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CALIFORNIA OIL TANK BLAZE

Behind protective metal shields, asbestos-clad firemen fight a blaze in an oil refinery in Wilmington, California. The fire starts in an eighty thousand gallon petrol tank, spreads to five others, and endangers 200 more.

American Army, Navy and coastguard are called in to fight the inferno.

By dusk the spread of the flames is checked, but firemen work all night to keep them under control. The damage reaches two million dollars in one of the most disastrous fires the West Coast has ever seen.