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PETROL BLAZE.

At a vast refinery in Pernis, near Rotterdam, petrol tanks blazed for more than 48 hours. The fire followed an explosion in one of the tanks. Flames quickly spread to neighbouring tanks and threatened 800 others close by.

Firemen were kept at some distance from the blaze by the fierce heat. To help them quench the flames, twelve tons of foam compound were flown from London, but damage of more than £20,000 had already been done. Right the way through the night, firemen kept vigil in case other tanks explode.

Only two days earlier another fire at Pernis, destroyed 220,000 gallons of petrol. These two blazes have led police to investigate the possibility of sabotage.