunda above the main altar. There, Thomas said, "When the flames broke is a large open attic-like area

area it burned long enough to break through the celling and During the early hours only out through the room," Thomas smoke was visible. No flames said. Once the fire had ventiappeared until the break came lated itself it flashed throughbuilding breaking out great cost totally enveloping the building.

said, "we lost her,

licks of flame appeared a three-alarm blaze that serious-GRANBY, Dec. 31 (Special)- through the slate roof of the ly damaged St. Patrick's Church, Fire gutted the West Granby rotunda high over the main mother church of all Roman

succession of fires in two historic two hours to check the blaze. When the ceiling fell over the Roman Catholic Churchs. Both Firemen tonight continued main altar two groups of fire fires started in ceiling spaces. pouring water on the smoking men were battling blazes on the ruins. The six-room house, on main floor behind the altar, A fires so close together could be Old Simsbury Road, was con-sharp cracking echoed through "more than coincidence." Late the vaulted auditorium half- in the day the State Fire Marsh-Origin of the fire is still un-filled with smoke. Flames al's Office joined the arson inshowed dull red as pieces of the vestigation to assist local author-

6 Firemen Injured

During the course of the blaze Only minutes before the blaze six firemen and a policeman were At that time, the Rev. and broke into the open and roared injured seriously enough to be

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kysar of sacristy area. Two of their num- Edward Stelmach, 30, of 32 Arber had just been overcome by nold St., of Truck Company 13, Seeing clouds of smoke pour-smoke and had been lowered overcome by smoke on the sac-Fire Marshal George F. Ken-

his wife returned home at 7:30 of lawn across Farmington Ave- wrist in fall outside cathedral, Lt. Covey and Fireman Powbelieved that most of their per- Police forced thousands of ers were injured when a 20 foot sonal belongings and the house spectators back to the front of section of ceiling in the base-

furnishings were lost in the fire, the Aetna building to keep them ment chapel collapsed on them Most of the furnishings be- safe from falling embers. Fire- early in the fire. The two men longed to the church. The loss men played hoses on the roof of were removed to the hospital

Water poured into the cathedral created a threat to the shut-down early in the day

cery office, and two houses on See 7 QUIZZED, Page 3

Allyn Theater Today

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. William J. Collins, rector of St. Joseph Cathedral which was destroyed by fire Monday, said masses will be held today at the State Armory. Gov. Ribicoff offered the use of the State Armory to the

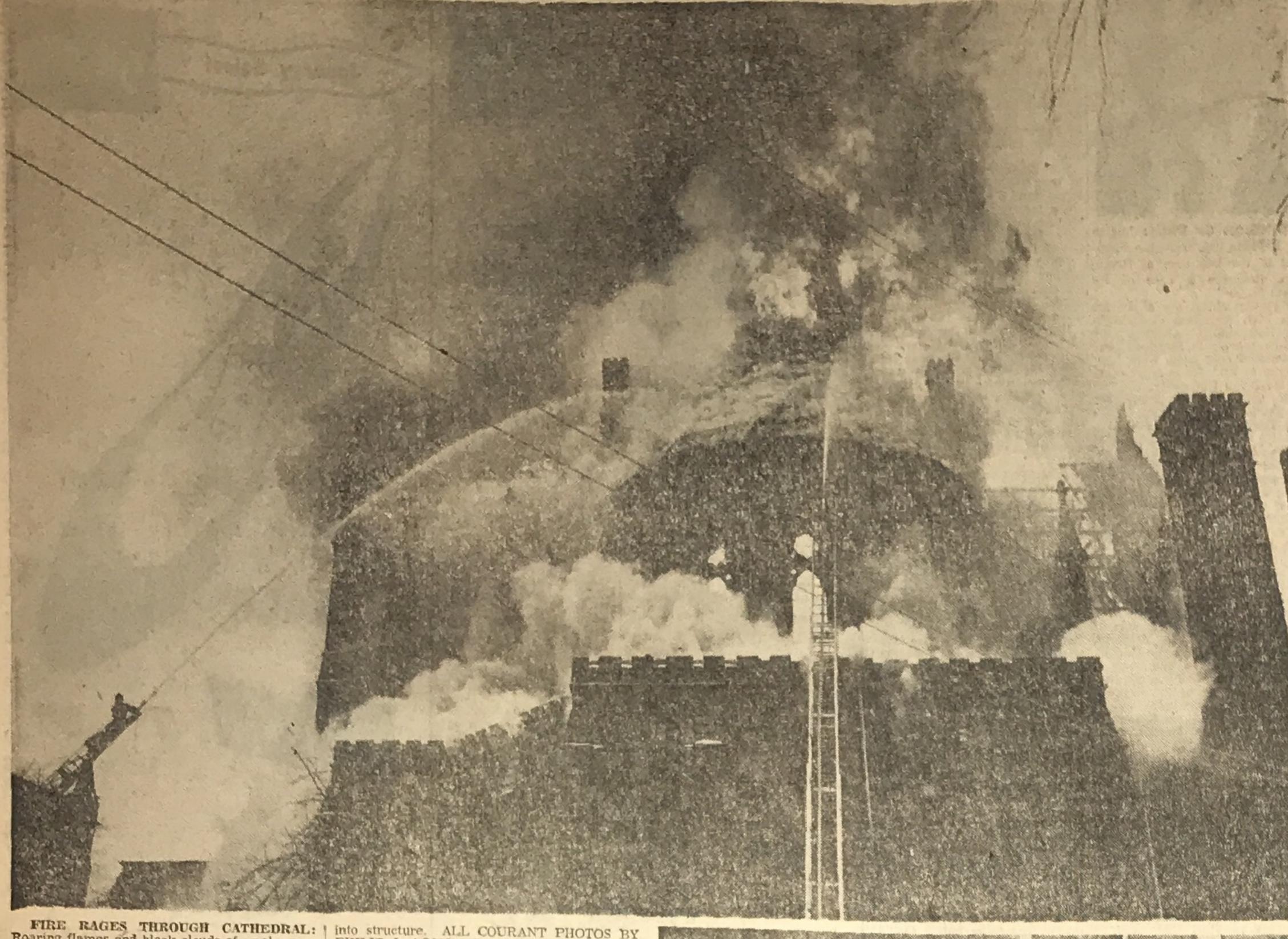
church. Seven Masses will be held at the State Armory from 5 a. m. to 11 a. m. today which is celebrated as the Feast of

Originally, three masses had been planed for the Cathedral Hall but lack of heat made church officials decide to hold

The parishoners of St Patrick's Church which burned Sunday will attend mass at the Allyn Theater which has been made available to the church for as long as needed.

gion, crime, courts, and top the Circumcision of Our Lord. highlights, are featured in Art experts worked today to Today's CHUCKLE your Courant today on a 60-day jail senience for paint from the elbow of the bothers parents. It's how they pages 24, 25, and 26 incluall seven masses at the Armory sive. Also listed on page 26 is a necrology for the past 12 months.

As Blaze Rages In Cathedral



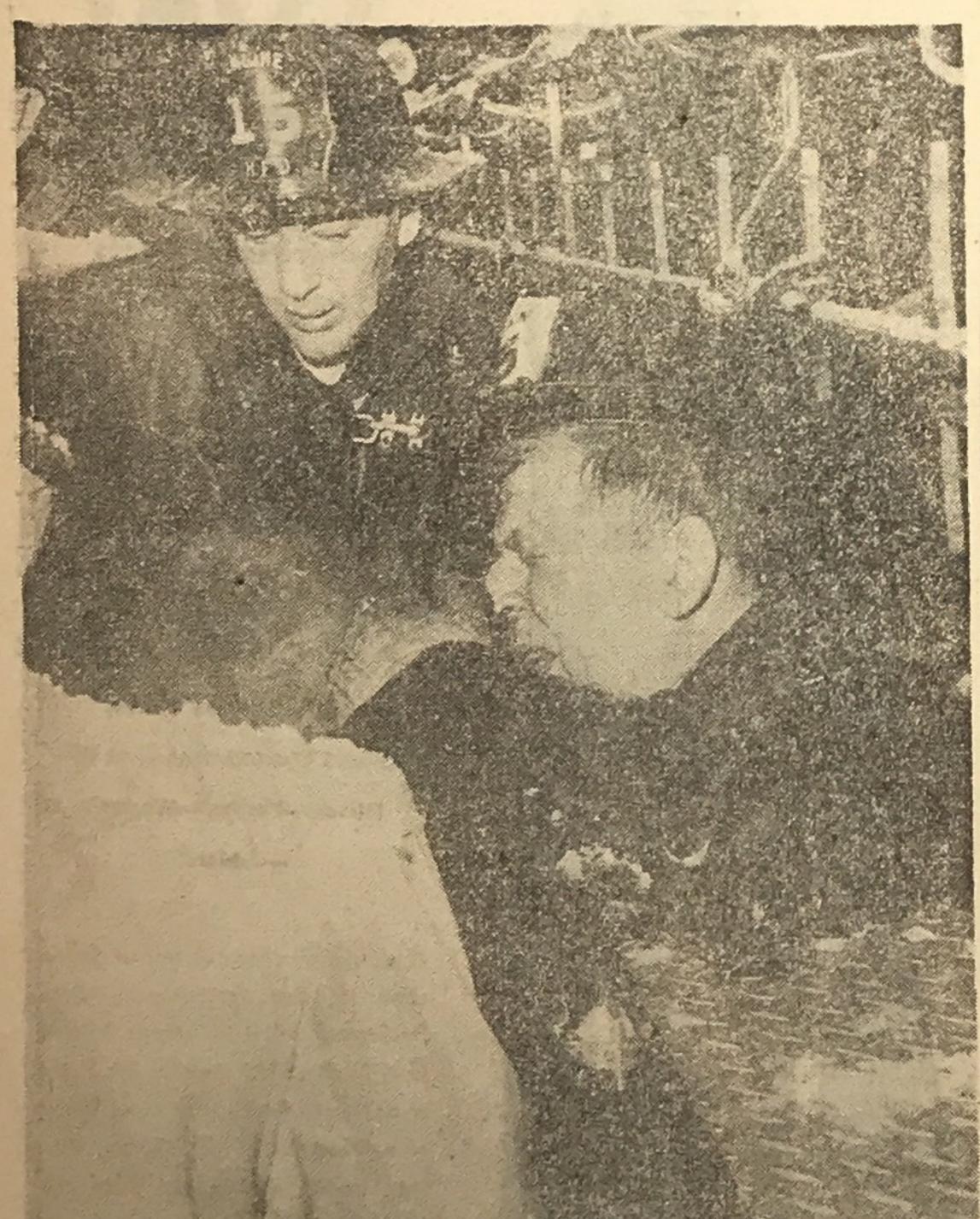


men cooperated in carrying altar appointments and vestments from the burning church as fire became more threatening. Here, Rev. Mr. Edmund M. O'Brien carries out crucifixes.

FIRE RAGES THROUGH CATHEDRAL: into structure. ALL COURANT PHOTOS BY Roaring flames and black clouds of smoke soar from the upper levels of St. Joseph's Cathedral in this picture made from the rear yard. A MAN J. HATSIAN, ARTHUR J. WARMSLEY, fireman atop an aerial ladder was one of many braving heat and falling debris to get water AND THOMAS J. SWEENEY.



