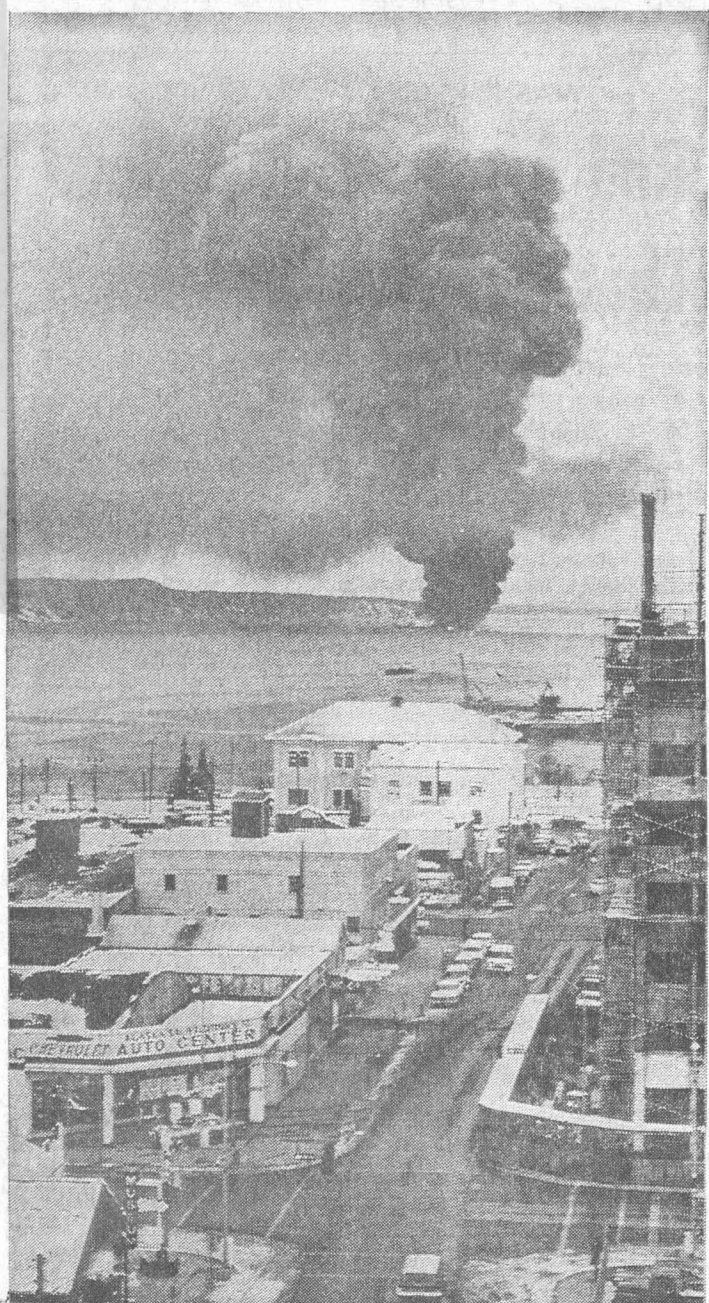


Camera Catches Pathos in Collision of Tankers



BILLOWING CLOUDS of smoke rise from the burning tanker "Santa Maria" moments after it burst into flame yesterday afternoon. Scene is overlooking the intersection of F St. and 5th Ave. At the right is the new First National Bank Building. Shot was taken from the eighth floor of the Hill building on 6th Avenue.



SHROUDED IN black smoke the burning tanker Santa Maria provides an unfamiliar element to the Anchorage skyline from the Top-of-the-World cocktail lounge in the Anchorage-Westward Hotel. Barely visible at left center is the tanker Sirrah which collided with the Santa Maria.



DAILY NEWS reporter Mary O. Totten interviews "Santa Maria" Third Mate Dale E. Wyman following his rescue from the burning ship. The interview was conducted at the reception honoring Sen. Clinton P. Anderson for his assistance following another disaster — the March 27th earthquake.



ALASKA GOV. William A. Egan (left) chats with some of the survivors of the tanker "Santa Maria" last night in the lobby of the Anchorage-Westward Hotel. Survivors are (left to right): Jack Pierce, Richard McCullers, George Marston and John Abdo. The hotel billeted the men for the night, providing them with food and rooms.



A KNOT of fascinated spectators stand on a hill overlooking the flaming finish of the tanker "Santa Maria." The thick oil smoke could be seen from all parts of the Anchorage area from just after 4 p.m. until darkness.

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LANDING WITH SURVIVORS from the flaming "Santa Maria" is the converted LSM, "Arctic Wind" (top), at the Port of Anchorage late yesterday. Edmond Oliver, 36, one of the two injured crewmen, is on a stretcher in the center. He suffered two broken heels. Austin Tomter, ship's captain, is standing second from left. Below, firemen rush Harold Leland, 41, the second injured crewman, to a waiting ambulance. Leland had a broken ankle.



SHORTLY AFTER collision flames spread out a 1,000 yards from the stricken tankers, the Santa Maria and Sirrah. This photograph was taken from the eighth floor of the Hill Building on Sixth Avenue and F Street.

