night and tomorrow.

# SCHOOL EXPLOSION TOLL MAY BEACH 500

## SOUTH SIDE Queens Bar Rejects Court Plan; BENNINGER TRANSIT LINE Livoti Nominated for City Judge TOBEBURIE **PUT IN BUDGET**

### City Moves to Appropriate \$16,000,000 to Buy L.I.R.R. Branch

The Board of Estimate was schedort toda; to take first steps to extend rapid transit facilities to the South Side of Queens through the purchase of the Rockaway Beach Division of the Long Island Rail-

Meeting in secret session as the Committee of the Whole, the board yesterday afternoon amended the Capital Outlay Budget to include \$16,000,000 for adding the railroad division to the city's Independent Subway System.

At today's meeting the Board of Estimate is expected to act finally on the outlay budget. The deadline for its adoption is April 1. Move Is Surprise

Coming on the heels of the offithe Independent Subway is to be to three minutes. opened to Jamaica, May 1, the ac- Supporters of the President's

Mayor LaGuardia, it was indi- Hill. view of his elimination of the re- the country should be decided by quest for the purchase of the road justices who are in tune with the n the original capital budget. City Hall observers attributed his approval of the amendment as motivated by a desire to avoid a campaign Issue.

Contingent on Legislation Inclusion of the \$16,000,000 in the outlay budget, it was learned, was TO HOP TODAY made contingent upon passage of legislation at Albany to exempt from the city's \$270,000,000 debt mit the \$39,000,000 bond issue needed to buy the railroad and night that he is "contacting the the world. right people" to support the meas-

mate does not mean the city will three men, two of whom will ac- dent, and Ed Hall, second vicea quire the railroad next year, company her to the tiny Pacific is- president The city is merely thus empowered land, just north of the Equator and to undertake the project if and 1,650 nautical miles away.

### Must Await Repairs

budget subject to a contract be- ones that were pitted by rain.

tal of \$6.185,000 for new schools 30 miles.

Agitation for purchase of the portation in 1933.

### Total Cost \$39,000,000

In that year a report was made road property, after grade crossat \$15.475,000 An additional \$18.639.000 it was said, would be needed for construc-

tion of one-half mile of connecting Work Must End April 3 pervising the station finish. The track in Rego Park, a new Far Rockaway terminal and for equipment to be provided by the city. bringing the total estimated rost of the project to \$34.114.000. This also provide that \$16,000,000,00 for the Long Island Railroad would include \$10,300,000 for its right-of-way plus \$5 175,000 to reimburse for the Under the preliminary agreement

Board of Transportation, the railnad also agreed to accept payment n the form of 50-year city bonds. The Board of Transportation es-

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### 3 Newspapers Suspend As Printers Strike

ders from their international presi- rail and test trains will make end- cars from eastbound to westbound dent today forced three Indiana less trips up and down the Jamaica tracks. newspapers, the Star, the Times, and the News to suspend publica-

Type graphica. Unon headquarters by all in the 200 foot length of the tunnel roof had to be constructed. Miaja's militiamen, they said, place, Maspeth, said his wife com- that few is would asset in breefing the strike 169th street terminal. In this stretch. The Italians fled from Bribuega, plained he threatened her and the be found. streeted by the Indianapel's local. Two 'transportation inspectors. The Van Wyck boulevard station

## Roosevelt Proposal At Hearing in After Debate

A resolution supporting President Roosevelt's judiciary revision program was defeated at a turbulent meeting of the Queens County Bar Association in the County Courthouse. Long Island City last night by a vote of 49 to 26. The lawyers, most of whom are Democrats, argued for almost an hour on methods of procedure before debating the topic. Opponents of the President's court expansion plan labelled it "fraud" and characterized Roosevelt's action in attempting to press passage of the measure as reminiscent of the reign of James II in England and of the

"Bloody Assizes." Proponents of the program described the present courts as "frost-bitten" and as isolated as a