NUNS LEAVE CONVENT: As a precaution-ary measure in the face of threat from the blazing church next to their convent nuns of

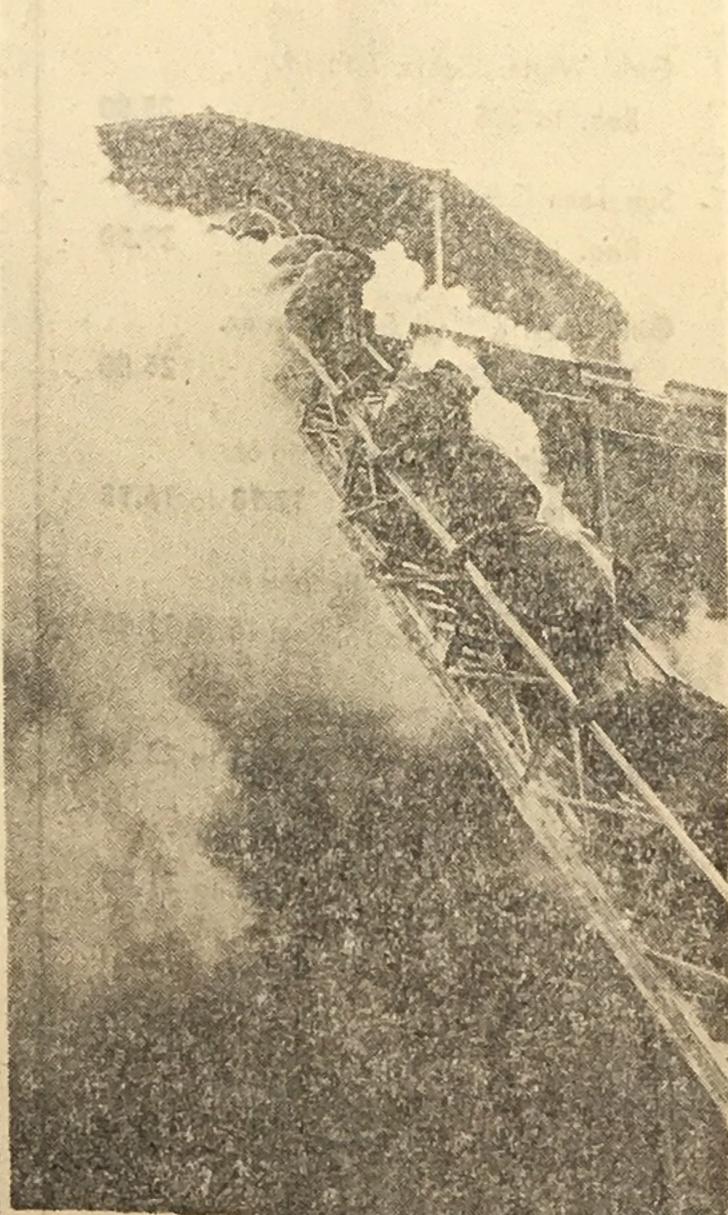


was one of nearly a score of firefighters who

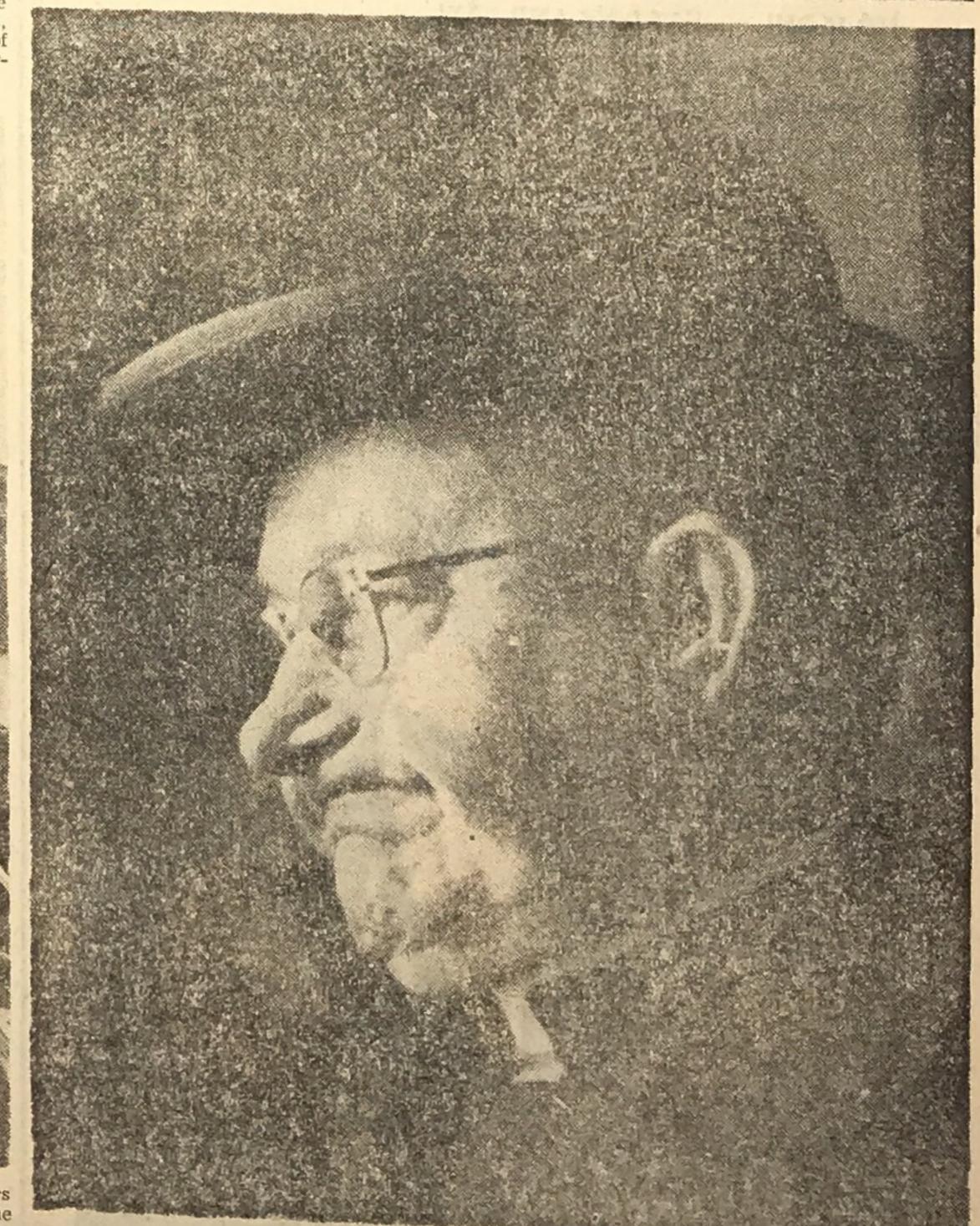
figures across the face of Fire Captain Thom-long fight. Shoulder in foreground is that of a doctor rushing to aid.



CROWDS THRONG TO FIRE SCENE: A portion of the crowds of sightseers, many armed with still and movie cameras, who appeared at the scene of the spectacular fire. As word of the blaze spread police had a fulltime job in barricading surrounding streets and breaking up traffic stalls.



to bring the fire under control, firemen were forced to leave the burning room of the sacristy where the fire started in the basement. Soon after this picture was taken flames burst through of the cathedral.



impact of the second disastrous fire as St. Joseph's Cathedral burned is reflected in the face of Archbishop Henry J. O'Brien as he real- uate as fire grew worse.



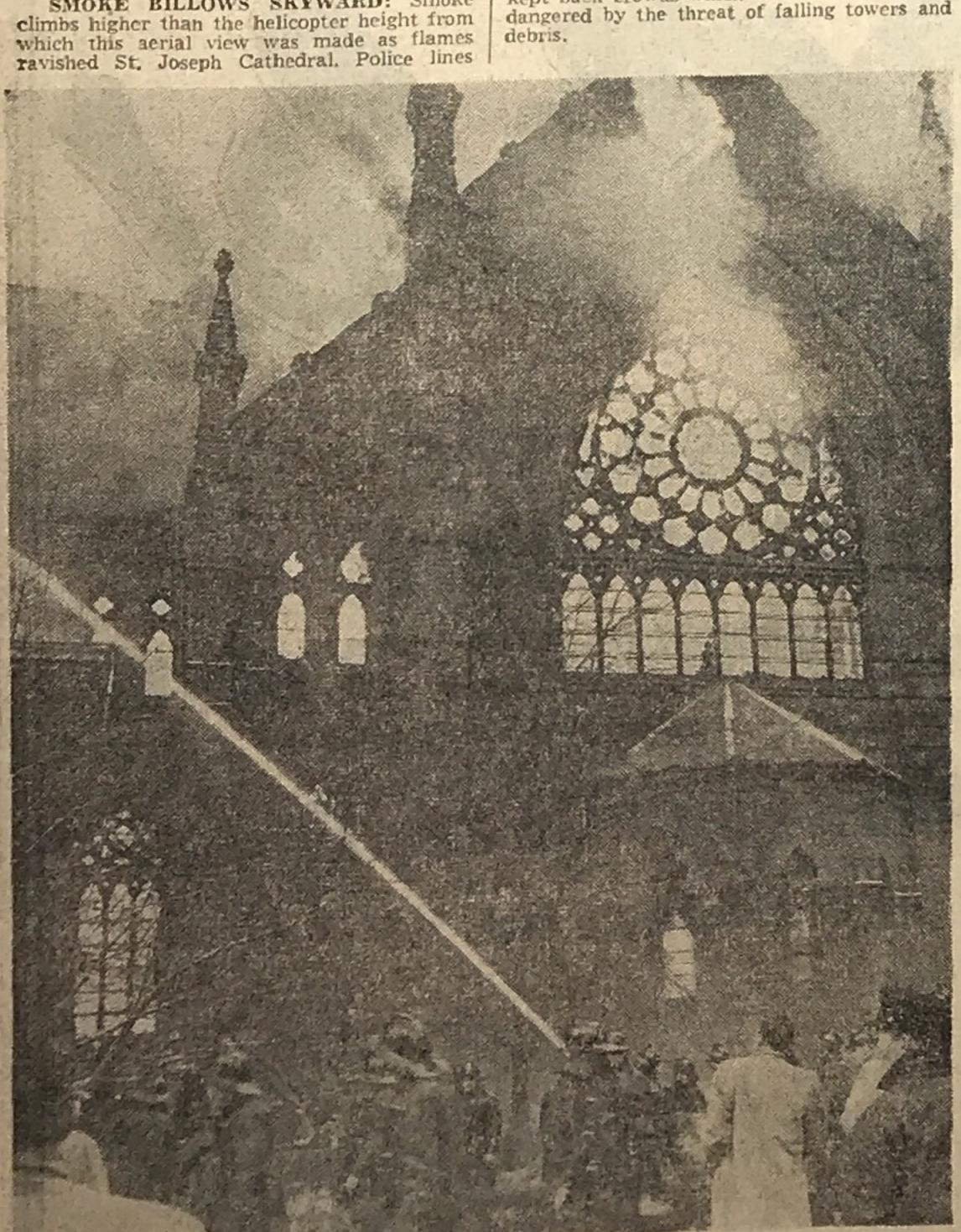
GUTTED INTERIOR: Only the pillars are left standing in the interior of St. Joseph Cathedral after being gutted by fire. From this view through the west side door of the Cathedral over the smashed pews and charred embers, the main altar would stand at left.

