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Rescue personnel at Moravian House fire take woman to ambulance, above. At right, fire trucks stand by at the scene.



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Moravian House fire injures three Smoky blaze routs elderly tenants

By RICH HARRY
Of The Morning Call

A cigarette left unattended in a 11th-floor apartment touched off a smoky blaze yesterday that sent five firefighters and one other person to area hospitals, and caused what fire officials are calling one of the worst fires to strike a Bethlehem high-rise for the elderly.

Tenants on all 14 floors of the 151-unit Moravian House, 1737 Main St., were evacuated while fire-fighters put out the blaze that started in a sofa and caused major damage to the apartment, officials said.

Fire officials said approximately a half-dozen tenants of the high-rise were treated at the scene. Most of them had heart conditions and were treated for anxiety, the officials said.

One tenant, Alice Gollinski, 74, was taken to St. Luke's Hospital for chest pains. She was reported in serious but stable condition in the concentrated care unit last night.

Treated and released at St. Luke's for smoke inhalation was firefighter Mike Sankovsky. Another firefighter, Charles Scully, was treated for smoke inhalation and re-centered at Mount Lebanon Hospital.

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Capt. Joseph Burghardt, Bethlehem Fire Department

James Green, 63, lost an ash from a cigarette and left the apartment for dinner around 4 p.m. Green was not in the high-rise when the fire broke out around 5:30 p.m., they said.

The fire, after igniting the sofa and a nearby table, apparently spread quickly through the room. "When the air got to it, the fire flashed over the entire room," said Capt. Joseph Burghardt of the Bethlehem Fire Department, who joined Fire Marshal William Reinhard in an investigation after the blaze was declared under control.

The cause is "cardiac smoking," said Burghardt. He said no citations would be issued.

Tenants were evacuated to designated areas, including internal stairwells that reportedly are separate from the main structure and hold their own air supply when all doors are closed. Emergency radio transmissions indicated rescue personnel had difficulty moving some of the wheelchair-bound tenants, and one woman who weighed 600 pounds.

But fire officials at the scene said there were no major problems. They noted that fire drills held at the city's high-rises.

"Considering this was one of the most major calls in a long time, I have to say they did a pretty good job," Burghardt said. He said the tenants were alerted by the building's box alarm system.

The fire was contained to one room, although smoke and heat caused damage estimated at \$10,000 to \$15,000 to the entire apartment, Burghardt said. There also was some damage to the eighth, ninth and 10th floors from water damage, he said. He added that total damage to the building was estimated at \$30,000 to \$35,000.

Burghardt said the apartment would have to be refurbished and Green would be the only Moravian House tenant needing temporary housing.

Heavy smoke blanketed the 11th floor and some of it filtered down to the 10th floor "at least," Burghardt said. He added that the apartment was "closed tight," which prevented more smoke from escaping.

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Hard work sends Grenadier Band off to England

After nearly a year of hard work and preparation by parents, teachers and students alike, the Liberty High School Grenadier Band is finally on its way to England for 10 days of musical and educational events and some good, old-fashioned relaxation.

To raise the money for the \$200,000 needed to finance the journey, band members sold 20,000 bougies, 30,000 containers of pretzels and chips, 40,000 candy bars, 2,000 pounds of truckcake and 1,000 candy canes, according to Pat Patsch, ski, past band parents' president and current lounge chairman.

Plans call for the 360 band members and 44 chaperones to leave Bethlehem at 4 a.m. today for John F. Kennedy International Airport, where they will board British Airways and arrive at London's Heathrow Airport at 9:40 a.m. London time. Band members will remain in London during the early morning hours of March 21.

In addition, a group of some 200 local residents, who are fans of the Grenadiers and known as tag-alongs, also will travel to Britain. Their itinerary closely parallels that of the Grenadiers, although this group will leave Bethlehem tomorrow and return March 28.

Band instruments and other bulky items were transported to Kennedy Airport last night in a tractor-trailer, which was donated by the Banko Beverage Co. The ser-

vices of a driver also were donated by Trammers Local 773.

The highlight of the Grenadier's trip, according to Ron Sherry, band director, will be a joint concert with the Coldstream Guards on Sunday in Royal Albert Hall.

The Grenadiers, whose theme is "Rise Britannia," are modeled after the Coldstream Guards, and their uniforms are exact copies of those worn by the British military group. The belts, buttons and other accessories worn by the Grenadiers are even imported from England.