After nearly an hour of discuscial announcement that the Queens sion, the lawyers voted by 49 to 16 houlevard-Hillside avenue line of to hold a debate, limiting speeches

tion of the board to further ex- program were Frank Bellucci, Cotend the Queens line by joining it rona, president of the association; to the Long Island in Rego Park, Charles Belous, Corona, former Queens Fusion leader: Norman Sa-It was learned the resolution lit. Far Rockaway; Maurice Pom-was introduced by Aldermanic pan. Far Rockaway; Joseph Mitch-President William F. Brunner and ell. Jamaica; Assistant District Atsupported by Borough President torney Irwin Shapiro, Rockaway Park, and Henry Otto, Richmond

rated did not oppose the move. In "The questions at issue today in imes." Pompan contended. "The (Continued on Page Two)

HONOLULU, T. H. (UP)-Amelia tion plants. Earhart Putnam, delayed overnight Judge Allan Campbell, after a make the necessady improvements, by storms, prepared today to take conference with Chrysler attorneys, Brunner is to go to Albany Mon- off over an unexplored air route issued a blanket writ against the day to pave the way for the neces- for Howland Island, the second men who are holding the nine sary law, and Harvey said last goal on her projected flight around plants.

Her \$90,000 silver Lockheed "Fly- representatives" of the union-Maring Laboratory" was overhauled tin and such U.A.W. officials as The action of the Board of Esti- during the night by her crew of Wyndham Mortimer, first vice-presi-

Not more than \$1,000,000 or \$2- he "practically rebuilt" after the them and to bring them and each of 000,000 will be spent on the project 2,400-mile flight from Oakland, them before this court to answer by the city next year, it was Calif. which the 38-year-old flier for said misconduct." made in 15 hours and 47 minutes, to begin her greatest expedition. It was understood also that the New propellers were installed bell, commanding them to disperse \$16,000,000 was written into the ahead of the two motors, replacing

tween the city and the Long Is- The tousle-haired flier was philoland Railroad providing that no sophical about the weather. "There 2 PLEAD GUILT money will be paid out until the is no time lost anyhow, because the railroad eliminates grade crossings motors needed checking," she said. along the route and makes certain "They will have a long ways to go

The board, it was learned, made. The storm was near Howland Isno changes in the plans for a land. There were clouds and light Queens General Hospital and a to- temperature 84 and visibility was

in Queens including \$425,000 for No plane has ever made the trip the establishment of a Queens col- from Honolulu to Howland. The Rockaway Beach Division has con- Commerce in advance of Miss Ear- March 29. tinued for years in the Rockaways, hart's arrival. Pan-American clip- Ford, 36, the scion of a once disthe problem by the Board of Trans- ular commercial flights from San found bound and strangled Nov. 4 CHICAGO ST Francisco to Australia.

Senate

WASHINGTON (UP)-Opponents of Supreme Court reorganization sought today to prepare the way for appearance by the judiciary committee Hughes before the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Leaders of the fight against President Roosevelt's judiciary program were understood authoritatively to have decided to investigate whether the 75-yearold jurist would consent to testify. Negotiations were said already to be under way.

It was learned that the attitude of other members of the Supreme Court also was being determined in the hope that some of the associate justices might appear before the committee.

### Body Attachments Issued for Homer Martin and 6,000 Sit-Downers

DETROIT (UP. - The Wayne first plan fell through, A County Circuit Court issued a writ District Attorney Joseph V. Loscaling the arrest of Homer Martin. president of the United Automobile tion was responsible for hi Workers, and the 6,000 sit-down ping in the ranking. Assistant Disstrikers in nine Chrysler Corpora- trict Attorney Stephen Fronters of

The writ also parned "agents and The writ instructed Thomas Wil-

cox, sherift of Wayne County, to Mechanics said the plane had to "arrest said persons and each of Sit-down strikers ignored a writ

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\$1000,000 tuberculosis unit at rain, a barometer reading of 29.80, Seymour, pa led convict, and the Community Progress League. Harry J. Martin, today were out of The judiciary committee and in the Ridgewood area. the shadow of the electric chair. Rather than take chances on a ciation met at the Queens County jury trial, they pleaded guilty in Courthouse, Long Island City lege at the Parental School in island is less than half a mile long second degree murder in the slay- association last night. Francisco and contains only the landing field, ing of R. Walton Ford, interior decprepared by the Department of orator. They will be sentenced

in his room at the Hotel Sutton.

