

# Heartaches Fill Houston Auditorium

### Blast Victims Enter As Kin Sit and Watch

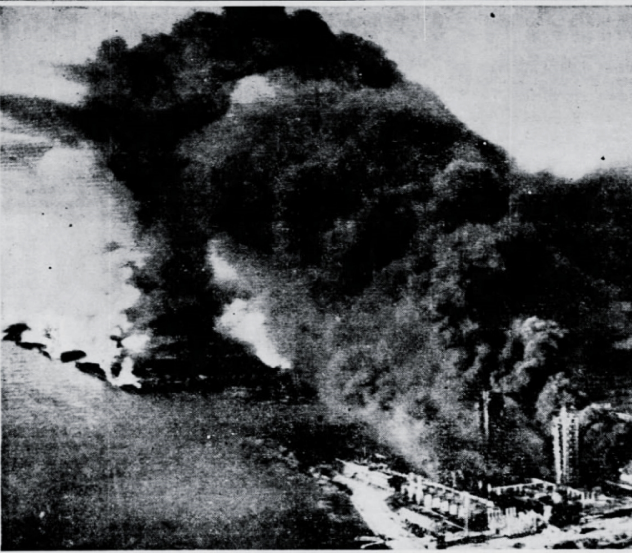
**By William Roberts  
Houston Press Reporter**  
HOUSTON, Tex., April 17 (UP)—The tragedy of Texas City overflowed into Houston's black-square Grand Auditorium today, filled with almost more heartaches than a heart can stand. The big building is now an emergency hospital and shelter for the homeless and injured of the Texas City explosion.

Amateur relatives and friends hurried through the aisles to the building's dress circle and balcony. They were most waiting for waiting for word of loved ones.

**Question After Question**  
"How word just have you heard about...?" was asked a thousand times of every person seen, every Red Cross worker.

The question was answered by a shake of the head or "No, not yet," or "I don't know," or "I don't see." The relatives sat in the tiers of seats and stared miserably at the stage where the dead bodies were being carried out. It was a huge rescue camp under a bright light.

**Ammonium Nitrate Provides Basis of Many Explosives; Gases Expand Instantly**



24 hours after Texas City blast, aerial photo shows Monsanto Chemical plant still blazing.

## Today in Science— Chemical Which Ruined Ship Usually Harmless Fertilizer

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**By Science Service**  
WASHINGTON, April 17—Ammonium nitrate, usually a harmless aid to agriculture, turned its other face to the world when it exploded about the French ship in the harbor of Texas City.

## Republic Oil Chief Flies to Blast Area

William E. Houston, president of Republic Oil Refining Co. flew to Texas City, Tex., early today to inspect a true picture of damage to the company's 20-million-dollar plant and the fate of 400 employees and their families there.

## Worst Blast in U. S. History Took 1405 Lives in 1865

CHICAGO, April 17 (UP)—The worst explosion in U. S. history occurred in 1865 when a river boat on the Mississippi blew up and took 1405 lives, according to the National Safety Council.

## Injured Swamp Texas Hospital

**329 Treated in Nine Hours at Galveston**  
Read an editorial, "Death in Texas City," Page 11.  
**By MARY FRANKER**  
Reporter for The Houston Press  
GALVESTON, Tex., April 17—A patient lay on a stretcher. He was a husky man whose black hair was matted with blood. One eye was gone. His left leg was nearly severed.

**329 Treated in 9 Hours**  
Another victim was in a wheel chair. He was wearing overalls and a straw hat. His month was open. One tired nurse said 329 persons were treated in nine hours yesterday in the 12-by-13 sleeping room.

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## Three Injured In Oakland Crash

Three persons, one a woman, were sent early today to the city auto crash a parked car in Oakland.

## Taxi Strike in Paris

PARIS, April 17 (AP)—Taxi drivers began a 24-hour strike today in protest what they said was insufficient allocations of gasoline and tires.

## CHILDREN CONSTITIP?

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## Contact Galveston For News of Victims

TEXAS CITY, Tex., April 17 (UP)—Galveston, and not Texas City, is the correct point of contact for information concerning relatives or friends in the stricken city.

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