Archbishop Henry J. O'Brien said Monday afternoon "The Cathedral will be definitely rebuilt." Tentative plans call for New Year's Day masses to be held in State Armory (Courant Photo-Herman F. Marshall).



SMOKE BILLOWS SKYWARD: Smoke

kept back crowds which would have been endangered by the threat of falling towers and



FLAMING INTERIOR: Roaring flames | white flames background the frames which destroyed the giant round stained glass on | held the irreplaceable stained glass art (Couthe east wall of the Cathedral, Fiery red and | rant Photo-Ficks).

Art Treasures Adorned Landmark For 64 Years

for 64 years. Behind its great brownstone only 200,000 Catholics in the

stained glass, marble and onyx 2 million. altars, statuary and paintings.

In the past year, two missawn of Aetha Life Affiliated lawn of Aetha Life Affiliated Companies building, just across restored it when anxiety was were Bishop Edward A. Mcaroused in the 1930's by sinking Gurkin of Maswa, East Africa.

pleted and consecrated on May have the cathedral saw the crowds and visiting dignities, said, "The entire occasion the crowds and the consecration or ders at one ceremony in the building's central tower, howmarks a distinct epoch in the orders at one ceremony in

history of Roman Catholicism in Connecticut. Cost of the building was remas Eve, throngs attended a and stone materials, ported to be \$500,000, though that pontifical midnight mass the Coffee and sendy gifts of carved altars and furnish fire.

Bishop Francis P. MacFar-Police Issue Warning land, in 1872, bought the land on Which the cathedral stands for On Church Fund Pleas \$70,000. It was part of the "old

a time as a church. Bishop "We have checked with the out compensation to themselves. thedral stands. It was used for ly.

Connecticut's fifth bishop, fraud and we ask that the po-half hour late to work. years when the walls rose sky- picked up Monday night after many of Aetna's 3.000 employes raised. According to Catholic made, but it was learned that ed five-story building. fore it was consecrated.

for a religious magazine.

when Policeman Theodore tion about himself.

Bishop McMahon gave sacrificially from his own income Message Comes During Fire the day to watch the fire. for the building.

ney, were removed to the "bish- livery of a telegram. "Who's it were out of the building by 4 Cathedral here. ops' plot" in Mount St. Bene- for?" asked a reporter. "Henry p.m. dict Cemetery.

lyn, N.Y., architect also for the in conference with fire and build- man was treated at Aetha's in- marks: neighboring Asylum Hill Con- ing department officials, gregational Church.

Early Gothic In Style Early Gothic in style, it had One Held, Five Released came from Innsbruck, Germany. Its high altar of marble with shafts of onyx rose three stories. As Police Push Probe oak bishop's throne. Paintings and statuary also decorated side altars. Both the upper and lower churches could seat 2,000,

parish within whose borders questioning about church fires fused to give any other informa- Called Unsane 10,000 Catholics live.

Foundation Bolstered

by hydraulic pressure to rest on Church and St. Joseph's Cathe- ed. the glacial hardpan. Then they dral. were filled with concrete.

vast construction job. He also it hell." made major renovations through the cathedral.

which never could be added be- which indicated that no one live marshal's badge which po- ant, are very shy. They have a covering up. Dead men tell no cause of the subsoil problem. should get excited as it was lice said came in a box of candy. fear of crowds. They are not out-tales. Bishop McAuliffe's renovations included ornamental pinnacles to finish the towers.

he chancel redesigned, with a Headquarters, but that he ap- that the immediate concern was new altar rail of polished marble parently didn't have anything the St. Joseph fire as Fire Margiven by Miss Catherine Dillon, to do with the fire. foot ceiling to give the effect of three times trying all the doors. St. Patrick's.

a nocturnal sky. church architects of the period,

ing, says that the restoration Meaney asked the man who frey said. Numerous crank calls was one in which the many workmen took immense pride. The cathadral's 65-stop Austin

organ, built 40 years ago, was really two organs in one, according to organist Vincent J. Scully Jr. It included a "celestial" organ, played from the main console. Replacement price As Saddened Onlookers is estimated at \$100,000.

A large choir galfery, with room for more than 80 singers. was one of the noted features In the west tower, and Mon- But, somehow, the huddled per- A woman, probably some-

from falling, was a chime of 10 sume St. Joseph Cathedral were "There's a priest," she said. cultural Insurance Co. of New will come from the General Adbells. They were put up in 1914, different. and their total weight was 12,- A giant billow of smoke had her to the priest." She paused. It is understood another large a national organization which 700 pounds.

Memorably associated with apse followed by a solid sheet of followed the cat's protector York concern. the cathedral for more than a flame. The fireman on the aeri- through the crowd. "Wait, mayhalf century was the noted al ladder drew back from the in- be I can take it." Catholic editor, the Rt. Rev. tense heat. Msgr. Thomas C. Duggan. He "They'll never save it now," The voice was thundering now. became a curate there shortly said a woman in her sixties. "Across the street, please. after the building was conse- "They'll never save it now," she Across the . . . crated. In 1905, he returned to repeated, dabbing her eyelid The edge of the human line spend 40 years as rector. with a tissue. The present rector, the Rt. Several policemen and a de- Three men stamping their feet

Rev. Msgr. William J. Collins, tective, his badge carefully to keep the circulation beat out also vicar general of the arch- pinned to the tan overcoat, tried a curious rhythm. One smiled. diocese, has been in his post to corral the crowd. "Across "Holy smoke," he said. A womto the other side of the street," an's head turned. His compansince 1946. Many noted events have taken bellowed the officer's voice over ions pretended they hadn't heard

place in the high-vaulted cathe- the loud speaker. dral, where Connecticut's later Badge Pinned On Coat bishops were elevated and in- Three teenage girls, maybe 13, woman carrying a white cane stalled in office, and lay in fun- started to walk away. They wore across the street. "I've got glautight dungarees and woolen coma, you know," explained the eral state.

Bishop Michael A. Tierney, in shirts. They were crying, 1894 was the first to be con- A chorus of "ahs" rose from every year my eyes keep getting secrated in the completed build- the crowd. The sounds signaled, worse. This Christmas I said to ing: Then came Bishop John J. not delight, but another arrow of myself this is the last time I'll Nilan, seventh in line and long- flame shooting through a differ- be able to see the light coming ent window at the church's side. through the beautiful stained est in office.

The cathedral held an unpre- "Across the street," said the glass windows . . . " cedented ceremony for Connect. voice. icut two years ago, when Arch- The crowd milled, yielded a the heat sending a cascade of bishop Henry O'Brien received little, and then stood pat, the pallium-emblem of his of- "There goes the roof," said a A fireman played his hose across fice as a metropolitan arch- man, almost mechanically.

From 1953, when he was ap- the crowd. Cradled in his arm A minister holding a bag of pointed archbishop the cathe- was an alley-variety cat. Its fur groceries looked silently. His dral ceased to be the cathedral was matted from the water. It wife tugged at his sleeve. "Let's church for all Connecticut Catho- was shivering. for more than 600,000 of the faith-body in particular.

Aetna Lawn Littered By St. Joseph Cathedral has tow- ful in Hartford, Litchfield and Firebrands ered over Farmington Avenue New Haven counties. When it was built, there were

Airborne firebrands from the facade were beauties of rich state Now there are more than St. Joseph Cathedral fire Monand build the cathedral. A fourth there in colorful ceremony. They Farmington Avenue from the

A spokesman said that Aetna and Bishop Paul J. Girouard of The huge structure was 16 Morondava, Madagascar, who had to spread to the Aetna buildyears in building. It was com- studied here at the LaSalette Sem- ing, which is set back almost

ever, to keep an eye out for fire-

A few nights ago on Christ-The roof is constructed of tile Coffee and sandwiches were

did not cover many individual last that was sung before the brought from Aetna's cafeteria to the front lawn to restore strength and spirtis to Hartford's firemen and policemen and By noon, the cafeteria was pro-

Morgan homestead," belonging to antecedents of the noted financier J. Pierpont Morgan.

First building put up on the site was the Sisters of Mercy restore burned churches, report site was the Sisters of Mercy restore burned churches, report Forty cafeteria workers and sev-

who makes such a request is a employes were as much as one-

ward and building funds were several complaints had been watched from the many windows

At the height of the Cathedral To relieve the inevitable 4:30 robbery and shooting, to setting are abnormal, they still keep for the building were entombed approached a group watching gan releasing its employes for the main altar until 1938 approached a group watching gan releasing its employes for the main altar until 1938. The three bishops responsible fire a Western Union messenger p.m. traffic rush hour. Aetna be- fires?

J. O'Brien," said the boy. He Aetna also alerted its Civil chiatrists discussed these topics was directed into the chancery Defense staff to stand by during for The Courant Monday aftersigned by P. C. Keeley of Brook- was directed into the chancery Defense start to stand by during noon. Here is the gist of his re-

firmary for head injuries.

This suspect was picked up,

noon, hindering local police.

Line Moved Slightly

moved a foot or two.

A red-headed girl helped

woman. "This is my church and

A large window popped from

multi-colored glass to the groun

the stone to a window. It shat-

the remark.

"He told me that the priests Marshal's office will join local

"Why did you say that?" police Monday night, Chief God-

Crowds at fires are pretty "She was in the church.

much the same everywhere. What'll I do?"

Another man hurried through tered

VALUABLES RESCUED FROM FIRE: Policeman Matthew O'Toole carries from the Cathedral some of the precious altar which gutted the church,

area lately, have turned from doing wrong, but because they

under the main altar until 1938. the blaze in the rear of the chan- the New Year's Day holiday sea. the minds of many people Mon-Then their bodies, along with cery and asked if there was any- son at 3:10 p.m. one floor at a day, after fire destroyed St. Pat- Are there many fire-bugs? No

One of the state's leading psy-

fires is very complex.

Such a person might be men- better, and you set fires, you're tally ill in the technical sense, one kind of a menace or an-This kind of fire-bug would not other. know right from wrong. Often Might Be Seasonal he believes he has done the right Could there be any connection thing in starting a blaze, Some between the Christmas season times he thinks his acts are "the and the two church fires? Yes, A man carrying a Bible and "They know why. Just ask commandment of God". He some- there might be. Some persons a newspaper was taken into them," he replied. He said he times stays at the scene of the suffer from "counter-reaction"

The ordinary pyromaniac how- season might be a time that es-A dramatic reconstruction was Napper found him trying all "I came here to do a job," he ever is not mentally ill in the pecially incites their hate.

Some 500 steel cylinders were by police as they pushed their "I don't want to talk to police- This kind of arsonist suffers fires. (Actually, the psychiatrist sunk under the foundations, investigation into the two 3- men. I want to talk with either from some personality trait dis- told The Courant, "mad" is prob-They were forced 70 feet down alarm fires at St. Patrick's a priest or a minister," he add- order. He usually has some kind ably not the right word for him. of obsession. He may like crowds He too is probably "unsane" or The suspect gave his name as and set fires to see people gath- abnormal, rather than mentally

The New York firm of Spenters, were wearing red jackets, were cer, White and Prentis, which later restored the underpinnings of the White House in Washington, did the job.