## the Board of Transportation, esti-the Board of Transportation, esti-the Board of Transportation, estiings are eliminated in Ozone Park. Last 200 Feet of Subway

### to Allow Time for Tests

While the Jamaica Subway Celebration Committee is busy scurrying above ground making prise on the opening day when they plans for the formal opening of the new Independent Subway to Jamaica. May 1. a group of 50 workmen are busy underground at the center of the station and pas-169th street putting the finishing touches to the huge project started back in 1929.

Two crews are speeding the work of installing cables and switch signal equipment. The work must be finished by April 3 and com-

of union printers in defiance of or- juice will hum through the third storing trains and for switching stretch as Board of Transportation Part of the delay in opening the ian volunteers, routed an entire Ital-

On's its a newspaper continuing. The four stations in the stretch nel supports had to be removed publication was the Commercial. -Van Wyck boulevard. Sutphin for a distance of several hundred enfined to legal notices and busi- boulevard. Parsons boulevard and feet to provide for two switches. 169th street-are all completed ex- The two crews of men are now Publishers fithe Stat. Times and cept for a few minor adjustments working on the signal equipment News said beweger, they had re- by painters and plumbers, so the for these two switches. exed assured a line national actual work remaining is practical. New side supports and a new drid, were captured by Gen. Jose custody at his home. 58-26 60th morning and it became apparent

John Sheil and John Ward are su-

turnstiles and change booths are in ing Commissioner John Pi place. Every detail except the in- gast. stalling of electric light bulbs in

The Parsons boulevard station is the last express stop. Passengers discover that only one change booth and one set of turnstiles have been installed. They are located in sengers entering from either Parsons boulevard or 153rd street will have a block walk underground to Brihuega Falls reach them. At other stations on the line there are turnstiles at both

ends of the stations. pletely tested and approved by Despite reports and at 178th A group of rail polishers than street, the last stop of the new subwill invade the subway, scrub the way will be at 169th street. The rails spick and span, the electric remaining tracks will be used for

engineers inspect every inch of the subway is due to this change in plans. As a result the center tun- ed by Gen. Jose Moscardo, he

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Lancyers Decide Against Hughes May Testify Ridgewood Man's Name Goes to Senate Monday Night

> Assistant Corporation Counsel Paul Livoti of Ridgewood last night was endorsed for City Cour Judge of Chief Justice Charles Evans board of managers of the Queens County Bar Association.

> > Action of the committe board, unanimous in bot clinches the designation of whose name Gov. Lehman will send to the State Senate for final approval Monday night. The Ridgewood Man's name

> > the only one submitted by Lehman for approval of the bar asseriation. The state executive customarily submits the name of his visice for submits the name of his vh a judgeship to the legal group before taking formal action.

> > to the bench on a bi-partisan ticket in 1931. Livoti will fill the post until November when it will be contested

James C. Sheridan.

ing contender. Opposition to Loscalzo's Woodside, was considered Livoti as occupying the most inent position when the Gevernor selected his candidate.

Appointed by Walker The assistant corporation ounse is 38. He became active in Que politics in 1922 when he join Anawanda Democratic Club, organization of Deputy T praiser Joseph T. Quinn. appointed an assistant corporation counsel under Mayor Waller in 1926 and continued in that through the administrations seph V. McKee, John O'Brid Mayor LaGuardia. With Quinn, bucking Sheridan in the 1935 primaries, a group broke away from the Anawandas and former of injunction issued by Judge Camp- Grover Cleveland Club under leadership of Peter Blasius Ridgewood zone leader, Livot ed to cast his fortunes w

> Sheridan. The Ridgewood man is a organizer of the Queens C War Veterans, a member a

board of managers of the bar asso-Giusti, chairman, presided ov judiciary committee session.

