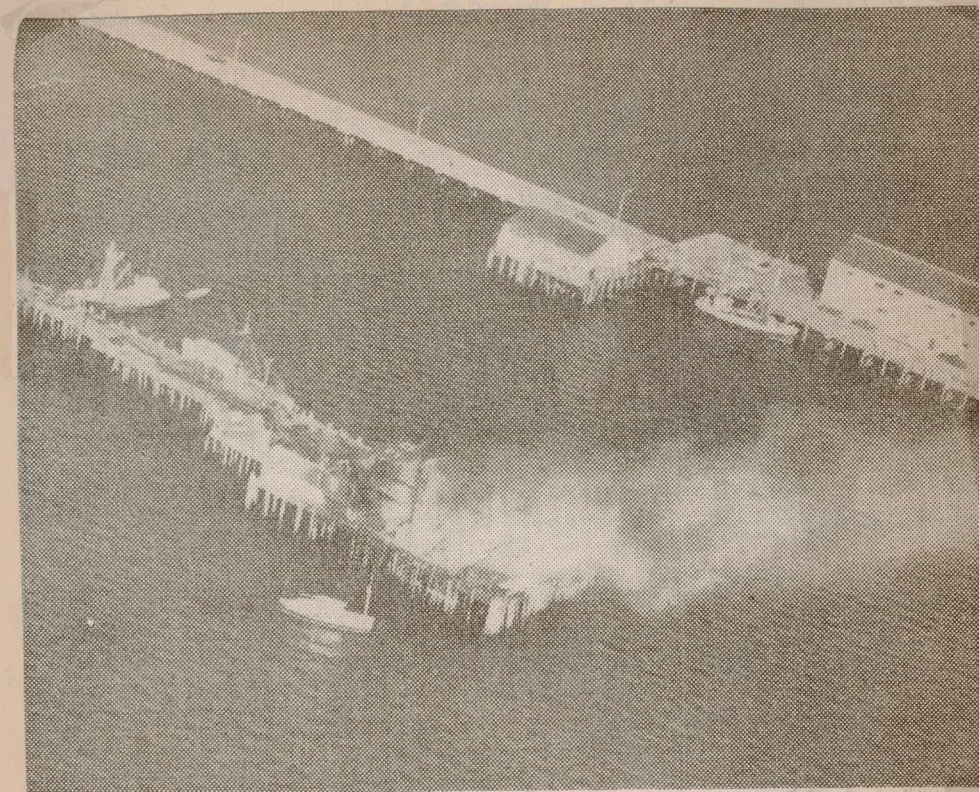
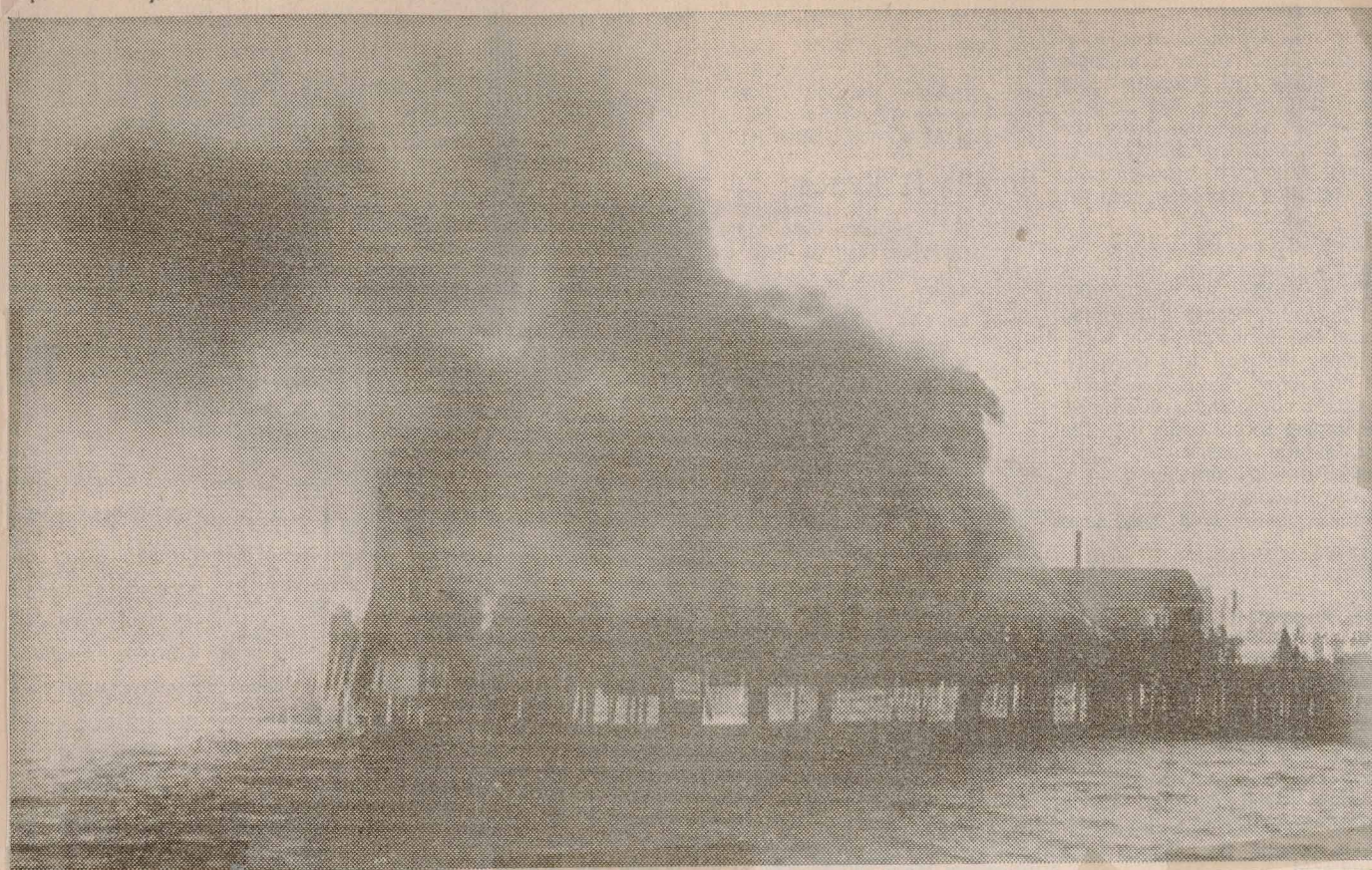


