

# Ridpath Hotel In Spokane Destroyed By Fire

SPOKANE, Wash., (P)—A million-dollar hotel fire was controlled in the early hours after a six-hour fight by 230 firemen.

More than 250 guests and permanent residents of the 200-room Ridpath hotel in the center of the city business district fled from the building or were carried to the streets. The adjoining Halliday Hotel—a six-story structure with 85 rooms—was evacuated when flames threatened it.

A Red Cross emergency center said it had checked in more than 250 evacuees without a report of serious injury.

Estimate of the damage was made by an established Spokane realtor and business properties manager. Theodore Galland said the damage might run more than \$1,000,000. Representatives of the Ridpath were not available for confirmation of the financial loss.

Fire chief James Blamey described the central section of the "L"-shaped hotel as "almost a total loss."

Firemen said it was "a miracle" that the flames had not spread from the sprawling Ridpath to the Halliday Hotel it joins on two sides. The Ridpath covers nearly half the block.

A radio station (KXLY) in another building was broadcasting a flame-by-flame account of the fire when firemen ordered the entire block evacuated. The giant draft created by the fire threw a pillar of smoke hundreds of feet in the air. Sparks and burning debris fell over a wide area of the business district.

Even after the blaze was believed under control near midnight, firemen continued to pour tons of water on stubborn spots of flame.

The fire was first reported at

# Judge Denies Dismissal Motion In Contempt Case

WASHINGTON, (P)—The government today completed its case in the contempt-of-court trial of John L. Lewis' United Mine Workers.

The UMW moved for a dismissal of all the contempt charges brought because the coal miners have flouted a Feb. 11 court order that they return to work.

Judge Richmond B. Keech denied the motion and told UMW attorneys to go ahead with their defense.

Welly K. Hopkins, the miners' chief counsel, contended the government testimony was insufficient to prove the charges of contempt. He said it did not show any actual participation by the union in the continued strike. Hopkins has repeatedly argued since the trial began that the miners have quit work by individual decisions and that the union is in no way responsible for the work stoppage.

Keech said only: "I'll deny your motion."

Before the court session, Hopkins told reporters he would not need much time—less than a full day—to present the defense.

Keech is hearing the case without a jury.

It is estimated that a well managed farm pond can produce as much meat per acre as the same area devoted to pasture.

7:30 last night.

The shooting flames attracted thousands of spectators. National guardsmen with helmets and rifles were called to help keep back the crowd. Firemen were afraid the brick walls might collapse. Occupants of buildings across the street were told to leave as a safety measure.

# AKB-50

The call letters of Radio Station WXLN have been changed and will henceforth be known as AKB-50.