## VIOLENCE RIS

cago's business and industria tricts, with numerous acts of in the taxi strike was made h

trict to prevent rioting. . Clothing of women was ripped to since Monday. Violence when 100 picketing . strikers at- Ridgewood and the surrounding tempted to prevent customers from area.

### To Lovalists WITH LOYALIST ARMY, N

Front (UP).-Brihuega, field quarters of the Italian drive a Madrid, fell in flames day advancing Loyalist shock troo Army dispatches reported 500 Italians killed and 200 captured including 15 officers as the government forces, led by the famous Garbaldi Battalion of anti-Fascist Italian division of 3.000 men command-

the Alcazar siege. A Rebel supply train and great

## Officials Mourn Death Of Ridgewood Leader ATTRIBUTED TO

Distinguished as Party and Public Servant, Sheridan Says

Friends and associates in his quarter-century of activity in Queens politics joined today in mourning the death at his home Federal Marshal Albert C. Ben- in Glendale yesterday of United ninger of Glendale will be buried States Marshal Albert C. Ben-

in New Germany, Canada, the tiny "It was with deepest regret and village near Kitchener, Ontario, profound sorrow that I received where he was born on Aug. 22, 1884, the sad intelligence of the passing it was announced today. of my warm personal friend and A solemn mass of requiem will colleague," said Democratic Counbe celebrated at 11 A. M. Monday by Leader James C. Sheridan of Asin St. Pancras Roman Catholic toria.

Church, Myrtle avenue and 69th "No one in the Democratic party street, Ridgewood. in Queens exceeded him in the af-Mr. Benninger, who was Queens fections of both leader and rank park commissioner for 10 years and and file in our organizations. Democratic leader in the Ridge-"He was distinguished both as a wood section for 25, died at 12:30 party leader and as a loyal and P. M. yesterday at his home. 72-78

Livoti, a Ridgewood Democrat, ing illness from a throat infection.

will fill the post left vacant by the death of William B. Hardwood, side.

Kew Gardens Republican, who died January 25. Hazelwood was elected cratic County Leader James C. and distinction in the Spanish-Sheridan of Astoria, Appellate Division Justices Frank F. Adel of Kew Gardens and William B. Carswell of Brooklyn, City Court Justice for the remainder of the un xpired term, which ends in 1941. Livoti's name was included in the candidates submitted to Governo Lehman by Democratic County Leader Far Rockaway.

72nd place, Glendale, after a linger-

Mass of Requiem Will Be

Celebrated Monday in

Ridgewood

The Ridgewood Democratic Club. The Democratic chieftain, it is of which Mr. Benninger was a: believed, first recommended the founder, will drape its clubrooms appointment of District Altorney at 24-20 Putnam avenue in mourn-Charles P. Sulliyan Maristrate ing for the next 30 days. service Sunday at 8:30 P. M. in the chapel of George Werst, Cooper avenue anl 72nd street. Burial will take place Tuesday afternoon in St. Bonof "body attachment" today, order- 20 of Corona emerged as the lead- iface Cemetery at New Germany, Canada.

A Leader 25 Years several months of enforced retire-

ment from political life, in which he had been a picturesque leader went an operation Sept. 16 in Jew- Windsor. ish Hospital, Brooklyn.

his wife. Katherine, and a private decree. nurse. They had no children. One of his last political acts was bulletin, begging his friends to forenough for him to recuperate.

