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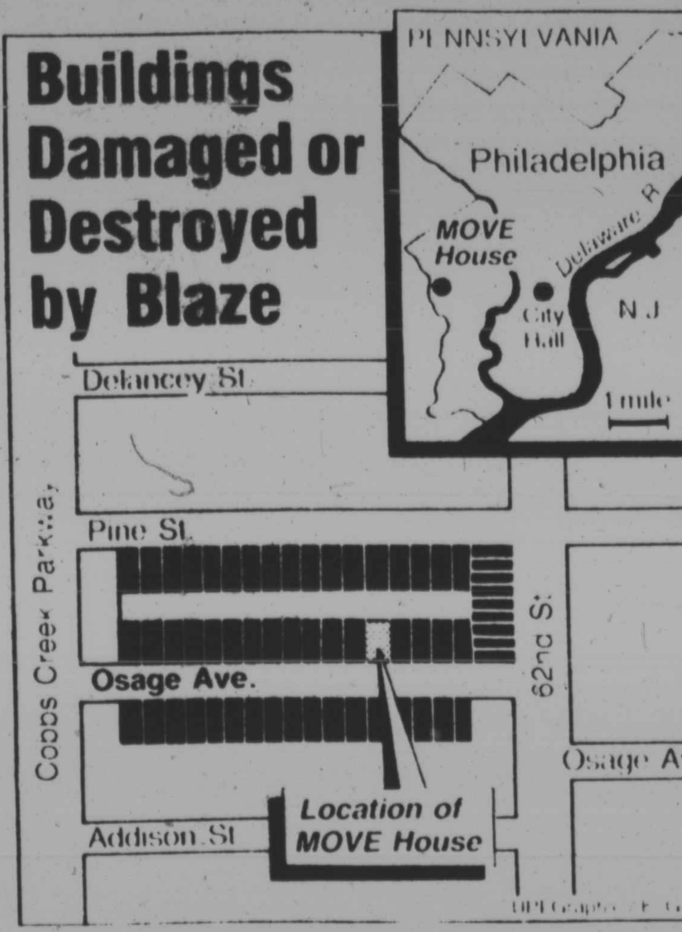
PHILADELPHIA—Two residents view the sorrowful remains of their home.

A city's shame



PHILADELPHIA—Aerial view of the fire-gutted home.

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THE PHILADELPHIA INFERNO:

Death toll now 11

MATTHEWS MONTIER, 57, Philadelphia resident — "It's a darn shame the way the city officials have messed up things here. Our mayor, police commissioner and fire commissioner have really wrecked havoc. Here you have a few adults and the rest kids and the police load up a helicopter to drop a bomb on the house?

"It's a mess up here. All those people got their houses burned. They wipe out a block and a half to evict a few people from a house? Now does that make sense? It's a 1001 ways to get those people out of there beside that. Mayor Wilson Goode can take responsibility . . . but that's a real shame."

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THOMAS MURPHY, 27, Philadelphia resident — "With all that water they had initially turned on the house it seems to me that they could have eventually flooded the place instead of burning it up. If the people were hiding in the basement then they would have been flooded out. The police have done a lot of talking about underground tunnels. I seriously doubt if they exist. But even if MOVE had a tunnel under their house where would they go?"

Five more bodies were found Wednesday in the burned-out MOVE headquarters, raising the death toll to 11 in the burned-out MOVE headquarters, raising the death toll to 11 in the fiery police assault on the radical group's inner-city row house, authorities said.

The bodies of three adults and two children were found at the scene of the MOVE house where an eviction confrontation Monday led to two fierce gunbattles and an aerial bombing by police that sparked a massive fire that destroyed 53 homes and damaged eight others, Assistant City Managing Director Clarence Mosley said.

The bodies of four adults and two children were dug from the rubble Tuesday.

Of the bodies found Wednesday, the gender of only one, an adult male, had been established, Mosley said.

None of the dead had been identified.

What appeared to be unexploded bombs, two shotguns, a rifle and unspent ammunition were also pulled from the wreckage of the row house where members of the cult lived. A heavily fortified bunker also was found in the basement, Mosley said.

Mayor Wilson Goode said officials did not know the exact number of people inside the house at the time of the shootout and bombing, but he had estimated earlier there were four or five adults and four or five children there.

City officials were sharply criticized Wednesday for dropping the bomb from a police helicopter onto the roof of the house.

"Dropping the bomb was the

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Special session on S&Ls now underway

By Elizabeth M. Oliver

Ideal Savings and Loan Association, 1629 Druid Hill Ave., is doing business as usual and has "no problems," according to a third generation descendant of one of the founders, Teackle Wallis Lansey.

Established 65 years ago, in 1920, Ideal is considered a time honored black Baltimore institution. Speaking with the AFRO Wednesday, Patrick Lansey, grandson of the late founder Teackel Wallis Lansey, said the firm is in good condtion and things have been calm "with no lines at the door this week or at

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Ideal Savings and Loan on Druid Hill Ave.