Bishop Maurice F. McAuliffe headed the diocese during this headed the diocese during the diocese du

wardly aggressive. But they

Are there many fire-bugs? No, that of Bishop Michael J. Tier- one there who could accept de- time. The last floor of employes rick's Church and St. Joseph's fortunately. Arson is most common in persons less than 15 years old. Starting fires is very common among children three and four years old. Here it is not necessarily abnormal, but a na-Naturally, the whole subject of tural fascination with fire. Chilwhy people go around setting dren don't know any better. But

The cathedral served a huge custody Monday afternoon for came from Maine, but he reparish within whose horders questioning about church fires fused to give any other into the reparish within whose horders questioning about church fires fused to give any other into the reparish within whose horders questioning about church fires fused to give any other into the re-

carried out in the cathedral be- the doors at the Shiloh Baptist added. "You find out." technical sense. He knows right Churches would be a natural obtween 1937 and 1939. The huge Church on Albany Avenue. Policeman Napper took the from wrong. He is abnormal, but ject of their distike. structure was settling danger- The suspect, who at first re- man to the detective division if you class people as insane, un- As for the "mad bandit", it is ously because of faulty subsoil. fused to give his name to police, where he was questioned further sane and sane, he would be in very unlikely he would turn from was one of seven men picked up without results, the unsane class, not the insane, robbery and murder, to setting

Five men, three of whom James M. Windridge, 30, of no er. He may feel that somebody ill technically. He knows right

One of the other suspects The other suspect was picked commit arson because of a sense. The bandit, therefore, can be the cathedral.

The twin 150-foot towers had the other making a seph Cathedral fire was picked up by Policeman nuli at the scene of the St. Jo
On the other hand, therefore, can be expected to keep up his bandinuli at the scene of the St. Jo
On the other hand, some ar
try. Gain, loot, is what urges been intended to carry steeples, remark in a nearby drug store seph Cathedral fire wearing a sonists, far from feeling import- him on. Shooting is his way of

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shal George F. Kennedy and de- The exact amount of fire in- Both Aetna Caşualty and Ag-The lighting was done over, Policeman Napper's suspect tectives had already launched surance coverage on St. Joseph ricultural have substantial porwith lights installed in the 90- went to the Baptist Church an investigation into the fire at Cathedral could not be clearly tions of their policies reinsured. These policies cover the established Monday night.

On his third trip, the police- Chief Godfrey said the inves- The Rt. Rev. Msgr. William building and contents as well McGuinness and Walsh of man took him into custody and tigation would continue through J. Collins estimated that about as statutes and paintings. Boston, foremost Catholic brought him to Police Head- the night, Today at 11 a.m. three 80 per cent of the losses would In addition, Aetna Casualty holds a \$295,000 marine policy members of the State Police Fire be covered by insurance.

It is understood from insur- on the Cathedral which covers whose father's firm, Wise and Upson, did the general contract
Upson, did the general contract
Whose father's firm, Wise and Cide." Napper told Lt. Joseph agogues were covered by local amounts to about \$2,000,000 and the state of the st ance sources, however, the stained glass windows and agogues were covered by local amounts to about \$3,000,000. Travelers Holds \$100,000

clutched his Bible and news- were received Monday after- a major loss as a result of the policy on the Cathedral which fire. Companies holding policies covers fine arts, stained winon the cathedral have large por- dows, ornaments, etc.

Holds Master Policy

ance Co. Half of this total, or \$1,015,- scene of the fire today or Wedday night appearing to be safe sons watching the flames con- body's secretary, pointed. 000, however, is held by Agri- nesday to estimate losses. They

"He'll know what to do. Give York.

Despite the large loss, no one The Travelers Fire Insurance insurance company will suffer Co, also holds a \$100,000 marine

tions of them reinsured with Both marine policies of Aetna other firms, both local and out Casualty and Travelers Fire are reinsured by other companies. It is understood Phoenix Fire Holding a "master fire" in- Insurance Co. and Hartford surance policy of \$2,030,000 on Fire Insurance Co., are among the Cathedral is the Aetna the reinsurers of fire policies. Casualty and Surety Co., an Insurance spokesmen here inaffiliate of Aetna Life Insur- dicated that insurance adjusters and claim men will be at the

just puffed from the roof of the looked back at the flames and fire policy is held by a New services and adjusts claims for

Governor Expresses His Sympathy; Deeply Grateful, Says Archbishop

Gov. Ribicoff issued the following statement Monday on the destruction of St. Joseph Cathedral by fire. "In behalf of the people of Connecticut and myself,

personally, I wish to extend our deep sorrow and sympathy to Archbishop Henry J. O'Brien and his entire archdiocese on the tragic fires at St. Joseph Cathedral and St. Patrick Church. Not only those of the Roman Catholic faith, but the entire Connecticut community suffers by the destruction of these historic churches. It is our hope that they will be restored at an early date. I urge people of all faiths to join together in making contributions to enable the rebuilding of these churches and their reestablishment as part of the religious and spiritual life of our state." Archbishop Replies

The Most Rev. Henry J. O'Brien, archbishop of Hartford, replied to Gov. Ribicoff Monday night:

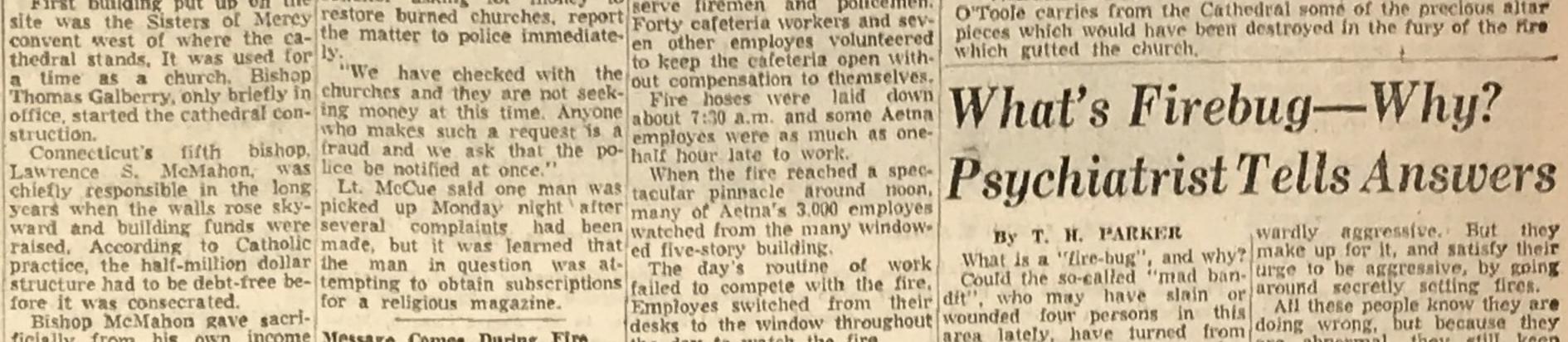
"Your kind message of sympathy in the tragic loss visited on us in the destruction of our historic Cathedral brings us great consolation. We are particularly moved by your saying that the bunring of the mother church of the archdiocese is a loss to the Connecticut community as a

bors generally, makes our burden easier to bear. From our fellow citizens in every walk of life and every faith have come spontaneous expressions of sympathy and offers of assistance. For them and for your own kind message, we are deeply grateful. It will be a matter of pride to every citizen of the com-

"The knowledge that our grief is shared by our neigh-

munity to see St. Joseph Cathedral rise from its ashes, With the help of God, it will,"

go." she said, "It's frightful." lics. It is now the central edific "What'll I do?" he asked no- "They'll never save it now," the woman was still saying.



HAVERFORD, Pa., Dec. 31 at 2 p.m. in the Lakeville Metho. Spruce St., Manchester, pro-former chairman of the dec. Salishum Salis former chairman of the de- Salisbury Cemetery, Mrs. Bartle cry for 35 years, died Monday FORECASTS partment of chemistry at Hav. suffered a heart attack as she erford College, died of a heart alighted from a train in Fairattack today at his home on the field after visiting friends in J. James V. and Frank A. Hartford, Conn., Dec. 31, 1956

A native of Canada, Dr. Mel-Ralph E. LaFleur University, where he also re- Ralph E. LaFleur, 54, of the York City; three brothers, An- thony Iuliano of Hartford and Temp. (deg. F.) 12 Science, He taught at McGill, Rocky Hill, died at Rocky Hill Frank and Joseph Iuliano, both Bar. Pres. at S. L. Montreal Technical Institute, Veterans Hospital Sunday. He of New Haven, and five grand-Harvard and Vassar before he was born in Montpelier. Vt., children. He was a member of joined the Haverford faculty in Aug. 12, 1902, Mr. LaFleur was the Holy Family Retreat 1917 as an assistant professor, a carpenter and an Army vet- League, the Italian American

Farnum Professor of Chemistry. two brothers, George W. La- of Manchester, Funeral arrangedepartment in 1953 but continued LaFleur of Hartford; and a Quish Funeral Home, 225 Main department in 1953 but continued to teach until last year, when he retired because of illness. Dr. Westbrook, Me. Funeral services will be held Wednesday Prof. K. A. Damon authored six chemistry text-

Ralph D. Stauffer

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 31 Mrs. Hedwig H. R. Fay electric and gas utility business West Hartford, widow of George ufacturing firm.

Men England Clas and Electric Colonie, N.Y., May 8, 1881, South Prospect St., died at St., Normal degree days same per-Assn. Service Corp., and chief and Ida Schubert Reinhold, and was born in Poland and lived Precipitation Summary

Mrs. Elizabeth Bettridge

girls of that era, died Sunday at the Sourdiffe Convalescent Steve P. Matsikas Home where she had resided in recent months.

death. She appeared in the 1909 in Hartford 14 years. Until his Wethersfield Ave., with a soland 1910 Follies. The Follies be- illness six months ago, he worked emn requiem mass at SS Cyril gan in 1907.

Fennell.

7 to 9 p.m. today.

Funeral Home from 7 to 9 p.m.

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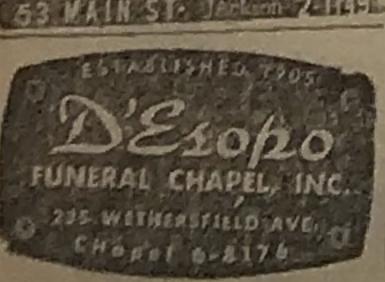
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Obituary

Miss Elsie S. Bartle

Funeral services for Mrs. El-day from 7 to 10 p.m. and Wed-tonight, the low 5 to 10. sie (Stephens) Bartle, 63, house-nesday, 2 to 10. mother at Mount Holyoke Col-lege, who died Sunday in Fair-

7 to 9 p.m.

for more than 30 years, died to- H. Fay, died at Hartford Hos- day.

Dital Monday morning after a Nicholas Borawski Stauffer was the president, brief illness. She was born in Nicholas Borawski, 68, of 48 through Dec. 30, 929, New England Gas and Electric daughter of the late Robert H. Francis Hospital Monday. He iod 1060.

