

34 'Treated' At St. Francis

Hospital Pulls Through In Disaster Drill

Staff Gets Chart Of 'Quite Well'

At the Corner of Calvin and 45th Streets in Lawrenceville a school bus rested with its bumper against a white sedan surrounded by heavy clouds of smoke.

Police ambulances carried injured students to St. Francis General Hospital while firemen worked on putting out the blaze under the car.

The excitement was all part of a mock disaster designed "to evaluate the ability and potential of St. Francis to handle a disaster," according to Sister Mary Adele, administrator of the hospital.

George J. Van Jura, safety officer of the Veterans Administration and an observer of the drill yesterday, said "The medical staff, clerks and litter bearers were all well-trained and performed quite well."

The appearance of the 34 victims came as a surprise to the emergency staff, given five minutes warning over the hospital radio network.

The "victims," all volunteers from the Bishop's Latin School, were made up to simulate various injuries, burns, lacerations, fractures and shock. One boy was "dead on arrival."

The drill began at 2:05 p. m. yesterday and within 30 minutes the last case had been treated.

Mrs. Ella Lindenfesler, head nurse of the emergency room, handled the mock victims and several real emergencies, including a child suffering convulsions and a man with a critical heart condition, which arrived at the same time.

Sisters Marianella and Rosita borrowed a school bus and a wrecked auto and obtained co-operation from



Smoke bomb attracts crowd to simulated disaster drill in Lawrenceville.

the Pittsburgh Police and Fire Departments. The Air National Guard supplied the smoke to make the event as realistic as possible.

Sister Adele, in reviewing

the work of her staff, said that "if there were, God forbid, a real disaster the work would be much more detailed. The hospital is presently almost 100 per cent full and we would have to bed and care for the patients."

The most recent case of this size handled by the hospital was an epidemic of food poisoning that brought 80 patients to the emergency ward.

The drill is part of a continuing program of disaster

practices that began in with the Prep Pitt series mass drills. Last year's involving all City hospitals began with a mock explosion in the parking of the Civic Arena.

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By WILLIAM F. SUNDERLAND

VATICAN CITY, June 21 (UPI)—Giovanni Battista Cardinal Montini, a liberal and progressive champion of social justice, was elected Supreme Pontiff of the Roman Catholic Church today.

He chose the name Pope Paul VI.

His coronation will take place June 30, the day President Kennedy arrives in Rome.

The 65-year-old Archbishop of Milan, a native of the same northern Italian area from which the late Pope John XXIII came, was a favored candidate before he entered the secret conclave of the College of Cardinals at which he was chosen to become spiritual leader of the world's half billion Roman Catholics.