Advance Savings and Loan in Walbrook Junction

By Valerie Smith-Madden
AFRO Staff Writer

Fearing that state savings and loan associations might topple like dominoes, Governor Harry Hughes called a special session of the Maryland legislature this morning (Friday) to abate a potential crisis throughout the Maryland S&L industry and to restore the public's faith.

State Senator Clarence Blount (D-41), who described himself as being involved "up to his ears in trying to get this straightened out," is in agreement with the special session.

"It had to be done. Right now, until Gov. Hughes imposed that $1,000 limit, there was a run on

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Advance Federal Savings and Loan is not affected by the state-imposed limit on withdrawals. It has been federally insured since 1964, and is the only black-owned federally insured thrift in the state of Maryland, with three offices in Baltimore City.

Advance Federal's president, Dr. W. O. Bryson Jr., said Advance was founded in 1957, received its federal charter in 1964, so "Advance customers have nothing to fear so far as losses are concerned because we follow Federal Home Loan bank regulations and have built up adequate reserves."

He noted that Advance Federal has received some inquiries from

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My wife is a man!

Admitted transexual Mrs. Ofosu-Appiah, 39, of Baltimore can't understand why her recently wed husband, the Royal Prince M. K. Ofosu - Appiah wants a divorce.

Ofosu-Appiah, 28, a Liberian and graduate economics student at Johns Hopkins University, wants his March 1984 marriage to the former Delores J. Buchanan annulled on the grounds that he recently discovered that she was a man.

According to the Liberian princess, attorney, Samuel Bilbaum, Mrs. Ofosu-Appiah is claiming that her husband was aware of her sex-change all along, and supposedly understood.

"My life is an open book to him," said Mrs. Ofosu-Appiah.

Ofosu-Appian's attorney said, "my client became aware that he was married to a man when his spouse repeatedly refused to engage in sexual intercourse, and when he discovered that her birth certificate had been altered."

"Ofosu-Appiah was preparing naturalization forms when he moticed that on her birth certificate there was white-out covering the space where her sex was listed and the word female

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E. Baltimore carnival to help 'Stop the killing!'

By Tea Montier
AFRO Staff Writer

Youthful East Baltimoreans in search of some alternative inner-city recreation may find what they're looking for since the carnival has come to town. Set up to go yesterday (Thursday) and running through the next 10 days (until May 27th) at Ashland and Bond Sts., the Baltimore Youth Fair promises to offer fun, games and amusement while keeping in mind a more serious campaign—that of 'Stopping the Killings' in Baltimore City.

"I think the Youth Fair will be a very positive and industrious event for the kids of this city," said Rev. Willie Ray, a key organizer in the Baltimore Coalition to Stop the Killings, "it will motivate the youth, render financial support for the cause while attracting other members of the community to participate in this thrust to stop the killings."

A major carnival company that travels up and down the East Coast, Olympic Expositions Inc. will be providing the fair equipment along with 25 rides, and attractions. "We have been asked to do something for the youth in addition to bringing the carnival to Baltimore," said Olympic's marketing director, Frank B. Okroy, "so we'll be providing jobs on a temporary basis, reduced fair rates in addition to good clean recreational fun."

According to Rev. Ray, approximately 75 youths between the ages of 18 and 24 have been hired as fair assistants, helping to erect the rides, set up tents and maintain the fairground area. Limited hiring is still going on and space for vendors to display or sell their wares is available.

For working the 'Youth Fair' the newly hired fair employees will be paid just above the minimum wage — $4 an hour, providing job opportunities even on a temporary basis was a primary objective behind being the fair to Baltimore.

"I think that each of these kids needs to know that there are legal ways to make money, such as writing, cooking, sewing and even erecting and putting together fairs," said Carole N

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Gates named new Morgan board head

Francis W. Gates, a member of the Morgan State University Board of Regeants since July 1, 1975, has been eleted board chairman for a one-year term extending through July, 1986.

Gates succeeds Dr. David F. Johnson, a board member since July 1, 1979 who has served as chairman for six years.

Johnson decided not to seek election for another term, according to university spokesman Frederick I. Douglass.

Medford Reynolds dies AFRO printer 49 years

Medford B. Reynolds, a 49-year employee of the Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers, died on Monday at Provident Hospital. He was 78.

Memorial services are scheduled for Monday at 6 p.m., at the St. James Episcopal Church, Lafayette and Arlington Aves.

The family has requested that in lieu of flowers contributions in Mr. Reynolds' name be sent to the American Cancer Society, Baltimore Metropolitan Area, 200 E. Joppa Rd. Baltimore, Md. 21204.

A native of Albuquerque, New Mexico, Mr. Reynolds was a graduate of Albuquerque High School and Western University, Kansas City, Kansas. He began

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