BENNINGTON, Vt., Dec. 31 Burial will be in Grove Hill Hartford. He leaves his wife, 1 through Dec. 30, 41.46 inches, himself on the road side of the stitute here, UP) - Mrs Elizabeth August Cemetery, Rockville, Friends Mrs. Rose Dominik Borawski; Total precipitation for same pipes where he could not have

in Bellows Falls, Vt. He was a and Thursday from 2 to 5 and World War I veteran. He leaves 7 to 10 p.m. three brothers in Greece; a sis-ter in Greece; three nephews, Chester J. Harris

newlay, 8,15 a.m. from the Newkirk Spyro Spyracopoulos of Hartford. River, Mass., Sunday, after a Wash. and Whitney Funeral Home, 318 Burn- Funeral services will be he ld long illness. He was born in Central side Ave., East Hartford, followed by Funeral services will be he ld long illness. He was born in Central a solemn requiem mass in St. Mary's Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. at the Brooklyn, N.Y., Feb. 20, 1891. Chicago Church at 9 a.m. Interment. St. Taylor and Modeen Funeral He leaves his wife, Mrs. Mary Mary's Cemetery. East Hartford, Home, 233 Washington St., with Becha Harris of Hartford; and a from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. today. a service at St. George's Greek son, Brother Joseph Harris of Appeal From Verdict Joseph Guarmaccia, husband of will be in Soldiers Field, North- diana, Funeral services will be Halted by Settlement Maria (Cammeri) Guarnaccia of 121 wood Cemetery, Wilson. Friends held Thursday at 8:15 a.m. at

the Newkirk & Whitney Funeral tional Church, and was active Richard E. Tourtellotte Home, 318 Burnside Ave., East Haritery. East Hartford Friends may call two brothers, William Engle of formerly of Hartford and Union- said she sustained an injury to cluded WAF A-2/C Florence A. at the funeral home from 3 to 5 and West Hartford and Oscar F. ville, died suddenly Sunday at the shoulder and aggravation of Hogan, flight a ttendant, of MATRIKAS, In the Veterans' Marnital ters, Miss Minnie O Engle, He was born in Providence, R.L., Counsel for Mott's filed an ap-Newington, December 31, 1936. Steve Miss Helen G. Engle and Miss June 15, 1916, son of the late peal on the grounds that the ver- More than a million copies the Funeral services from the Taylor & Bessie M. Engle, all of Hartford, George and Mary Hurley Tour- dict was against the weight of 972-page novel, "Forever Am-Modeen Funeral Home, 233 Washing- and Mrs. Charles Jones of Weth- tellotte. He was an Army vet- evidence. Judge John J. Cotter ber," have been published. Authwith services at St. George's Greek ersfield. Funeral services will eran of World War II and a refused to set it aside. with services at St. George's Greek be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. former communicant of St. The appeal was vacated when \$200,000 for the movie rights. There Held Northwood Come at the Morrison W. Johnson, Mary's Church, Unionville, He Wilson, Friends may call at the Inc Funeral Home, 749 Albany leaves his wife, Mrs. Beulah

Clarence S. Elliott

long illness. He was born in Hangen Funeral Home, 111 Bakersville, N.C., and had lived Main St., Unionville, Wednesday in Hartford for many years be- from 7 to 10 p.m. fore moving to Meriden 27 years ago. He was a graduate of Hunt- Mrs. John McGinley singer Business College, and was Mrs. Gertrude Strickland Mcformerly employed at the Aetna Ginley, wife of John McGinley and Orient insurance compan- of Pasadena, Calif., former vice ies in Hartford. He was a mem-Morrison W. Johnson, Inc. ber of the Fourth Congregational in New York City of Travelers Church of Hartford and a form- Insurance Co., died Monday er member of its choir. He morning after an illness of sev-leaves his wife, Mrs. Bessie eral weeks. The couple lived in Taylor & Modeen two sons, Everett of San Fran-was daughter of the late Mr. of Middletown and three grand- of New London. Funeral servsons. Funeral services will be ices will be held at St. Mark's held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Episcopal Church at Alpadena, Flatow Funeral Home, 48 Cooke Calif., Thursday. Time and M. Miller of the Center Congre- at a later date. gational Church will officiate.

day from 7 to 9 p.m.

Walter Anisko St., died Moretay at St. Francis jewels from a home here, Hospital. He was born in Po- Police said Joseph Fernandez, land, May 21, 1891. He worked 24, was held in \$50,000 bond. for the Connecticut Co. as a me- Some of the loot was found Frichanic. Mr. Anisko lived in New day in a small safe taken from Britain 30 years, moving to the home of Mrs. Anna Roessler. Hartford 20 years ago. He leaves It had been dumped over a 30his wife, Blanch Verkin Anisko; foot embankment in a park. a daughter, Mrs. Anthony Zim- Police said Fernandez had sky of Waterbury: two sisters, been free in bail on Christmas out of state; a nephew, the Rev. after being arrested and charged

96 Webster St.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at 8:15 a.m. from the Weather, Tides Finley Funeral Home, 500 Farmington Ave., with a solemn mass at Holy Trinity Church at 9. GOVERNMENT FORECAST

Iuliano, all of Manchester, and (Time is Eastern Stan'd Time) Anthony F. Iuliano, of Spring- Temperature Summary field. Mass.: a sister, Mrs.

In 1926 he was made John eran of World War II. He leaves Club and St. James' Church, all a.m.

authored six chemistry text- at 8:15 a.m. at the Rose In NEW YORK, Dec. 57, asso-He leaves his wife, three Rocky Hill, with a requiem mass clate professor of speech at 1932. scientist sons, and a daughter, ington at 9. Burial will be in Friday in the Bryn Mawr Pres. Rocky Hill, Friends may call byterian Church.

at St. Mary's Church in New-City College and a member of the speech department for 32 parts. Highest temp. since Jan. 1, Nair. Price of the speech department for 32 parts. Highest temp. since Jan. 1, Nair. Price of the speech department for 32 parts. Highest temp. since Jan. 1, Nair. Price of the speech department for 32 parts. Highest temp. since Jan. 1, Nair. Price of the speech department for 32 parts. Highest temp. since Jan. 1, Nair. Price of the speech department for 32 parts. Highest temp. since Jan. 1, Nair. Price of the speech department for 32 parts. Highest temp. since Jan. 1, Nair. Price of the speech department for 32 parts. Highest temp. since Jan. 1, Nair. Price of the speech department for 32 parts. Highest temp. since Jan. 1, Nair. Price of the speech department for 32 parts. Price of the speech department for 32 parts. Highest temp. Since Jan. 1, Nair. Price of the speech department for 32 parts. Price of the speech department fo at the funeral home today from Avenue residence last night.

He was also president of a Accumulated departure from In Death Of Worker New York chemical firm, and normal this month, through Dec. In Death Of Worker a director of the Bowser Inter- 30, +126. Belmont, associated with the Fay, 75, of 22 Kingston Ave., Ind., and Chicago, a pump man- 1 through Dec. 30, 2292.

engineer of New England Gas lived in Hartford and West Hart- in Hartford 53 years. He was a Precipitation Dec. 31 to 7:30 crew of the Forestville Con- Institute Honor Roll and Electric Assn. subsidiary ford 34 years. She leaves a son, retired employee of the Colt's p.m. .04 inches. George H. Fay of Newington; Patent Fire Arms Manufactur- Total precipitation this month along the north side of Duncan Includes 6 in Area A native of Reading, Pa., and a daughter, Mrs. Raymond ing Co. Mr. Borawski was a through Dec. 30, 4.80 inches. Street, Bristol. Stauffer was graduated from F. Varley of West Hartford. Fu- member of the Polish National Total precipitation departure Schaefer said Lucier was neral services will be held Wed- Alliance, Group 464, the Polish from normal this month through working in an area between the ford area were among those on took the lives of 168 persons. nesday at 2 p.m. at the Fisette National Home, and the Polish Dec. 30, +1.61 inches. Funeral Home, 20 Sisson Ave. National Democratic Club of Total precipitation from Jan, "Lucier could have placed roll of the State Technical In- tal Dec. 24, 1945. Twenty-two Bettridge, 73, of the early Zieg- may call at the funeral home five sons, Frank Borawski of period last year 62.88 inches. been reached by the shovel feld Follies girls and billed as today from 2 to 4 and 7 to 10 South Amboy, N.J., and Myron Connecticut River stage at 8 rig," said Schaefer. Borawski, Henry Borawski, a.m. 4.8 feet. George Borawski and Bruno Tides Jan, 1, 1957 Borawski, all of Hartford; a Steve P. Matsikas, 66, of 6 brother in Poland; a step-sis-She was known on the stage Foot Guard Pl., died Monday ter in Poland; and a grandson, At New London morning at Veterans Hospital in Funeral services will be held as "The Girl with Three Dimp- morning at Veterans Hospital in Funeral services will be held les" and was a member of the Newington. He was born in Friday at 8:30 a.m. at the Wasz-Follies Club at the time of her Greece, Jan. 11, 1890, and lived kelewicz Funeral Home, 43 At Saybrook as a machine operator for the and Methodius Church at 9. New Departure Co. in Bristol, Burial will be in Mt. St. Bene- At New Haven Mr. Matsikas was a member of dict Cemetery. Friends may call Her maiden name was Bessie St. George's Greek Orthodox at the funeral home today from Church and the American Legion 6 to 10 p.m. and Wednesday

GAGLIARDI, In East Hartford, Dec. 29, John L. Matsikas, John K. Mat- Chester J. Harris, 65, of 831/2 St., husband of Mrs. Arma (La Guld. sikas and Peter K. Matsikas, all Lafayette St., died at Rose Haw- N. Y. ice) Gagliardi Funeral services Wed- of Hartford; and a niece, Mrs. thorn Lathrop Hospital in Fall Phila.

Engle of Bloomfield; four sis- his home near Frederick, Md. a hearing defect. Ave. Burial will be in Pittsfield Shelton Tourtellotte; a son, Cemetery, Pittsfield, Mass., at Richard Tourtellotte of Hartthe convenience of the family, ford; a daughter, Miss Barbara There will be no calling hours. | Tourtellotte of Hartford; and two aunts. Miss Carrie Hurley and Miss Elizabeth Hurley, both Clarence S. Elliott of 264 Lib- of Hartford. Funeral services erty St., Meriden, died late Sunat a place to be announced. day at Meriden Hospital after a Friends may call at the John A

(Goodrich) Elliott of Meriden; Hartford for many years. She Ave., Meriden. The Rev. Ray place of burial will be announced

Burial will be in Still Hill Ceme- New Haven Man Held tery, South Glastonbury. Friends In \$6,000 Jewel Theft

NEW HAVEN, Dec. 31 (A) -A New Haven man was charged with burglary and theft in the Walter Anisko, 65, of 143 Fern Christmas Day haul of \$6,000 in

Chester Klimowuz of Grand Rap- with 12 counts of burglary in ids. Mich.; and two grandsons, connection with other cases

CH 9-5681

Jo All-Happy New Year! FARLEY FUNERAL HOME

Burlal will be in Sacred Heart Local: Fair and cold today Cemetery, New Britain, Friends and Wednesday, high today in may call at the funeral home to the middle 20s, Fair and colder Connecticut: Fair and cold today and Wednesday. Fair and

29.54 29.42 29.52 Highest Temp.* 24 at 2:40 Lowest Temp.* 10 at 12:15

Mean Temp. 17. Normal Temp. 28. Degree Days* 48.

