



photo by Wallace Thompson

FLAMES STOP SHORT — Fire in the San Rafael Hills yesterday stopped short of the Blessed Mother Shrine at Villa Cabrini. Note the burned-over area in the foreground.

Four Brush Fires Rage Across Southland Areas

Plane Crash Starts One on Angeles Crest; Blaze Threatens La Tuna Canyon Region

A blaze on Angeles Crest, started by a plane crash, and three other major brush fires yesterday kept city, county and U.S. Forest Service companies busy battling flames on a front scattered from Puente to Canoga Park.

The most stubborn of all—a 2000-acre fire in the Verdugo-San Rafael Hills area between Glenoaks and Foothill Blvds.—last night was slowly being subdued

eral score of homes in the La Tuna Canyon area after hurdling the Chandler firebreak. Firemen operating bulldozers helped to stem the fire's advance and a flame-thrower was used to widen firebreaks in several places.

Flames were turned back before reaching the Blessed Mother Shrine of the Villa Cabrini Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart. The Mother Superior said that as relics of St. Cabrini were carried from the shrine to the foot of the path leading down the mountain the direction of the blaze suddenly turned.

Late last night the fire was turning back toward Burbank, Asst. Chief F. W. Moore of the Los Angeles Fire Department reporting that the east front was being brought under control and the west front was already confined.

Fire After Crash

Probably the most inaccessible and one of the most spectacular of the four major fires was that which broke out between Mt. Disappointment and Mt. Markham after the plane crash.

U.S. Forest Service fire fighters fought the flames after rangers at mountain lookouts reported the crash of the plane, an AT-6 Army type trainer similar to one unreported at Long Beach by the Air Reserve training department of the Army after a routine flight. The plane which left Long Beach was reported piloted by an Altadena flyer who late last night had not returned home.

The fire last night was being brought under control and was expected to be subdued by morning. Traffic was halted on the Mt. Wilson Road at Red Box Divide.

To the northwest of the Verdugo-San Rafael blaze, another brush fire kept the remainder of San Fernando Valley addition fire equipment busy.

Fire breaking out at the north end of Reseda Blvd. spread into the Granada Hills and burned part way into Aliso and Bull canyons and threatened to travel in the direction of Canoga Park, but late last night was reported extinguished.

A fire also was brought under

by several hundred fire fighters from the Los Angeles and Burbank city departments and the County Fire Department.

Spreading along a three-mile front after it first was observed starting near the Villa Cabrini Academy, Catholic girls' school at 7505 W. Glenoaks Blvd., Burbank, the fire late last night was being halted.

For a time it threatened sev-

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control at the apex of Los Angeles and Orange counties southeast of Puente.

The Puente blaze was near an oil field, according to the Forest Service report, and centered in Bear Canyon.

During the hot, dry day, city and county fire departments answered more than a dozen calls, mostly involving small brush fires. No improved property damage was listed. Joint efforts of the Pasadena and Los Angeles departments controlled a 20-acre fire before noon southwest of Poppy Peak, between La Loma Road and Avenue 64, after it advanced within 100 yards of several homes.

Brush Fire Sweeps On in Laguna Mountains

SAN DIEGO, July 2.—The season's first major brush fire flared with renewed fury late today in the Laguna Mountains, 55 miles east of here, threatening lands of the Cleveland National Forest.

More than 250 fire fighters attempting to prevent a spread of the fire which has blackened more than 3500 acres of brush were forced to withdraw to avert being flanked by rapidly sweeping flames.