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# \$100,000 Fire Under Provincetown Smoke



(Herald aerial photo by Bill Smith)  
**AERIAL VIEW** of general-alarm fire which on Wednesday destroyed the Scarloff Wharf, Provincetown, with a loss of \$100,000.



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## Decision On Wharf Rebuilding Awaits Figures From Fire Insurance Company

The \$100,000 fire which consumed the 45-year-old fish plant at the end of Monument Dock last week was caused by a defective chimney, according to the report of Provincetown Fire Chief Wilbur Cook and Detective Lieutenant George Killen of the State Fire Marshall's office.

Mrs. Mary Rowe, a member of the corporation which has owned Monument Dock and the fish plant for about seven years, said the company is awaiting figures from the insurance company before deciding what to do about rebuilding.

Only charred fragments of the north wall and some ashes remain of the building and its contents of truck tires, barrels, boxes, nets and twine, owned by the Monument Fish Co., Inc.

Fifteen skindivers of the Underwater Recovery Team of the Boston Fire Department arrived on the scene about noon Wednesday, finding the flames under control,

but breaking out intermittently from the smoldering ruins. After putting on skindiving outfits, two of the Recovery Team, swimming under the dock found that fire had broken out on the pier under the building. From their position in the water, the two skindivers, James Loftees and John Foley, were able to play a stream of water from a hose up into the burning pier planks, extinguishing the fire and preventing its spread to surrounding wharf timbers.

Provincetown firemen also received help from the Fire Departments of Truro and Wellfleet as well as from Race Point Coast Guard Station and from eight members of the Provincetown Junior Fire Department Auxiliary who were released from Provincetown High School to assist in the two-alarm fire. The Red Cross served coffee to firemen on the dock.

There were a total of about 100