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Fires still blazing on the West Coast

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VENTURA, Calif. — Firefighters battled at least 16 brush fires covering more than 90,000 acres throughout California today. Residents fled threatened homes and fire authorities worried that their forces were stretched to the breaking point.

On the scene of the most serious fire, a force of 700 men and women labored to hold back a 20,000-acre reservoir of flames from the coastal city of Ventura and the nearby towns of Ojai and Santa Paula.

The fire, about 60 miles up the

coast from Los Angeles damaged one house, several outbuildings and vehicles, and damaged about 85 acres of citrus groves, including trees bulldozed to make a fire break.

Firefighters prepared a last ditch fight in Aliso Canyon, six miles west of Santa Paula, but the winds ceased and the eastward spread of the fire fell a mile short of the canyon.

Two firefighters were injured. One suffered second and third degree burns and was hospitalized, while another broke his toe.

The rapidly shifting night winds — the "sundowners" of the South-

ern California coast — aggravated the problem of containing the fires, still classified as out of control.

With 3,000 firefighters battling at least three major blazes covering about 45,000 acres in Los Angeles County, County Supervisor Kenneth Hahn signed a county declaration.

He said County Fire Chief Bragdon had warned him that available firefighting resources were committed in the west epidemic of fires.

FDA wants it eliminated

Carcinogen found in beer

United Press International
WASHINGTON — Both the Food and Drug Administration and American brewers say small amounts of a cancer causing agent found in beer should eventually be eliminated.

In the meantime, according to the FDA, the problem isn't big enough for beer drinkers to seek other ways to quench their thirst.

But the Center for Science in the Public Interest thinks the problem is serious enough that the govern-

ment should order brewers to disclose how much of the cancer-causing agents — nitrosamines — their products contain, and give the firms six months to eliminate them.

"Americans are clearly consuming a significant amount of nitrosamines in their beer," said the group, a Washington based consumer lobbying organization. "About 90 percent of U.S. maltsters use a process (direct fire technique) that results in the occurrence of nitrosamines," according to FDA.

Nitrosamines are known carcinogens. In beer they appear as a result when malt is dried in a particular way. They also can result from the preservative sodium nitrite in bacon and other cured meats.

The U.S. Brewers Association said "significant progress" has been made already in eliminating nitrosamines and "an early resolution of the problem is anticipated."

Connally rumors quieted

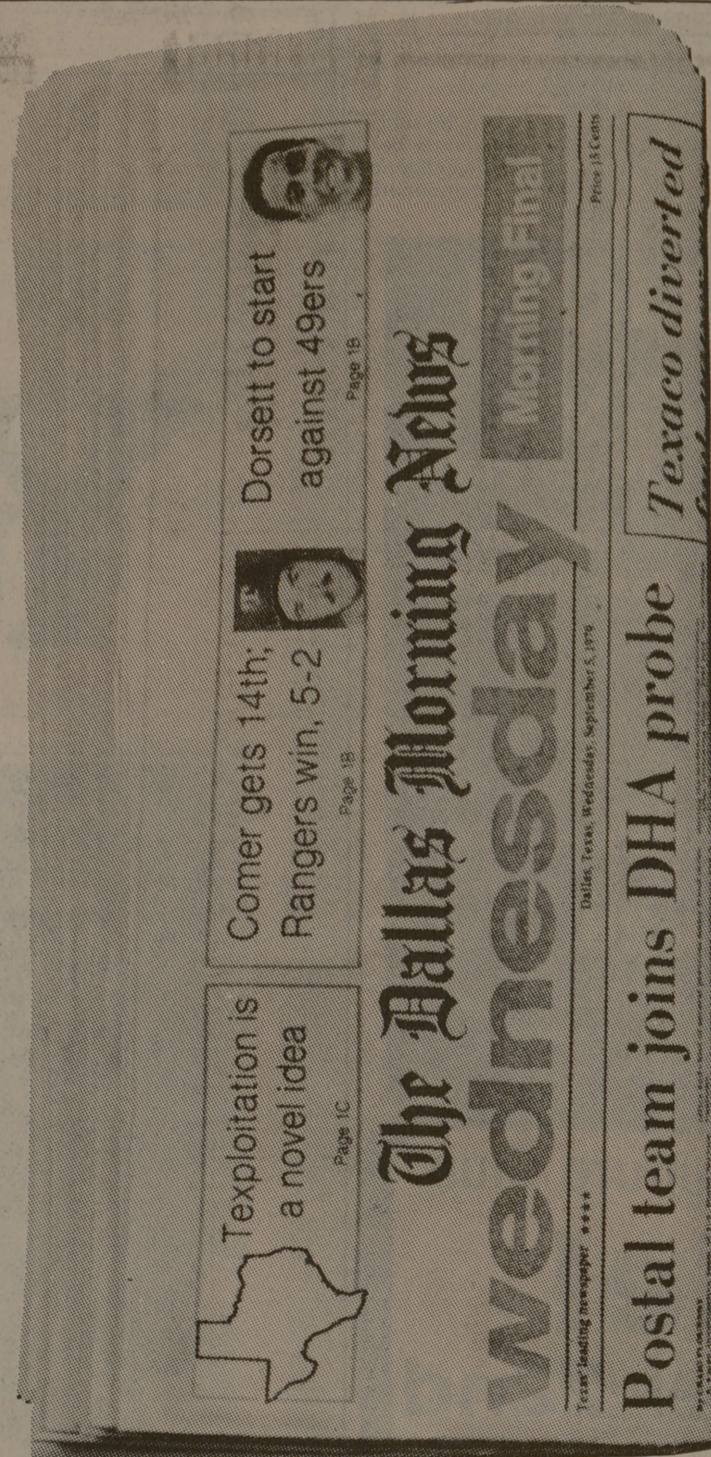
United Press International
WASHINGTON — The Senate Banking Committee has found no evidence former Texas Gov. John Connally used improper influence in granting national bank charters when he was treasury secretary.

Committee Chairman William Proxmire, D-Wis., said Wednesday neither the committee nor its staff is investigating Connally although it

has for a year studied the charting practices of past comptroller-currency.

"First of all, neither the committee nor its staff is investigating Connally," Proxmire said. "The staff has found no showing of improper influence in the granting of bank charters."

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