("based on temperature observations to 7:30 p.m. Highest Temp, year ago 29. Lowest Temp. year ago 12.

Total degree days this month,

9:15 a.m. 3:15 a.m. 9:48 p.m. 3:54 p.m.

10:15 am. 4:15 a.m. 10:48 p.m. 4:54 p.m. 10:59 a.m. 4:48 a.m.

11:27 pm. 5:21 p.m. Dept. of Commerce Report

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by the parties. by the Hartford law firm of Co., \$74,125.

Lowest temp. since Jan. 1, 1. Coroner Clears Man

Normal degree days same per- for the Nov. 20 death of a con- ness block, \$75,000. 26, of Bristol.

of the steam shovel and storm \$5 million, struction Co. installing pipe

rear of the cab hit Lucier. that the death of Arthur Lucier Herbert B. Pingree, 47 East- cost \$150,000, hit businesses in "Upon all the evidence, I find was not caused by any criminal view St., Hartford.

Stamford Girl Survives Mr. and Mrs. Albert Johnson, Temp. Crash In Saudi Arabia

work crew," said the coroner.

5 31 Charl'ton 48 64 BAHREIN, Dec. 31 (A)- Mr. and Mrs. John Lata Sr., 539 54 69 Blinded by a fog, a big U. S. Air Woodbridge St., Manchester. 22 21 N. Orl'ns 50 74 Force transport crashed in Sau-21 45 di Arabian sands and burned \$250,000 Peru Award last night only 1,000 yards short 30 57 St. Lou. 36 46 of a safe landing at the Dhahr- Won by Engineer Rocy Mount, an airfield. Air Force spokesmen 29 34 Denver 34 57 said 15 persons were killed and LIMA, Peru, Dec. 31 (AP) -26 injured.

miles from its home base at tery. Adelaide Street. Funeral Wednesday may call at the funeral home the Fisette Funeral Home, 20 Settlement for an undisclosed Charleston, S.C., for the MiliSisson Ave., with a solemn reamount has halted an appeal to tary Air Transportation Service. of the University of California Sisson Ave., with a solemn re- amount has halted an appeal to tary Air Transportation Service. of the University of California

emn requiem mass in St. Augustine's Mrs. Louise A. E. Brandow ception Church at 9 a.m. Burial in Mt. St. Mrs. Louise A. E. Brandow ception Church at 9. Burial will from a \$21,000 verdict returned military personnel to Dhahran, engineer for the Morrison Benedict Cemetery. Friends may call at the chapel today from 2 to 5 and 7 to 10 p.m.

Mrs. Louise Alma Engle Brandow of 107 Blue Hills Ave., Glastonbury. Friends may call spring.

By a Superior Court jury last one in the global chain of American strategic bases. The Dhahran one in the global chain of American strategic bases. The Dhahran one in the global chain of American strategic bases. The Dhahran one in the global chain of American strategic bases. The Dhahran one in the global chain of American strategic bases. The Dhahran one in the global chain of American strategic bases. The Dhahran one in the global chain of American strategic bases. The Dhahran one in the global chain of American strategic bases. The Dhahran one in the global chain of American strategic bases. The Dhahran one in the global chain of American strategic bases. The Dhahran one in the global chain of American strategic bases. The Dhahran one in the global chain of American strategic bases. The Dhahran one in the global chain of American strategic bases. The Dhahran one in the global chain of American strategic bases. The Dhahran one in the global chain of American strategic bases. The Dhahran one in the global chain of American strategic bases. The Dhahran one in the global chain of American strategic bases. The Dhahran one in the global chain of American strategic bases. The Dhahran one in the global chain of American strategic bases. The Dhahran one in the global chain of American strategic bases. The Dhahran one in the global chain of American strategic bases. The Dhahran one in the global chain of American strategic bases. The Dhahran one in the global chain of American strategic bases. The Dhahran one in the global chain of American strategic bases. The Dhahran one in the global chain of American strategic bases. The Dhahran one in the global chain of American strategic bases. The Dhahran one in the global chain of American strategic bases. The Dhahran one in the global chain of American strategic bases. The Dhahran one in the globa Albany Ave., after she slipped foot runways and facilities for Home, 318 Burnside Ave., East Hart ford. Interment, Hockanum Ceme in church activities. She leaves Richard E. Tourtellotte, 40, in the store Aug. 21, 1953. She Surviving crew members in don in April, 1957.

or Kathleen Winsor also got

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Six Major Church Fires Church, Joint loss.

March 2, 1831 — False and Gray, auto manufacturers, buller explosion, 12 killed and 21 injured.

Jan. 22. 1838 — Willis Thrall, screw factory, Filgh Street, \$112,000. Feb. 3. 1884 - Colt's Armory, \$2,000,000. Dec. 21. 1873 - Colt's Willow Works, have been six major church ing block at New Park Avenue fires in Hartford-two of the and Park Street. A \$50,000 Jan. 24. 1873 - St. Patrick's Catholic churches were hit by fire twice.
Church, Church Street, \$100,000. Jan 24, 1887 - Hartford Public High In terms of building damage, magnesium blaze hit the ware. however, the St. Joseph Cathe-house buildings of Suisman and July 7, 1884 - South Congregational dral fire surpasses al building Blumenthal, scrap metal dealers, Church, Main Street, \$18,000.
Jan. B. 1887 — Sawyer's store, \$59,000, Problem damage is astimated at December 1956 had three Feb. 18, 1889 - Park Central Hotel, Building damage is estimated at

over \$5 million. Nov. 4. 1894 - Neal, Golf & Inghis Co., is St. Patrick's Church, Church and St. Joseph's, about a week July 2, 1902 — Capewell Horse Nall Street, gutted Sunday morning, ago a three-family house at 18-Co., Governor St., 3500,000. Its damage totals over \$250,000. 20 Blue Hills Ave, esulted in a June 28, 1907 — Central N. E. Rall-Feb. 21, 1914 - Union Station, \$160,630 damage on Jan. 24, 1875.

Feb. 28, 1914 - Auditorium Building, Blaze in 1955

Day, Berry and Howard, while July 3 1926 - Hartford Retreat, one Church, It was a total loss when March 13, 1888, and was gradu-Record high this date 63 in the store was represented by May, 1927 - Clarkin Field baseball it burned March 27, 1853. the Hartford law firm of Pel- Dec. 4, 1928-Hotel Trumbull, \$51,857. grift, Dodd, Blumenfeld and Nov. 7, 1930 - I. Wise, 943-45 Main Street, \$58.811.

July 6. 1944-Ringling Bros. circus 1864. Coroner Louis W. Schaefer Nov. 15, 1949 - Arsenal School, about G. Fox & Co. blaze on Jan. 29, the city's Church Council. He Belmont, associated with the Mrs. Hedwig Hattie Reinhold national Corp., of Fort Wayne, Total degree days since Sept. Monday absolved a Forestville Dec. 9, 1849 — Cleveland block, 561 1917. It cost an estimated \$700, worked for the Kelsey Paper Co. Steam shovel operator of blame Jan, 13, 1852 - Albany Avenue, busi-

Church, \$30,000. when crushed between the rear Dec. 31, 1956 - St. Joseph's Cathedral.

Six students from the Hart- Barbour Street on July 6, 1944 the recently announced honor Another fire costly in human

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St. Patrick's suffered \$100,000 two-alarm blaze. C. C. Tressler Funeral Jan. 29, 1917 - G. Fox & Co., Main St. The third most recent church To Be Held Wednesday fire was a \$50,000 blaze at the May 19, 1917 - Loydon, Northam & South Congregational Church on The funeral of Charles Cur-Dec. 11. 1817 - R. S. Peck Co., \$77,000. June 30, 1955. South Congrega- tis Tressler, 68, a onetime prom-

have taken more lives.

The flames that roared

through the Ringling Bros.,

Barnum & Bailey circus on

persons lost their lives in that

the Cleveland building block.

During 1956, just ended

there have been a number of

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During the past century, there ber gutted an office-store build.

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the Talcott Street Catholic He was born in Dalmatia, Pa.,

> ated from Kutztown Teachers Until Monday's fire at St. College and Lehigh University. A Joseph, the costliest building former resident of East Orange, damage conflagration was Colt's N.J., and Darien, he came to May 22, 1934 - Barney Rapaport to- Armory, which was valued at Windsor eight years ago. \$2 million. It burned Feb, 5, When living in Windsor, Mr. Tressier was a deacon of the Dec. 24. 1945 - Niles Street hospital. The third major fire loss in First Congregational Chruch of

multi-alarms. In addition to the

Hartford's fire history was the Windsor and was chairman of of Middletown, A half-million dollar fire at He leaves his wife, Mrs. Mabel struction worker, Arthur Lucier, June 30, 1985 - South Congregational the Capewell Horse Nail Co. on Flynn Tressler; a daughter, Mrs.

Governor St. occurred July 2, Jeanne Owen Fish of Hardin, Lucier was fatally injured Dec. 30, 1936 — St. Patrick's Church, 1902. It is now fourth on the Montana; and a granddaughter, list of major Hartford fires, Miss Sheila Owen of Boston, Other fires, although some Mass. what less costly in building loss,

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Fire's Fury Brings A Double Tragedy

No lives were lost. That is the only comfort in the twin tragedies that, in hardly more than a single day, destroyed Saint Patrick's church and that historic heart of Roman Catholic worship in Connecticut, Saint Joseph's Cathedral. It is of course possible that separate causes could set fires, in somewhat similar manner, in two churches of the same denomination, in the same city, at virtually the same time. If so the arm of coincidence is long. It hardly seems that this could be anything but the work of one or more arsonists.

All those who yesterday morning saw first penetrating smoke and then those angry, orange - red flames burst from the windows, then from the apse, then from the facade, finally to leap through the roof in a holocaust of incredible ferocity, stood in awe of the destructive power let loose. Hartford has the best of modern fire-fighting equipment. Yet the mighty streams of water pumped high on the flaming Cathedral were pitiful in their feeble inadequacy to the maring fury. It is a marvel that the walls and towers of Saint Joseph's still stand. This might have been the work of one of war's four horsemen.

If this was not just blind accident, what could move a human being into depths low enough to set in motion such destruction? There isn't any rational explanation. The fact that the flames were set to two houses of God makes it all the more sickeningly incomprehensible. If this twin tragedy is the work of human hands, it is the work of madness. No punishment is adequate, nor indeed will it even be helpful. It is simply that the culprit or culprits must be found, and put out of circulation.

When the second fire struck yesterday City Manager Sharpe and Chiefs Thomas and Godfrey moved swiftly to protect other churches, lest this happen a third time. Other Connecticut cities likewise took protective measures. Looking back, one can see how at least the second tragedy might have been prevented. Yet now there is no use in looking back. Just as on the very morning of the Saint Joseph's fire Archbishop O'Brien had planned a survey of the damage to Saint Patrick's, to look toward rebuilding, so now must the work go forward with them both in redoubled effort. If neither church can compare in antiquity with the historic cathedral monuments of Europe, nevertheless the years had encrusted them with a history and meaning of their own. The entire city, and indeed the towns round about, will feel in their hearts sympathy for the parishioners and clergy of the diocese. So, too, all will now look toward the day when both Spint Patrick's and Saint Joseph's have been rebuilt more gloriously than ever.