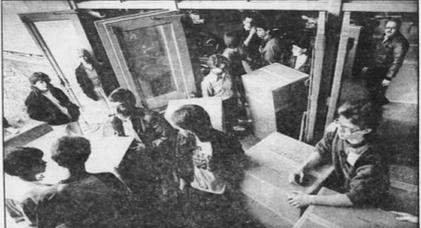
Sherry called the Coldstream Guards "certainly one of the world's finest bands" and said this is the "first time for a U.S. band to play with a British military band in a jointly sponsored concert."

According to the trip's itinerary, among activities scheduled for band members are tours of London and its landmarks tomorrow through Friday and a parade and performance in Trafalgar Square on Saturday, which Sherry said is a "high point for any American band."

On Monday, the Grenadiers will present a full display performance in Twickenham Stadium and later that same day will visit "Shakespeare's Feast" for a three-hour dinner show. Band members will also have time on their own in London.

Next Wednesday after arrival in Bristol, the band will be greeted at

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Moravian to expand field house 5-year building plan includes new dorms

Moravian College is planning an estimated \$8 million, five-year building plan to expand Johnston Hall athletic field house, and add new housing for 250 students near the college's main campus off Main Street and Elizabeth Avenue.

Public Information Director Clifford Koch said yesterday the plan will include the demolition of 18 college-owned and student-occupied row houses on Old Place, a one-block street between Locust Street and Elizabeth Avenue, to help make room for the new development.

Koch said that architectural work has not yet begun for the project, which has been under consideration for some time. The college has petitioned the city for the vacation of Locust Street between Monaca and Otis of Otis between Locust and Elizabeth, and of Stieret to Elizabeth. City Council sent the request to the Planning Commission for review last night.

Koch said that Johnston Hall on Locust Street has not been expanded in its 14-year history.

While it is anticipated that additional student housing will be needed in the future, the real need is for inside recreational space provided by the planned new field house, Koch said.

Johnston Hall has barely seen just about day and night, he said, noting the facility contains gymnasium and basketball facilities for physical education classes and intramural sports, as well as offices.

College officials said that a capital campaign to raise funds for the project will be launched.

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Non-profit agencies cut from grants

By DAN HARTZELL
Of The Morning Call

Bethlehem City Council voted 6-1 last night to cut off non-profit agencies from federal grant funding. The vote carried 6-1 because council's only Republican member was the only person voting against the resolution.

Though it often is supposed that the GOP is the fiscally conservative party, and that Democrats represent the free-spenders liberal segment of the spectrum, such generalizations don't always hold true.

Republican Otto Eshram Jr. supplied the only dissenting vote in a 6-1 approval of a resolution eliminating the non-profits from consideration in the battle for expiring federal grant money to the cities. The six positive votes were cast by council's six Democrats.

If the resolution remains unchanged

read each other Catholic Charities sets \$750,000 goal for '86

By DAN PEARSON
Of The Morning Call

Declining moral standards in the Lehigh Valley and across the nation have prompted more of a challenge for Catholics to help people overcome their lives and assist their and children, said Michael O'Pake said last night at the opening of the 1986 Catholic Charities Appeal of the Allentown Diocese.

Delivering the keynote address of the silver anniversary campaign, O'Pake, Di. Berks/Montgomery counties, spoke to 800 volunteers from the counties of Berks, Carbon, Schuylkill, Lehigh and Northampton.

This year the diocese is seeking \$750,000 to \$850,000 more than last year's goal. Despite lagging returns in 1985, the parish diocese made an all-out effort in the last two weeks and brought in \$723,343.

Through the Catholic Charities Appeal, we are all being asked to sacrifice something. It is asking you give something of yourself, said O'Pake, the ranking Democrat on the Senate Judiciary Committee.

"Do not believe that the government should do all of these things. Government can get very expensive," he added.

One of the authors of the state's tough new law to combat child abuse, O'Pake said that 20,000 children annually become victims of child abuse every year. Of that number, he said, 5,000 are victims of sexual assault, incest and rape.

Almost 50 percent of the sixth-graders in the state use drugs and alcohol at least once a month. The average male junkie commits 240 crimes a year to finance his habit. Our elderly, too often lonely, hungry and cold, have given so much to their children that they are left to live in poverty," O'Pake observed.

