

PUSAN FIRE MAKES 26,000 HOMELESS

20 One sixth of the South Korean port of Pusan lies all-but obliterated after the 12-hour fire. It was ⁱⁿ a quarter mainly consisting of wooden dwellings, many of them no better than huts. The plight of ~~the~~ the homeless, estimated at 26,000, is pitiful. To shelter so large a number would be a tremendous problem at any time. Now, with the normal population of 400,000 swollen to almost a million by war-refugees, it's ~~not~~ practically impossible. . The blaze is said to have been started by cinders from a woman's stove. In high wind it spread, uncontrollable as a prairie fire. Only four people were burnt

50 ~~to death and, considering the size of the calamity it's~~ *20000*
~~amazing that no more than a 100 or so are injured.~~

But to survivors this is disaster on a great scale.