An Eisenhower Doctrine For the Middle East

Today is a holiday for most Americans. Not so for the President and leaders of Congress, For the President is to brief the legislators on the Administration plan for stand-by authority to use arms to defend Middle Eastern countries if need be, and to build them up economically if they wish, Already skeptical questions have been asked in Washington, some of them partisan but some not. And abroad there are doubts over whether this is some new imperialism.

It isn't. Nine years ago, likewise under the grim circumstance of a threat of Soviet advance, President Truman launched aid to Greece and Turkey with similar briefings to Congress. His action became known as the Truman Doctrine. This was because it bore some similarity to that declaration of December 2, 1823, known to history as the Monroe Doctrine. The Monroe Doctrine notified the nations of Europe that we would consider any attempt by them "to extend their system to any portion of this hemisphere as dangerous to our peace and safely." Now, in view of Soviet actions since the war, we deem it dangerous to our peace and safety to have Russia leapfrog into the oil-rich and strategically important Middle East. Yet it may not be easy to convince the world of the necessity of our doing this, and of our lack of aggressive design.

The Monroe Doctrine itself was prompted in part by Russia, because Russia then held Alaska, and sought to keep even Americans out of settlements in what is now California. President Monroe sought to preserve, as was quite natural, the central portion of the North American continent for expansion by a young nation that actually covered only the eastern seaboard. Now, however, we are trying to keep Russia from expanding in an area not far removed from its own borders, though halfway around the world from our own.

We may expect that, when Congress meets, the President will spell out the reasons before all the world. It is something that must be done, and both our Allies and the Asian-African nations should understand. It is only an extension of the Truman Doctrine in contiguous territory but under new circumstances. We shall be offering military aid only to countries that want it. In the second place the emphasis on economic rehabilitation should show that we are helping, not trying to acquire some modern-day colonies. We seek only to keep Russian colorialism out of the Middle East. Ard, with the example of Hungary fresh in mind, the world should understand that,

Finally, Secretary Dulles yesterday explained to Secretary Hammarskjold of the United Nations what we plan. It is important to work with the United Nations. For there is a risk of war in the military part of the Administration plan, as there was in the similar warning on Formosa two years ago. Yet that kept peace in the area. Moreover, in the Middle East as elsewhere the United Nations cannot act without leadership, Free world leadership today can come from only one place - Washington. As with the Monroe Doctrine, this new plan is courageously firm. Yet it is one that could do much to bring stability and peace. The New Year is dawning on a note of hope.

Ferment in the South

In Florida a bus franchise has been suspended to thwart desegregation on buses. In Alabama, large numbers of Birmingham Negroes defied the city's segregation laws to ride in seats usually reserved for whites, Some 18 riders there were immediately arrested. And in Montgomery, Alabama, where court order has forbidden segregation, apparently the new era of anti-Jim Crow is blooming fast and without

To those who love peace at any price this ferdisorder. ment may seem foreboding. Actually it is healthy, for the reason that the old order is now being challenged by a new generation of Negroes. In Montgomery it is the Reverend Martin Luther Ming. In Bir-

mingham it is the Reverend F. L. Shuttlesworth, 34year-old minister whose home had been bombed just a few hours before he led the desegregation, It might be noted that this clergyman took his first desegregated ride to a hospital to visit his daughter who was being treated for burns.

The real tragedy in the crumbling of the old, Southern way of life lies not in the plight of the Negro, who is patiently claiming his right as a human being. Rather the tragedy lies in those sad people who try to cling to a way of life that is doomed. It is doomed because those who are now born in the South will grow up, not in the settled traditions of Jim Crow, but in an environment in which that theory has already been repudiated in many communities and threatened in others. So at worst, the doom of the Southern class system is inevitable, by the passage of time if nothing else.

Its doom is inevitable also because educated leadership has now emerged among the Negro people. Fortunately for all of us, these leaders have embodied the best qualities of their race and their struggle for equal treatment has been remarkably free from violence on their part. Indeed, in the face of bombings and other violent depredations the Negroes of the South have given their white brothers a lesson in Christian forbearance.

These local ferments, in Florida, Alabama, and elsewhere are all parts of the same healthy picture. If the Negro were docilely accepting his lot as second-class citizen, and was not struggling upward, then we would have cause for concern. These current struggles are a tribute to the Negro's faith in the American system and in the ultimate triumph of justice. And it is a good thing for us that this belief has not been utterly destroyed. Then we would have a real problem.

Happy New_Year

There are all kinds of variants to the New Year's greetings. Some people wish you a prosperous new year, others a healthy new year. But certainly a happy new year is the thing to be striving for. This is more inclusive, for by implication at least if you are happy you must be both prosperous and healthy. So a Happy New Year to all our readers.

The relationship between those who make this page and you who read it is invisible but real. It is a little like those one-way windows in which the people on one side can be observed but cannot look back. But though our readers are invisible we are always conscious of their presence - sometimes acutely so. They do not breathe hotly down our collective necks as we write but - and fortunately. too - they are not loathe to call us and give us a piece of their mind. And they write us, too.

Let us hope that in the coming New Year this relationship will widen and deepen. Let us hear from you. Disagree with us as you will. Denounce us if it moves you to do so. And if you are moved to praise, you may be sure the words will fall on grateful ears. But of all things, continue to read. And so, with every expression of high regard for you, our readers, and for your rights and your opin-

Why Is Anyone Prone to Communism?

ions, we again wish you: Happy New Year!

Shortly before Christmas, Federal Judge Alexander Holtzoff made a disparaging comment on the education of young scientists today. He said it looked as if the younger generation of scientists was prone to yield to the blandishments of communism. This has been resented by several, who point out, first, that most young scientists these days are going into highly classified government work only after severe clearance investigations by the FBI that prove the Communist virus hasn't made much headway; and second, that such comments are only likely to discourage a quest for scientifically trained manpower, which the country so desperately needs.

It was natural to resent what looked like a slur. But Judge Holtzoff has made a point that deserves analysis. Many of the technically trained youth of the past decade-and more-have shown only a dim grasp of the political factors of the modern world. Atomic scientists admit they awakened to a new world of politics with the invention of the bomb, and the clear misunderstanding of its potential by so many people. Dr. Oppenheimer, the clearest example, testified without compunction that he had been utterly naive in his exposure to Communist causes. And a Senate subcommittee lat weekend made the point that this is not restricted to one group alone; the failure of troops in Korea to understand democracy and withstand Communist blandishments in the prison camps is testimony that something is

One fault could clearly lie in education. The liberal arts are those that emphasized the verities of life and trained men's minds for life, but the liberal arts have been neglected in our rush to a technological world. Modern sociologists also note that as a people we have often relegated politics to the back of our minds, content to think about new automobiles, tranquilizing pills, our jobs and the rising standard of living. We oppose communism but not everyone knows what it is; most are content only to know that it is brutal and a ruthless way of life.

A lack of education in political science and historical traditions leaves people with only a partial shield against communism. If they cannot be attacked, they can be deceived. Some groups are special targets for such deception and young scientists have been among them. But only an infinitesimal number succumbed. The same is true of the number of soldiers who yielded to Red arguments in the prison camps, despite the committee's condemnation of all small acts of collaboration. This is no reason to be complacent, however, about training youth for the future. There are many steps that must be taken, from respecting the talented intellects, to providing a sense of values and understanding, if we are to improve the educational system while meeting the challenge that is already upon us. A better introduction to the basic facts of science, as two Yale professors suggested Sunday night, may also improve the armor of our citizens against the decisions they may have to make in this modern world.

- * Washington sources see little chance for a tax cut in 1957, which will come as a shock to whoever thought there was a chance for a tax cut in 1957.
- Although there were more marriages this year than ever before, the divorce rate was up, too. Cupid must be using those new, humane-type arrows which merely stun.
- # British members of Parliament threaten to punish a cartoonist for contempt. In this they differ from the American politician who, if the drawing is insulting enough, frames the original on the office wall.

Just in Passing



The People's Forum

Choose Your Path For 1957

To the Editor of The Courant: We approach a New Year. It is a fitting time to sit in the silence and to take inventory of self; to note above all our purpose of being in life's training school for the first few ticks of cosmic time allowed us on this earth. To some New Year's time

is a period of self-indulgence, for many think that this is the only life. But in the silence man learns that life is eternal, and as such, one prepares for a better life hereafter. One resolution is important.

That is the resolve to ask the

Creator each new day that we

may be of service to mankind and

of use to Him who gave us life. Every disappointment can help to purify the soul, build character, stamina and strength. It is never our trials that destroy us but our lack of understanding in meeting them. When we lose our defiance, our rebellion, our selfpity, and know that life is eternal and see the good in every man, we hold the key of such dynamic power in our hands that seeming difficulties will melt in-

My New Year's wish to all is that we think of peace, forsake greed and hate, and instead Just Think Good, and bespeak good of everyone we converse about, for in this way we tune in with the intangibles not visible to the eye or ear. Seeking love and performing good deeds are life-giving forces that heal us and those around us. No man is all good,

stantly.

no man is all bad. To those who fail to act each day as God would say our actions meet with His approval one is reminded of the words of Shakespeare, "All is but toys, renown and grace are dead, and the mere lees are left this empty vault to brag of."

Anticipate health, think of and seriously project all that is good for you and yours. For thoughts are things. Every thought and every spoken word goes forth. Good ideas help one; evil thoughts boomerang and harm one. Choose your path for 1957. It is up to you to gain mastery of your soul.

Aaron G. Cohen

Need to Restrict the Use of Alcohol

To the Editor of The Courant: At this holiday season, let us consider one of the paradoxes of our modern age, the overwhelming number of mental patients in a land progressive in every way except in the use of alcoholic beverages. Dr. Walter C. Alvarez, nationally known medical specialist, recently said that the biggest problem facing us today, short of elimination of war, is what to do with the vast number of mentally maladjusted

The time has come when "every other hospital bed in the nation is occupied by a mentally ill person, and for every patient hospitalized, there are 20 outside with mental troubles." He firmly believes that heredity plays a significant role in this

growing problem. Some research has been done and certain European doctors have brought us the facts concerning "Brain Ruined Children of Alcoholics." Dr. Sicard de Planzoles of the Sorbonne and Director of the Fournier Institute, Paris, tells us that, "Alcohol coagulates albumen, as is proved by adding a little brandy to the white of eggs. The protoplasm of every cell in the body can be altered in structure and disturbed in function by alcoholic drink."

He says: "The hereditary consequences of alcoholism are of all the most dreadful. Not only

Laughing Matter

"Herbert, I want you to meet Miss LaTour-okay-that's near enough."

do children of alcoholics die prematurely in great numbers, but those who survive are most often weak and degenerate, doomed to nervous and mental sickness, epileptic, unbalance,

criminal "Alcohol heredity is one of the most evident causes of antisocial tendencies - idleness, indecency, dishonesty, lack of discipline - all that leads to disorder, violence, felony and crime. Eighty per cent of young criminals and 60 per cent of idiots are victims of their parents' alcoholism. The more a nation is alcoholized, the greater its criminal population.'

"The Handwriting is on the Wall," as it was in the days of Belshazzar, King of Babylon. Civilizations have fallen from the evils within, and it may happen again. We hope this New Year will find a whole world of new ideas brought to light on this subject and people will see the light, as we pray for peace and good will in the hearts of all mankind.

