

SINGAPORE, MALAYREDS DESTROY RUBBER FACTORY

Flames consume the great Aik Hoe rubber factory in Singapore, marked for sabotage in recently captured plans of the Malayan Communist party. Civil, military and R.A.F. fire brigades fight to prevent the flames from reaching beyond the confines of the factory. There is little else they can do. Fanned by strong winds and fed by four-thousand tons of rubber, the fire leaves nothing but the skeleton of this factory. Total damage is estimated at more than a million and a half pounds. The livelihood of nine-hundred workers has gone. It is the latest outrage by fanatics who seek to cast a Red pall over Asia.