- Wednesday, March 1, 1950
- 5:00 p.m.—News—Short Wave
  - 5:15—Music of the Masters
  - 6:00—Just Jazz
  - 6:30—This Is The Story
  - 7:00—Number Please
  - 8:00—Henry Morgan
  - 8:30—Hollywood Music Hall
  - 9:00—The Great Gildersleeve
  - 9:30—Pat Novak For Hire
  - 10:00—One Night Stand
  - 10:30—G.I. Jive
  - 10:45—Words with Music
  - 11:00 p.m.—Sign Off
- Thursday, March 2, 1950
- 7:00 a.m.—Morning Melodies
  - 7:15—Morning Devotions
  - 7:30—Sunrise Serenade
  - 8:00—Gary Moore
  - 8:30—Not So Quiet, Please
  - 9:00—AFRS Sports Reel
  - 9:15—Melody Roundup
  - 9:30—To be announced
  - 10:00—Jack Berch
  - 10:15—Chiquita
  - 10:30—Platter Previews
  - 11:00—Personal Album
  - 11:15—Strike Up The Band
  - 11:30—I. & E. Special
  - Noon—Luncheon Turntable
  - 12:30—Album Music
  - 12:45—At Ease
  - 1:00—Around World In History
  - 1:15—Jack Smith
  - 1:30—Yesterday's Best
  - 2:00—Matinee Melodies
  - 3:00—Name It For A Song
  - 3:30—Musical Varieties
  - 3:45—Album Music
  - 4:00—Vocal Spotlight
  - 4:15—Second Hand Juke Box
  - 4:30—To Be Announced
  - 5:00—News—Short Wave
  - 5:15—Music of the Masters
  - 6:00—Gene Autry
  - 6:30—American Heritage
  - 7:00—Number Please
  - 8:00—Johnny Fletcher
  - 8:30—Hit Parade On Parade
  - 9:00—Jimmy Durante
  - 9:30—Inner Sanctum
  - 10:00—One Night Stand
  - 10:30—G.I. Jive
  - 10:45—Words with Music
  - 11:00 p.m.—Sign Off
- Friday, March 3, 1950
- 7:00 a.m.—Morning Melodies
  - 7:15—Morning Devotions
  - 7:30—Sunrise Serenade
  - 8:00—Gary Moore
  - 8:30—Not So Quiet, Please
  - 9:00—Zeke Manners
  - 9:15—Redd Harper
  - 9:30—To be announced
  - 10:00—Jack Berch
  - 10:15—Bob Carlton
  - 10:30—Platter Previews
  - 11:00—Personal Album
  - 11:15—Remember
  - 11:30—I. & E. Special
  - Noon—Luncheon Turntable
  - 12:30—Album Music
  - 12:45—At Ease
  - 1:00—Around World In History
  - 1:15—Jack Smith
  - 1:30—Yesterday's Best
  - 2:00—Matinee Melodies
  - 3:00—Name It For A Song
  - 3:30—Musical Varieties
  - 4:00—Jo Stafford
  - 4:15—Second Hand Juke Box
  - 4:30—To Be Announced
  - 5:00—News—Short Wave

Waiter—Tea or coffee?  
Diner—Coffee without cream.  
Waiter—I'm sorry, sir, but you will have to take it without milk. We don't have any cream any more.

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2 Shows, Fri., 7:15 and 9:00 p.m.  
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# CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Chamber of Commerce held its noon luncheon on Tuesday with Arco Saario, president, presiding. It was announced the suggestions boxes which have been placed at the Board of Trade, Polar Bar, Glue Pot, U. S. Mercantile, Federal Bldg., Bering Sea Club, Polaris Bar, N. C. Store, and Hospital have already been used and several good ideas have been submitted which will be announced later.

The Planning Council received ordinances from the Fire Underwriters for zoning, and other fire preventives for the city which have already been accepted by the Nome Fire Department Volunteers, the Planning Council, and were adopted by the Chamber. They will now be submitted to the City Council, and if accepted and made into law will result in a much lower fire insurance rate, as well as a safer place in which to live. The united efforts of the Chamber, Planning Council and City hope to bring this issue to completion.

It was announced that the March meetings of the Chamber will be as usual on Tuesday noon, but for the month will be at the Polaris Coffee Shop. The Board urges and invites all interested citizens as well as visitors in the community to join them in these meetings.

President Saario reported progress on the membership drive.

Charles O'Leary reported on the prospectors aid program which exists but which is not used as much as it should be.

A discussion followed on the use of natural gas at Barrow and the possibility in the future for

# Narcotics Informer Shot To Death

FRESNO, Calif. (P)—Abraham Davidian, narcotics ring informer, was "wiped out" here yesterday as he slept on a sofa in his mother's home.

Davidian, 29, was shot through the head. The body was found by Mrs. Rose Davidian, his mother, when she returned from work at a packing house late yesterday.

State and federal authorities immediately began a roundup of 13 indicted members of a purported state-wide ring against whom Davidian was to have testified next month.

Abraham Davidian and 15 others were indicted by the federal grand jury in Los Angeles last January 19. They were charged with operating a heroin supply ring that covered California and had connections from Mexico to Canada. Davidian supplied much of the information on which the indictments were based.

His killing, officials indicated, just about wiped out the government case.

"The whole case hinged on Davidian," said Col. George White, director of the San Francisco federal narcotics bureau.

Musk rats are important fur animals in hot Louisiana and frigid Alaska.

the piping of it to this part of the Division.

It was announced that the number one project for the new Board will be the development of more roads in the Second Division, regardless of the recent announcement from the Alaska Road Commission that Second Division will get but little this year.

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