Nonna Burgess Moore Hartford

Hopes Through Trucks Will Be Banned Soon

To the Editor of The Courant:

Since White Street has been designated a through truck route, residents have become increasingly disturbed over the unabated truck noise day and night. These monstrous vehicles have no place on residential

streets. They are a hazard to health, happiness, and safety. White Street has the second steepest hill in the city. Many grinding trucks can scarcely make the grade, causing impatient drivers to pass them on a hill against oncoming traffic. Is it any wonder that our City Council clamped a truck ban in response to increasing protests? Congratulations to Mr. Kinsella

and the Council. The Brown and White Streets route is an east-west freight way, and a dangerous one. Trucks on these residential streets are depreciating millions of dollars worth of residential property. We have been very democratic in our protests in past meetings with City Manager Sharpe. We hope that Mr. Sharpe will mightily defend the City Council's decision of December 27 and restore peace

of mind to us. Vincent T. Mulready Hartford

A Chapel Is Lacking at Cheshire Reformatory

To the Editor of The Courant: Being among a group of boys invited from Saint Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield to sing midnight Mass at the Cheshire Reformatory, I was surprised to find the lack of a chapel in such an institution. Mass was said in the auditorium.

I agree that the conditions were not intolerable, but the arrangement of the seats proved somewhat of a difficulty. It was impossible to kneel at all during Mass, a ceremony during which the greatest amount of time should be spent kneeling. I know that in a penal insti-

tution construction of new buildings or any extension is always a problem. However, these boys need as much spiritual guidance as they can get. Certainly the state should investigate the matter, for a chapel would be a great benefit to boys of all faiths. George McKee

Manchester

Places to Send Christmas Cards

To the Editor of The Courant: Don't throw away the Christmas cards you receive. Hospitals, orphanages, missions, etc., will be glad to get them. Some of the places you can send them are: St. Ann's Indian Mission, Belcourt, North Dakota; Holy Ghost Fathers, St. Mary's Church, Tuscaloosa, Alabama; Oblate Sisters of Providence, 501 East Chase Street., Baltimore 2, Maryland.

I am making a wholesale collection here, and will distribute them to these institutions. I am sure they can find good use for them.

John Battista

No. 16,152 Box 145 Wethersfield 9

The Needle's Eye-

Old Woman and the Sea

By Jack Zaiman

Key Biscayne, Florida - The Sans Souci, a good-sized fishing craft owned by John Radell, slowly made its way out of the small harbor on the west side of this island.

Overhead the sun shone brilliantly, but a brisk wind whipped up tiny waves that indicated there were bigger ones where we were going. Radell sald it probably would be choppy 10 or 15 miles out on the Atlantic where we were heading on a deep-sea fishing expedition.

Soon we were heading east and. presently the skylines of Miami and Miami Beach came into view. For Key Biscayne, population 3,500, lies off the Florida mainland to which it is connected by the Rickenbacker Causeway (25 cents toll). Once you get out into the Atlantic the coast of Florida comes into view.

Our expedition had been organized by Mrs. Radell, formerly of Marlborough, Connecticut, who moved here with her husband four or five years ago. She is a former member of the executive board of the Hartford County Republican Women's Association and was very active in G.O.P. activi-

She had called us on the telephone up near Hollywood, where we are staying. "Bring old clothes," she said. So the Mrs., Judy, and I took off on the hour's automobile ride to Key Biscayne adorned in shorts and slacks Soon we were on the Sans Souci with Radell, Roger Isleib, formerly of Marlborough, and Phil Aparo of Glastonbury, Isleib's son-in-law. They were in bathing trunks.

Now the craft began to cross the reefs to the east of Key Biscayne. Isleib, Radell's brother-in-law, was at the wheel. Radell kept an eye on the channel. We sat at the rear of the vessel, watching the activity.

Pretty soon the water began to get really choppy. The Sans Souci bobbed around. They slowed down the speed somewhat to ease the impact of the waves against the craft. Other fishing vessels were nearby, heading in the same direction. Some passed us; others stayed at about our pace. Off in the distance, out to sea, were huge freighters and oil tankers heading south along the coast of Florida, We came close enough to them later to make out their passengers,

"Watch the water start getting blue," said Radell. "We're getting into the Gulf Stream." Soon the water changed from green to blue. "Look," exclaimed Radell. "You can see bottom." We looked overboard. There was the ocean floor 40 or 50 feet below, clear to the eye ...

Now Radell busied himself with the fishing lines. He had a pail half-filled with water, Long, slender fishes that he called "ballyhoo" were in the pail. These he used as bait, chopping off their long, needly snouts. Out went the lines, one from each side of the Sans Souci, and the waiting began. As we went farther and farther out

into the Atlantic the choppiness sub-

sided. Now there were only goodsized swells. The beach skylines hardly could be seen, Isleib piloted the craft this way and that, while everyone sat, stood, and waited. A bunch of sea gulls started fluttering around

an area 100 yards away. "Where there's birds, there's fish!" exclaimed Radell as Isleib pointed the vessel toward the birds. Other fishing

craft in the area headed for the same section. The fishing line, with the ballyhoo attached, floated far to the rear, The waiting continued. Suddenly, one of

the reels made a thing was at the end of the line! Radell leaped to the line, removed the fishing pole from its socket, and braced himself to keep the line taut, "It's a good one," he shouted, "You take it," he

yelled at the Mrs. They gave her a leather belt in which to insert the fishing pole and soon she sat on the engine hatch, gripping the line.

"Reel it in, reel it in!" shouted Ra-The Mrs. used her right hand to turn the little crank while her left hand held on to the bending pole. I could see she was having a tremen-

dous job turning the crank, "Wow," she exclaimed. "It feels like a whale on the end of this line!" Slowly, with extreme effort, she turned the crank. She made slight progress, "What's out there?" I shouted at Radell. "It could be anything." he shouted back, "dolphin, barracuda,

sailfish — anything," Isleib had, by now, slowed down his speed to a mere dog paddle. The Mrs. struggled on with the line, cranking it slowly with the heaviest effort, Her arms began to ache, she explained later, and her muscles begged for rest.

"About how far out is it?" I shouted at Radell "Maybe 100 yards," he yelled, "but I can't see what it is. "Hey," the Mrs. exclaimed sudden-

ly. "Somebody take this line. It's too

much for me. Radell grabbed it. Standing, with muscles bulging all over him, he began pulling in the fish. Isleib turned the San Souci this way and that to help Radell. Soon the fish could be seen. It was a whopper. Aparo took the line, while Radell reached over the side with a long, hooked pole and gaffed the fish. It flopped into the

"A grouper," shouted Radell, "a big grouper! About 25 pounds!" "Boy," said the Mrs. "It felt like a thousand pounds!"

Isleib picked up speed, Radell put another ballyhoo on the line, and the waiting began anew.

Middle East Declaration

By Walter Lippmann

The declaration which the President will submit to Congress is, it is plain enough, only a first installment in a reappraisal of our course in the Middle East. As disclosed to the leading correspondents in Washington, Mr. Dulles is proposing not to announce a new "doctrine" but to restate and reaffirm and emphasize the Truman Doctrine as applied to the Middle Since 1947 it



mental American policy to oppose with force. if necessary, any military aggression by the Soviet Union. Mr. himself frequently reaffirmed this policy in very strong language, notably in his fa-

has been funda-

mous statement of March 20, 1954 when he declared that "there should be a capability for massive retaliation without delay" against the capability of the Soviet Union "to strike by land at any one of approximately 20 states of Europe, the Middle East and Asia." How, then, has it come about that

the policy needs once again to be reaffirmed? It has come about because of the tone of the political campaign and the position taken by the government in the Middle East and in the Hungarian crisis which broke out in the closing weeks of the campaign.

A net impression has been created especially abroad, that the President is a pacifist, and that on many issues of the Middle East, which are of vital concern to Europe, he is a very considerable neutralist. The impression is no doubt false, and those who have the impression would find it hard to cite chapter and verse to support it But there is no doubt that in greater or lesser degree the impression exists in every foreign office in the world. It has been fed by the Republican campaign oratory about Eisenhower as the guardian of peace. But what has given the impression its greatest impetus is the way the Administration has during the autumn crises followed along behind the majority of the General Assembly of the United Nations. When that majority was willing to be strong, as against Britain and France and Israel, we have been strong. When that majority was acquiescent, as against the Soviet Union and Hungary, we have been acquies-The net result has been to spread

the view that in the Middle East the Copyright 1957, New York Herald Tribune, Inc.

President would do nothing to oppose the Soviet Union or to stabilize peace unless he got a vote authorizing him to do so from the U.N. As the Soviet Union has a veto in the Security Council, and as the Afro-Asian bloc has a veto in the General Assembly. we seemed to be saying that our interest in the Middle East was not to

be taken too seriously. The first object - I won't say the only object - of the new resolution is to correct and repair these impressions - to make it known that President Eisenhower has not repealed the Truman Doctrine, and that this country has not signed over to a majority of the General Assembly its role in the Middle East.

Although I am not myself an admirer of broad generalized resounding declarations as an instrument of diplomacy, there is no doubt that the impression created this autumn is so mischievous and dangerous that a Congressional declaration may be necessary. Certainly, if the President asks for such a declaration, it cannot be refused without compounding the confusion.

But let us have no illusions that

such a declaration will somehow con-

stitute a new Middle East policy and will replace the one which has collapsed in ruins. A warning to the Soviet Union not to intervene overtly may conceivably be needed. It probably can do no harm. But such a warning does not come to grips with the real problem of Soviet penetration, as it is posed in Syria and more particularly in Egypt. If Nasser wants to make a working alliance with the Soviet Union, how, unless you overthrow Nasser, do you solve the problem? Indeed, were it not for the need to correct the impression of weakness created during the autumn, the new declaration now would have the air of being bold and definite about what is least likely to happen - an open Soviet aggression - and of being vague and indefinite about what is happening — Soviet penetration. It is as if a man found himself challenged to a bout with a heavyweight boxer, and, being asked how he expected to fight the match, replied: If that so - and - so brings a gun into the ring, I promise you that I will

There is not much doubt that a resolution which is a commitment against overt aggression will pass Congress. The serious debate will be about what in the way of military force is to be authorized to deal with Soviet penetration. On this, the crucial point, we do not yet know what the Administration has in mind.

Grandchild Report

By Christopher Billopp

Nothing so touches the heart of a grandparent as to have someone say, "Now tell me all about your grandchildren." It is a request that is

readily granted. The report will begin with the oldest grandchild and work down to the youngest. It will include an account of schools attended, examinations passed, special skills and bright say-

While the report is being made the grandparent will reflect on the fine qualities of the person who requested it. The thought will occur that most people are concerned only with their own affairs and are not interested in

the affairs of others. So the person who made the request is a rare individual indeed.

get my gun and shoot him.

Such interest indicates unusual thoughtfulness. It is evidence of a generous and unselfish nature. No wonder the person in question has so many friends and is so highly thought of in the community.

Asking after grandchildren is a courteous gesture which encourages the grandparents to go on with the narrative, enlarging on the first bare outlines, filling in details that were omitted in the first general survey.

Finally, when the ground has been thoroughly covered and there is nothing more to say, the person who requested the report will have made a most favorable impression upon the grandparent.