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W.A. BUSHFIRE:

Some of the worst bushfires in Western Australia's history rage through half a million acres of State forest..... fires so fierce that firefighters cannot break through to go to the assistance of threatened towns.

Fanned by strong winds, the fire sweeps through tree tops and undergrowth and in twentyfour hours of terror and disaster more than a thousand people are homeless.

HOUSE: Three timber towns are a mass of charred ruins. In dwelling up more than fifty homes, the Roman catholic church, the State sawmill and sixty cars are destroyed. At Nanga Brook and Holyoake only a few buildings are left standing.

HOUSES:

Rain begins to fall only a few hours after the fire has swept through.... rain which allows weary fire fighters to snatch their first respite for more than thirty hours. But the rain comes too late to save cars and homes and the furniture and belongings of a thousand terrified and exhausted people.

It's a silent town now... a town of charred ruins and smoke.

LOOKING:

Some return after the rain comes to probe the blackened ruins of their belongings and to see if anything can be salvaged.

OFFICE:

Dwellingup has died in a nightmare of fire.... Miraculously no one is hurt, but in property damage this is the worst disaster in the State's history!