The chief secret of his political it himself, was: "The idea of being a good leader is to lead the customers where they

want to go. This policy put him temporarily elect- out of a job in 1933 and 1934, when the his support of Joseph V. McKee, Repro- covery candidate for Mayor, aroused the enmity of organization Demoher of the Queens Elks Lodge, an O'Brien ousted him as Park Comholic missioner.

mer director of the Queens County ever, and, with the active aid of and her marriage to the Duke who Two 20-year-old killers. Walter Bar Association and a member of former Alderman Joseph F. Mafera gave up the British throne for love and others, he was still the leader of her.

### Headed Ridgewood Club In December, despite his illness,

pre- he was elected president of the the Ridgewood Democratic Club for his sixth consecutive term. From 1930 until his death he was Democratic State Committeeman of the Sixth Assembly District, in which he succeeded the late Sheriff Carl Berger, also a power in Democratic politics Benninger stuck to his home com-

munity throughout his political life. working always in the 6th District, comprising Ridgewood, Glendale, CHICAGO - Walkouts lockouts Kew Gardens, Forest Hills and ferred until after the coronation Mayor James J. Walker. Ingersoll definite check on the dead with the and "sit-downs" surged over Chi- Woodhaven. He was one of the of King George VI on May 12, so owns half of Duck Island, near the greatest difficulty. The bodies had dis- founders of the Ridgewood Demo- that there would be no detraction Grout property. vio- cratic Club... He came to the United States festivity.

A police threat to "break up the from Canada at 16 and enlisted in Two hundred extra police armed a Brooklyn cigar store for a year influential people. the stations has been taken care with night clubs and shorguns before moving to the then sparsely ranged through the downtown dis- settled Ridgewood section to open "I grew up with Ridgewood," he told his friends in later years. His a real estate and insurance office. shreds when disorders broke out at told his friends in later years. His the Nelly Ann Dress Shop where first political activity was in cam-150 workers have been on strike paigning for the Assembly in the

> He went to Albany in 1913, just in Investigates Report That possibility the blast could have hospitals. time for the impeachment proceed-(Continued on Page Nineteen)

### Construction Laborer ead- Breaks Spine

Bongratzio Carozza. 31. of 106-70 A military board of inquiry was 52nd avenue, Corona, a laborer on a construction job at Metropolitan avenue and Park Lane South, Kew Gardens, was taken to Queens General Hospital vesterday with a fractured spine after he fell into an excavation. He was employed by the caused by dynamite instead of an caused the explosion. Mortimer "1610 Avenue P. Inc., of Brooklyn. accidental explosion of accumulated

ACCUSED BY WIFE Patrick Masterson, 48, a B. M. T. quantities of war supplies, includ- motorman living in Maspeth, was the surrounding East Texas Oil ing tanks, machine guns, cannon, arrested today on a disorderly con- Field neared the bottom of the rifles and ammunition, gathered at duct charge filed by his wife. Nora. ruins of the New London rural Brihuega for the assault in Ma- Police. who took the man into school's main building at midplace, Maspeth, said his wife com- that few more, if any bodies would spread and the area to be capable he fell on the platform of the South army dispatches reported, heading children and shouted at them in the superin endent of the school, ing. Other explosives act differ- He was taken to Broad Street toward Siguenza in the sorth, loud and abusive language. William C. Shaw, minimized the ently."

Hospital with a head injury.

ALBERT C. BENNINGER

faithful public servant," Sheridan his continued. "He served with credit nation. Aldermanic President William F Brunner of Rockaway Park, said: Public Works Commissioner, Parks zens. Mr. Benninger contributed en nearby towns.

"He was a true friend. His entire life was marked with an unusually a great personal loss to me, as I high degree of devotion to duty, to (Continued on Page Nineteen)

'Mr. Stephenson'

American War, as a member of

the State Assembly, as Queens

Commissioner and Federal Mar-

Sir Donald Somervell, attorney settlement. He was treated later in the Doc- general, appeared in behalf of the A meeting of union representa- crowded at the guard lines, eager tor's Hospital, Menhattan, and The Kins's proctor, and disclosed that tives and the management original-but helpless to aid.
ity Hospital, Brooklyn. His last one "Mr. Stephenson" had inter-by was set for yesterday, but the ill-

tions of collusion and conduct by to mediation failed. the issuance of a semi-humorous Mrs. Simpson which would make found unjustified.

he was prepared to withdraw his stores of sit-down strikers.

