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WEST END BLAZE - Outbreak in a three-
story Soho building causes alarm
throughout busy shopping section.
- London -

Pictures: Hearing unusual sounds outside my office window in
Wardour Street, I looked out and saw dense clouds of smoke.

- Police are keeping the huge crowds back but--
- not the Universal News staff. Two operators and myself have taken only seconds to dash here and get pictures for you of this dangerous fire almost in the heart--
 - of filmland. Engines and escapes are still arriving. I am told--
 - there are one hundred and fifty gallons of petrol stored in a garage on--
 - the ground floor. Three men nearly--
 - trapped by flames have just made their--
 - escape over the roof, assisted by firemen who pluckily--
 - cleared the way for them. The short street is now closed from each end. Its causing a lovely traffic jam along Oxford Street. There are still--
 - clouds of dense smoke but the actual flames seem to be getting less. A good sign. And now a fight--
 - through the crowds to get back with the film!