

(EXCLUDING CIGARETTES.)

THE BATTALION

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25 Killed As Fire **Guts Cafe**

by terrible bit, the story developed Wednesday of what happened when a flash fire turned a plush penthouse restaurant into a death trap for 25 persons 10 floors above the street.

But the key question remained unanswered: What caused the fire which spread so swiftly through Dale's Penthouse Tuesday night?

"We're trying to arrive at that by the process of elimination," said Fire Chief W. T. Mallory, still shocked by the worst fire in the city's history.

The death toll included Sidney Zagri of Washington, a top official of President James R. Hoffa's Teamsters Union. Also killed was a former member of the Alabama Public Service Commission, Ed Pepper, and his wife,

Another victim was Mrs. Jack Doane, wife of the sports editor of the Montgomery Advertiser. She worked as a hostess at the fashionable restaurant, located on the roof atop the 10-story Walter Bragg Smith apartment hotel in the downtown section of the city.

Restaurant employees, and diners who escaped, said the fire started about 10 p.m. in a cloakroom. It rapidly gained headway and raced out of control through the dining room.

There was no immediate explanation for the deathly speed with which the flames engulfed the restaturant.

Some diners escaped by elevator, but a power failure soon cut off that avenue of escape. Others tried to reach a stairway to the floor below, but flames blocked that exit. Still others smashed windows and crawled onto the roof where they huddled in subfreezing weather until firemen rescued them after the flames subsided.

"It was all of a sudden," said John English, part owner of the restaurant. "There was no panice There was just a lot of flames all of a sudden. There was little

Alabama Journal reporter Bill Thomas got into the restaurant while flames were still shooting skyward.

Thomas wrote: "Metal beams were twisted; windows gone or melted; the floor was charredeverything was charred."

Gov. Lurleen Wallace sent a message of comfort to grieving relatives of the victims. She said she shared with the people of lontgomery a "deep sense of distress and shock."

Zagri was chief lobbyist for the Teamsters Union. A native of California and a graduate of the University of California and Harvard law schools, he was hired by the teamsters 10 years ago for a legal assignment when Hoffa was under investigation by a Senate committee. He staved with the union as its legislative director.

CE Head's Book **Gets Publication**

Dr. C. D. Holland, Chemical Engineering Department head, is the author of a new book published by Prentice-Hall Inc. of Englewood Cliffs, N. J.

"Unsteady State Processes with Application in Multicomponent Distillation" is Dr. Holland's second book. "Multicomponent Distillation" was published by Prentice-Hall in 1963.

Dr. Holland said his new 369page book, suitable for use in graduate courses or by practicing engineers, is based primarily on results of graduate theses and student papers written at A&M during the past four years.

According to Holland, the book's major theme is concerned with setting up and solution of equations that describe fundamental processes such as mass transfer that occur within a distillation column and determine its dynamic behavior.

Dr. Holland said the book is particularly timely because of increased emphasis on the control of processes in today's industry and the wisdom of the engineer's giving as much consideration to the dynamic behavior of processes as he once gave to their steady

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