Court record. crats and Mayor John Patrick protest formally from the records. The result, no present obstacle was left in the way of the award That cost him little prestige, how- of a final decree to Mrs. Simpson

> Barring any further intervention. the twice-divorced American born society woman may make application in due course to have declared former estate of Paul Grout. final the decree nisi, or of nullity,

sizes last October 27. details of her intended marriage to of the harbor.

the Duke would be perfected. of public interest from that national

**Building May Have** 

Been Dynamited

NEW LONDON. Texas (UP)-

established today to determine the

cause of an explosion that wrecked

the world's largest rural school and

killed approximately 425 school

The board said it would inquire

into reports that the explosion was

Approximately 1,000 workers from

children and their teachers.

## Deposition Is Withdrawn by Grand Store Officials Confer With Union Today

LONDON (UP). - A 70-minute | The sit-in strike of 14 salesgiris earing in the divorce court oday at the Far Rockaway store of the Benninger's death came after deared the way for the award of F & W Grand 5-10-25 Cent chain final divorce decree to Mrs. entered its sixth day today-with Wallis Warfield Simpson and her another conference scheduled for for more than 25 years. He under- intended marriage to the Duke of this afternoon and union negotia- casionally by a scream, as some tors hoped again would result in a

> He said that Stephenson's allega- postponement. A previous attempt outnumbered the injured. While the Grand chain execu-

the award of a final decree inad- tives have done no more than make buried under the great heaps of visable had been investigated and an occasional plea for strikers to steel, wood and concrete. Then Stephenson himself rose in F. W. Woolworth Company has in- at the debris, piling it onto trucks the little court room and said that voked police action to clear their for hauling away.

At the 22 Sutter avenue, Brook- crumbled the three-story, blockthe court, agreed and struck the strikers and three union representa- for days perhaps for weeks. tives were arrested.

### Mayor Signs Lease For Grout Home

today signed the lease for a summer home at Asharoken Beach, the

LaGuardia, Mrs. LaGuardia and occupy the 12-room house about The others suffered all varieties of The understanding was that this May 1. The Grout estate, now own- hurts from broken limbs to cuts and application would be made at the ed by Mrs. Margaret Streibert, bruises.

ment with members of the Royal mer of Borough President Raymond imately 250. family the ceremony would be de- V. Ingersoll of Brooklyn and former | The United Press accomplished a

Mayor LaGuardia decided to spend the summer on Long Island The result of the hearing was a after selecting the Chisholm Man- a 40-mile radius. drivers' union" if violence continues the Marine Corps, serving in 1898, severe blow, it is possible now to sion at Waterfront Park, College Act- '99 and 1900, in the Spanish-Ameri- disclose, to most members of the Point, as the summer City Hall. It nder- can War and the Philippine cam- royal family and to many, perhaps would be possible for the mayor to paign. Mustered out, he worked in a majority, of Great Britain's most commute to work from Northport

been caused by dynamite.

blast rock on a new running track

we were building for our boys. I

don't think there is any possibility

Jones. Fort Worth city gas in-

nected with the blast."

of the wrecked building.

