

FLASHES

It was like an atom bomb. That was how the Texas oil fire was described by people who saw the ~~fire~~^{flame} and smoke of the first explosion. Four tanks went up in a blaze visible 40-miles away. 19 people were killed, 31 rushed to hospital. As these pictures reach us the blaze is reported under control.

From the Paradise Island of Capri, 18 crack swimmers from nine countries competed in the annual swim to Naples, 20-miles away. They started soon after nine in the morning. The fascination of Capri is a legend. It would be understandable if people so much wanted to get there they'd gladly swim to the island. All these men were swimming away from it. They chose a bad day too. Choppy sea and strong currents made it such hard going, only seven of the eighteen finished the course. Last year's winner Alfredo Camarero was first again; his time, 11 hours 53 minutes. He swam a wonderfully strong finish.

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LIKE AN A-BOMB.....TEXAS OIL FIRE AND BLAST

Near Dumas, in the Texas Panhandle, a spectacular and tragic oil fire. Four tanks exploded sending up an orange fireball, like an A-bomb's mushroom, visible even in Amarillo forty miles away. Nineteen are killed instantly, thirty-one are hospitalized.

The flames are described by survivors as hot beyond belief,

According to local sources the fire started while emergency crews were repairing high pressure tank equipment. There was an explosion and a chain-reaction set off the inferno.

At latest reports the fire is brought under control in this oil field disaster.