The legislature said he was concerned to learn there were 113,000 teen-age pregnancies in the nation last year, creating tremendous problems for families and communities. "The tragedy doesn't last when the love in a marriage is turned into lust," he said.

Reminiscing briefly, O'Pake fondly re-

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Bishop Thomas Welsh and state Sen. Michael O'Pake at campaign kickoff

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Rules don't apply for Soviet Jews

Law called irrelevant for those who want to leave country

By DONALD BLOUNT
Of The Morning Call

Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union is "a highly political situation that is not based on any right," Dr. George Ginsburg said last night at Lehigh University.

Ginsburg, professor of foreign and comparative law at Rutgers University Law School, spoke on Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union before about 25 people in the Jacobus Auditorium at Lehigh Hall.

Ginsburg, who has served 10 times as a visiting scholar at the Soviet Academy of Sciences, said law is irrelevant when discussing Soviet emigration because Soviet citizens "have no right to emigrate as such. The whole thing becomes a matter of games."

People have attempted to hold the Soviets to some type of rules, but that has been unsuccessful because the Soviets don't have or follow any rules, he said.

"The Soviet performance has been miserable and the harassment of people is endless. The Soviets say they left in 1973, 53,000 Soviet Jews were allowed to leave the country; and 250,000 Soviet Jews, out of a total 300,000 people, have been allowed to emigrate since 1973."

The Soviets "have made a very large exception (for Jews), which is remarkably generous and privileged" in leaving the country, he said. "Anatoly Scharansky was a one-shot gesture."



Dr. George Ginsburg, Rutgers professor, speaks at Lehigh Hall last night.

deal of anti-Semitism" that exists in the Soviet Union.

But overall the Soviet emigration policy has been very poor, he said.

Chinoyev said "Human rights is not high on their priority list. Soviets are uncomfortable with people using their rights to think on their own. Politics come first over there and always will come first."

For example, he said, the release of Soviet dissident Anatoly Scharansky was "a one-shot gesture."

The Soviets have opened doors they only when they thought it would help them gain something, he said. "The situation is no longer profitable for them. They are afraid if they make too many concessions, people will consider them weak."

Soviet officials fear that "once the door is open" it will never close, he added.

They also fear a "brain drain," that professional people will leave the country, he said.

Ginsburg said pressure, continued criticism and the promise of a Soviet profit are needed to increase emigration. However, they all must be done "with considerable discretion."

"You cannot pressure or embarrass the Soviet Union into doing something against its intentions," he said.

"It's a matter of style and proper handling," he added.

Emigration can be obtained as long as it's done on a low profile level and is profitable for the Soviets, Ginsburg said.

The proper "economic inducements" will surely convince the government to allow some people to leave the country. If people leave the Soviet Union in the future it will be because someone has paid a price for them, Ginsburg said.

"The KGB will buy and sell anything including its own grandmothers and it will probably do it."

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Said Lawrence: "Agencies such as yours and mine have survived long before (community) development — block grants — and they will continue to survive. "Where there's a will, there's a way."

Edwards expressed "great disappointment" about the result of council's vote.

Edwards thought the fact that council's Republican was the only legislator to side with the president was interesting, and amusing in a way. Like some national politicians, he believes that generalizations about party line politicians are growing less valid with each passing year.

In other matters, council sent to the planning commission for review a request by Moravian College to locate its new campus on Locust, Erwin and Sherer streets near the college's main campus to make way for an estimated \$8 million, five-year project planned to add to Johnson Hall athletic field, and for new student housing.

COUNCIL

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through the summer — several council members expressed the hope that it will be temporary — the local citizens may be able to apply for public housing in the future.

Community Development Block Grant money next fall.

All of council sympathized with the seven people who spoke against the resolution, including council President Jack Lawrence, who said he understands the plight of the high-rise well because he works for one of them: the Allentown YMCA.

But the rest of council agreed with Lawrence's decision "wanting a councilman's hat" to approve the resolution dropping the agency's bid limited the amount of such funding next year. The money is also used for housing rehabilitation grants and for public works projects such as street repair and resurfacing.

The wave of federal budget reduction caused a 20 percent reduction in Bethlehem's 1986 allocation — \$1.4 million, down from \$1.8 million — providing the main reason for the city to look for ways to reduce its own expenditure of the funds.

