—Quantico Ave.

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quently lost most of their possessions.

"We lost just about everything. I was able to move my car before it was destroyed. Also, my husband was not home with his car so we still have some of our transportation, but everything else was lost or damaged," Ms. Barclift said.

"When I came out of the house I saw the house three doors down engulfed in flames ranging around the front door. At that time I knew that it was hopeless. I feel sorry for the older residents in the neighborhood who may have lost their life long possessions. They mean my husband and I, may never recover the things that had great sentimental value," she added.

Fire officials stated that the fire quickly rose to six alarms as more than 150 firefighters and 40 pieces of apparatus responded to the scene. Smoke billowed into the night and scores of residents, routed by the flames, watched in bitter cold as firefighters battled the fire for more than five and a half hours.

The National Transportation Safety Board, public relations person, Fred Dunker said, "At present we haven't decided if a formal investigation will be conducted. A decision is expected some time next week. Our primary purpose is to issue safety recommendations to prevent other accidents of this kind in well as accidents involving automobiles and other forms of transportation."

Dan Hansen, vice president of G & M Oil Inc., said, "We have completed our internal investigation and as far as we are concerned Manuel Henderson, the driver of the oil truck acted in accordance to company policy."

Hansen expressed concern over several missing engine parts from the charged oil truck, which are hampering the investigation.

"It seems that some people wanted to collect souvenirs from the scene of the biggest fire of the new year. This is holding up the investigation because investigators need to reconstruct the engine in order to determine the cause of the needless fire that acted as a catalyst to the six alarm blaze. We urge that those people who removed any parts from the truck return them to G & M Oil," Hansen said.

The blaze in ten million dollars fire has left the Pimlico area with a scare that many residents in that area as well as in the city will never forget, residents lamented.

Ms. Annie McArthur, who lived at 2517 Quantico Ave. spoke sadly about not wanting to leave the neighborhood. "I looked out of my kitchen window and saw flames hanging from the back of the truck. It was a very intense and furious burning fire. Sparks and flames were everywhere. I am thankful that no one was seriously hurt in the fire. Still, I am not certain how long I will stay with my family."

Many of the victims of the fire have been relocated to other locations throughout the city with the help of volunteer services. Clothes and other items of importance have been donated by helpful citizens in an effort to off-set the tragedy.

Tragedy struck again in the form of a three-alarm blaze that swept through a Pimlico apartment building early Thursday morning, killing five and causing $150,000 worth of damage.

"I was at home watching television when I heard some noise. When I walked out of my apartment, I saw the old man (Joffie Roberson Jr.) on fire. He was screaming, but I couldn't help him because the fire had started to burn out of control," said Larry Judkins who with his wife and two small children were left homeless because of the raging blaze.

The Judkins, who only a year and a half ago moved to Baltimore from Detroit, Michigan, said "We have no family here and we are not sure just where we will be staying overnight. Thus far there have been no plans made for our relocation. We have lost all of our valuables in this fire."

According to fire officials, Eva Lomax, 68, an amputee confined to her bed and a resident, and Joffie Roberson Jr., 68, a paralytic, both men, were killed in the early morning blaze, which fire officials say was the result of arson.

City police said they apprehended one suspect in the early morning hours Thursday, some three hours after he was last seen going inside the burning apartment building in an apparent attempt to rescue someone.

Ruby Roberson, 64, Joffie Roberson Jr.'s stepmother and Lomax's sister, was rescued from the fiery apartment and taken to Provident Hospital in shock, fire officials said.

"He (Roberson Sr.) told me that he wanted to send some clothes to the Salvation Army for the fire victims that needed them. There wasn't any argument. I just told him that I wasn't going to get another say clothes that time of night. Then he got mad and threw the stuff on the living room floor," Ruby said.

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—Mufume irks

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Commissioner Mufume said he not until he consulted a national calendar during the meeting that he realized no commemoration was planned.

"I think it's unfortunate that this came as a shock, however, Mfume said. "I was absolutely surprised."

"I thought out of deference to Martin Luther King and his memory we should move the meeting up one day. We do it for Tom Kipper and other holidays," Mfume said, referring to the Jewish Rabbi who died last year.

Mfume dismissed the attention made by several black councilmen, including President Stephen D. Scott, Jack Pearson, D-5th and Dorothy Beard, that the issue of the moment pushed for a postponement would risk a divisive debate that could humiliate Dr. King's image.

The civil rights leader himself accepted challenges which did not promise immediate victory, Mfume said. "I think if we are afraid to lose, we don't need to be in the council," Mfume said.

Although some councilmembers accused Mfume of grandstanding during his floor plea, and said they prefer quiet, behind the scenes negotiations, Mfume said that is not sensitive issue. Mfume said there is a need for both styles.

His job [illegible] are not swept under the rug, Mfume said, one he is comfortable with.

"I think it's still a very emotionally controversial issue and we never seem to get anywhere," Mfume said. "I don't mind everyone watching me while negotiating. I don't mind everyone knowing what I'm doing."

Mfume said he will be meeting with Council Vice President Clarence H. "Du" Burns, D-1st, and other officials to discuss the holiday issue.

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—Tree is planted

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Each state was asked by the U.S. Department of Agriculture in cooperation with the Martin Luther King Center for non-violent Social Change to plant a tree in its capital city in King's memory.

Members of the Maryland Legislative Black Caucus were in attendance as well as Senator Paul S. Sarbanes and Annapolis Mayor Richard Hillman. Statement of the occasion was given by Rev. Vincent Thompson, pastor minister of New Shiloh Baptist Church in Baltimore.

"Dr. King had a dream for us that allowed us the opportunity to strive for a better quality of life. I am extremely proud to be a part of this event," said Del. Young.

SERVICES

The Community Ministry of Prince George's County in cooperation with the Alliance for a Rainbow County will hold the third All Prince George's County Ecumenical Service commemorating the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at the Queen Anne Fine Arts auditorium at the Community College in Largo, Jan. 15 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Know Cancer's Warning Signals

C Change in bowel or bladder habits
A A sore that does not heal
U Unusual bleeding or discharge
T Thickening or lump in breast or elsewhere
I Indigestion or difficulty in swallowing
O Obvious change in wart or mole
N Nagging cough or hoarseness

If you have a warning signal, see your doctor.

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8. Pain in the Feet

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