

FIRE DESTROYS DUTCH WAREHOUSE

Fire sweeps Amsterdam's Prince's Island. Started in a furniture factory, it spreads across a picturesque part of the old city and envelopes four big warehouses. Eighty fire brigades (many summoned from neighbouring cities) battle to contain the blaze. Thousands of gallons of water are pumped into the flames as smoke threatens to drive back the firemen.

More than a million guilders worth of goods are destroyed in the flames. When the blaze is finally brought under control, only the gutted structure of the warehouse remains. Total damage is set at a quarter of a million pounds.