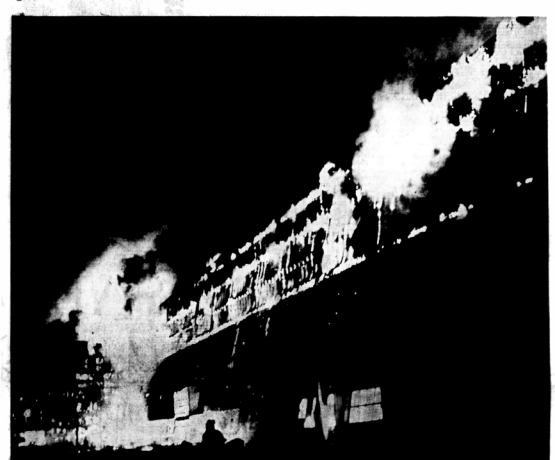


## \$2 Million Fire In So. Portland



## Gas Blasts Feed Flames, Shake Area

### 750 Ft.-Long Engineering Building Leveled In Hour

By RONALD H. KNIGHT and ROBERT L. DODGE  
Staff Reporters

SOUTH PORTLAND—An explosion punctuated general alarm blast destroyed the huge main fabricating building of the South Portland Engineering Corp. here Wednesday night, causing a loss unaffiliated estimated at more than \$2 million.

A \$1,536,000 research vessel built for the Federal Bureau of Commercial Fisheries, and submarine components for the Electric Boat Co. Groton, Conn., were under construction in the building.

The fast-spreading flames, fanned by wind and fed by burning nitrogen, oxygen and acetylene tanks, reduced the corrugated steel building, which is about the height of a five-story building, to steaming, smoking rubble in little more than an hour.

The building was the largest structure in the world War II shipyard here and was then known as Building 22.

Hundreds of spectators, drawn to the scene by

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## Flames Roar Out Of Control

## Sebago-Moc To Build Democratic Leadership Considers Applying Sales Tax To Phone Bills

Sebago-Moc Co. Inc. is scheduled to start and complete construction of the new 30,000-sq-ft factory in Westbrook, Maine, by the end of the year.

John O. Marshall, vice president and general manager of Sebago-Moc, and Carlton O. Lane, president of the Area Development Council Building Fund, Inc., said Wednesday that they had agreed to buy five acres of land from the ADC Building Fund.

Alvin J. Hartman, Association, Inc., Auburn, will design and oversee construction of the 30,000-sq-ft factory. It will cost \$300,000.

The new plant will employ

about 150 at the start and 200 eventually.

Sebago-Moc has about 100 employees in Westbrook, Maine, and the expansion is necessary because "there is more demand for our product which we are not able to satisfy at our Westbrook plant."

The firm will manufacture the same latex-type footwear at the new plant that it makes in Westbrook and Marshall.

By DONALD H. HANSEN  
Staff Reporter

ADOCUTA—The Democratic Party in Franklin a new service fund to raise \$2 million in two years.

White House Speaker Charles W. Clark of Portland was a Republican member of the Appropriations Committee.

At the same time the House of Representatives passed a bill to increase by \$2 million the amount of money that can be used for the construction of a new \$100 million

**OPERATIONS IN WESTBROOK**  
The plant will not be reduced as a result of the new Portland plant, an ADC spokesman said.

Sebago-Moc began business in 1948 in the old Marshall Mills in Westbrook. It makes machine-stitched and hand-stitched slippers and other casual shoes.

THOMAS HANAN the federal office in New York said Wednesday that without the state's application, the federal office would not be turned down.

Wednesday night that West had submitted the necessary

THAT MEANS THE DEMOCRATS will lose the governor's support for the new service fund, and they produce a legislative program of their own.

They would be in one of the most important legislative sessions of the year.

### Prayer For Today

Lord, today we thank you for the blessing upon our homes. May the spirit of Christ abide in our families, and may we seek his guidance and comfort in solving all problems and uncertainties. May we who are fortunate in having a home grant a kind and generous response of friends and strangers alike in a spirit of true Christian hospitality toward all, hospitality, service and courtesy. In Jesus name, Amen. —The Rev. Norman Van Dyke, pastor, Second Church, Portland.

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By WILLIAM H. WILLIAMSON  
City Hall Reporter

A state assembly committee's report that the federal office in New York would not be turned down.

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