

FIRE

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X Behind protective metal shields, asbestos-clad firemen push into the explosive heart of an oil refinery fire in Wilmington, California, a part of the harbor of Los Angeles. Less than a week after the disastrous refinery fire in Newark, an eighty thousand gallon gasoline tank in Wilmington's Union Oil Company explodes in a blast heard twelve miles away. The fire spreads to five other tanks. With two hundred more tanks in danger, the Army, Navy and Coast Guard join Los Angeles and local smoke-eaters in fighting the inferno.

X By dusk the spread of flames is slowed, but firemen fight all night to keep them under control. ~~Six men are injured when a tower here tumbles then over a wall.~~ The damage reaches two million dollars in one of the most disastrous fires the West Coast has ever seen.