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American Brush Fire-

Jan 1st. '57.

America-- Sweeping down to the coast from the Santa Monica mountains, a raging brush fire in three days blackened over 12,000 acres of tinder-dry undergrowth, besides destroying numerous dwellings.

Firefighters fought ~~cooperatively~~ ^{tirelessly} to prevent the flames from spreading to the homes of many Hollywood film stars. In spite of their heroic efforts, over 100 houses were gutted, with fortunately only one ~~loss~~ ^{life} ~~lost.~~ ^{of life.}

Later- not two miles away, a second outbreak (believed to have been deliberately started) enveloped ~~Malibu~~ the township of Malibu, causing a speedy evacuation of the inhabitants. And a state of emergency was declared throughout S.W. California.