### And yesterday afternoon when the explosion roared out over the clanking towers of the East Texas oil field which surrounds the school, hard faced workers, their clothing

them off to their homes. out having gone through the identifying channels of morgues and

In Heart of Oil Field New London is a tiny hamlet in "I understand they found 14 sticks of dynamite and 16 caps in the heart of the East Texas oil field. the 'den' of Drebe Saxon, the As far as the eye can see in any dijanitor," he said. "But none of it rection is a sea of derricks, all

that dynamite some time ago to earth. It comprises a few stores, a hundred or so houses and the plant of the New London Rural School-the main building with two wings "U" this dynamite could have been con- shaped and a gymnasium and an auditorium fixing the mouth of the Nothing but gas could have "U." To one side is a recreational

### natural gas, the generally accepted spector, said after an examination Flushing Man Injured "In the first place," Jones said. At Ferry Slip

there is no explosive but gas that | Eric Nordblon, 66, of 32-11 148th could have wrecked the entire street, Flushing, an employe of the building with one blast. In the Department of Plant and Strucsecond place, only gas has the tures, was injured yesterday when of lifting the roof from the build- Ferry slip, Manhattan

# GAS IN CELLAR

### Martial Law Is Declared in East Texas Oil Field Region

NEW LONDON, Texas (UP) .-More and more bodies of children were lifted from the wreckage of the world's largest rural school today and the known death toll stood momentarily at 425. It was expected to reach 500 this afternoon.

Under the hot glare of arc lamps, amid the thunder of trucks, the blaring of loud speakers, the even pacing of military sentries, the occasional shriek of an ambulance, hundreds of men dug in the debris wrought by yesterday's explosion. knowing that scores more of bodies and perhaps some living remained buried therein.

The rain began at dawn, which revealed an appalling scene. Bodies recently taken from the wreckage cluttered the field morgue. "Queens loses one of its best citi- awaiting distribution among a doz-

very much to the civic growth and The blaring of loud speakers, was one of the bulwarks of Democ- rumble of trucks, screaming of amracy in Queens. His death has been bulance sirens and tramp of national guardsmen was pierced oc-

> F. D. MARSHALS AID WARM SPRINGS, Ga. (UP)-President Roosevelt marshaled government relief agencies today "to render every assistance in their power" to the community of New London, Tex. "I have asked the Red Cross

and all the government agencies

o stand by." he said at his vaca

tion headquarters, "and render

every assistance in their power to the community to which this shocking tragedy has come." News of the school explosion was reported to Mr. Roosevelt through the night direct from New London, Atlanta and Washington by special telephone and

telepgraph lines, parent identified a child.

days were spent under the care of vened against the award of a final ness of Morton Stone, personnel the school, less than half escaped manager of the chain, formed a death or injury, and the dead far More Bodies in Wreckage More bodies were believed

> leave the five stores they hold, the Several hundred workers tugged The cause of the explosion that

Norman Birkett, chief counsel lyn, store, police arrested 15 girls long yellow brick main building of for Mrs. Simpson, moved that Ste- and a man on disorderly conduct the New London Rural School phenson's protest be struck from charges Wednesday and yesterday, seemed definitely established. Gas the 32 West 14th street store fol- from leaking fuel mains in the un-Sir Boyd Merriman, president of lowed suit-with the result that 56 used sub basement had accumulated Yesterday afternoon by some

means as yet unknown it was ignited and the floors sank from beneath and the walls crumbled upon approximately 1,100 students and teachers. Some, perhaps half, NORTHPORT-Mayor LaGuardia escaped miraculously alive, the

others were killed. 125 Known Injured Of the 125 known to have been injured at least 20 were in such desperate straits early today that which she obtained at Ipswich As- their two children are expected to physicians expected them to die.

end of the customary six month's daughter of the late Paul Grout, Red Cross authorities, emergency period-April 27-and that then the faces Northport Bay and has a view nurses and doctors, who came from hundreds of miles around, believed When he moves here, the mayor that the final account would show It was believed that by agree- will become a neighbor for the sum- the number of injured to-be approx-

been taken to hospitals, to funeral parlors, to morgues improvised in grocery and hardware stores within

sticky with black oil, came running up from their derricks, lifted the broken bodies of their own children into their arms and carried The first and probably inaccurate trike paigning for the Assembly in the lared old Third District, then comprising To Determine Cause of Blast that approximately 20 bodies had lared old Third District, then comprising been carried off by this means with-

> had been exploded. We bought pumping black crude from the (Continued on Page Two)