One of council's messages to opponents of the measure was that the state and federal governments were at least as responsible, and probably more so, than Bethlehem's and other local governments for the net result.

Councilman Michael Longo said he who argued a strong lobbying effort of the state and federal legislators.

Opponents of the measure who spoke last night were Alan Jennings, who represents several areas beyond the city limits, and Councilman David DeBorja of the Bethlehem Boys Club. Rev. David DeBorja, of Episcopal Ministers and Holy Sacrament, St. Nicholas and Gilliam streets, board members from the Bethlehem YWCA.

YWCA Executive Director Barbara Edwards also opposed the resolution, and presented her agency's own resolution opposing the city's measure. It was signed by representatives of 15 area social agencies.

A chief point of opponents was that the non-profits should not be lumped together and denied the opportunity even to apply for funding.

"Each case should be taken on its own merit," said Dolak. "We just don't want to be indiscriminately cut out."

FIRE

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Burglars said firefighters, equipped with air packs, used the building's main entrance to get into the fire. Firefighters were seen knocking out a window in the 11th floor and raising parts of foam rubber to the ground. There are no sprinklers in the building, Reinhard said.

"If a sprinkler system (probably) would have gotten it under control faster, but we had a quick response so it was held within that room," Reinhard said. "But it might have held it down some, yes."

The fire was originally believed to be on the 10th floor of the building, officials said. Firefighters, who are positioned above and below the fire, firefighters checked the floors immediately above and below the fire. Firefighters checked the floors immediately above and below the fire.

Firefighters were still on the scene, closing up water late last night. Traffic was rerouted at Main Street and Union Boulevard during the night.

Two pumps and two ladders — the standard equipment used in responding to a high-rise fire in Bethlehem — were dispatched to the scene along with two rescue trucks. Responding with two city ambulances were units from Fountain Hill, Valley Transport Service and the St. Joe volunteer fire company in Lower Saucon Township.

The Bethlehem Red Cross was also at the scene.

Moravian House I is part of a complex that includes another high-rise, Moravian House II. The two buildings, built in the 1970s by the Moravian Development Corp., are popular with tenants for social functions.

Observers said the last major fire to strike a high-rise in Bethlehem occurred in April 1980. That blaze struck the kitchen of a 12th-floor home at E. 4th and S. New streets, a 46-year-old tenant burned hands and facial burns in that fire.

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called his days at St. Margaret's Elementary School in Reading and at Central Catholic High School in the same city. He went on to graduate from St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia and earn his law degree from the University of Pennsylvania.

Noting that his father died when he was very young, Pfluke stressed the importance of his children's education in his absence. "God seems to have made a way for you that is not available when you most need help," the senator remarked.

Mrs. Edward R. Sacks, the diocese's vice president and director of the charities appeal, said the surprising of the goal last year.

BAND

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An official reception by Bristol's lord mayor. The remainder of the Grosvenor Band will be in the homes of Bristol as guests in the homes of Bristol residents.

(In the band's final day in England, it will parade with the University of Pennsylvania Band, a local Bristol band made up of students and community residents between the ages of 8 and 21. In the evening, the Grosvenors will play a benefit concert for the Grosvenor Band to help the British band with its fundraising efforts.

Sherry called the trip "the thrill of a lifetime" and said it will afford the Grosvenors opportunities to do things "no other American high school band has ever done."

Thomas J. Delano, who was Liberty's principal and became acting superintendent Feb. 1, had hoped to accompany the band to England, but he said his present work schedule would not allow this.

Delano noted how pleased he was with the band's trip itinerary. "There was a good composition of activities," he said, adding it shows "there was lots of care in planning."

John C. Saunders Jr., Liberty's acting principal, is happy to be accompanying the band. "Certainly look forward to the experience," he said. "It is wonderful for everybody."

Carl Langhamer, school district curriculum specialist for music, and his wife, Doris, a teachers aide at Liberty, also are traveling with the band.

"One of the highlights of my job is that I get to accompany these bands," Langhamer said, referring not only to the Liberty band but also to the trip by the Freedom band to Hawaii last December to play at the Aloha Bowl.

He added, "These trips, in 10 days, give the kids more educationally than they can get in a classroom in one year."

"They will make everyone in Bethlehem very proud of them," he said of the Grosvenors last week.

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