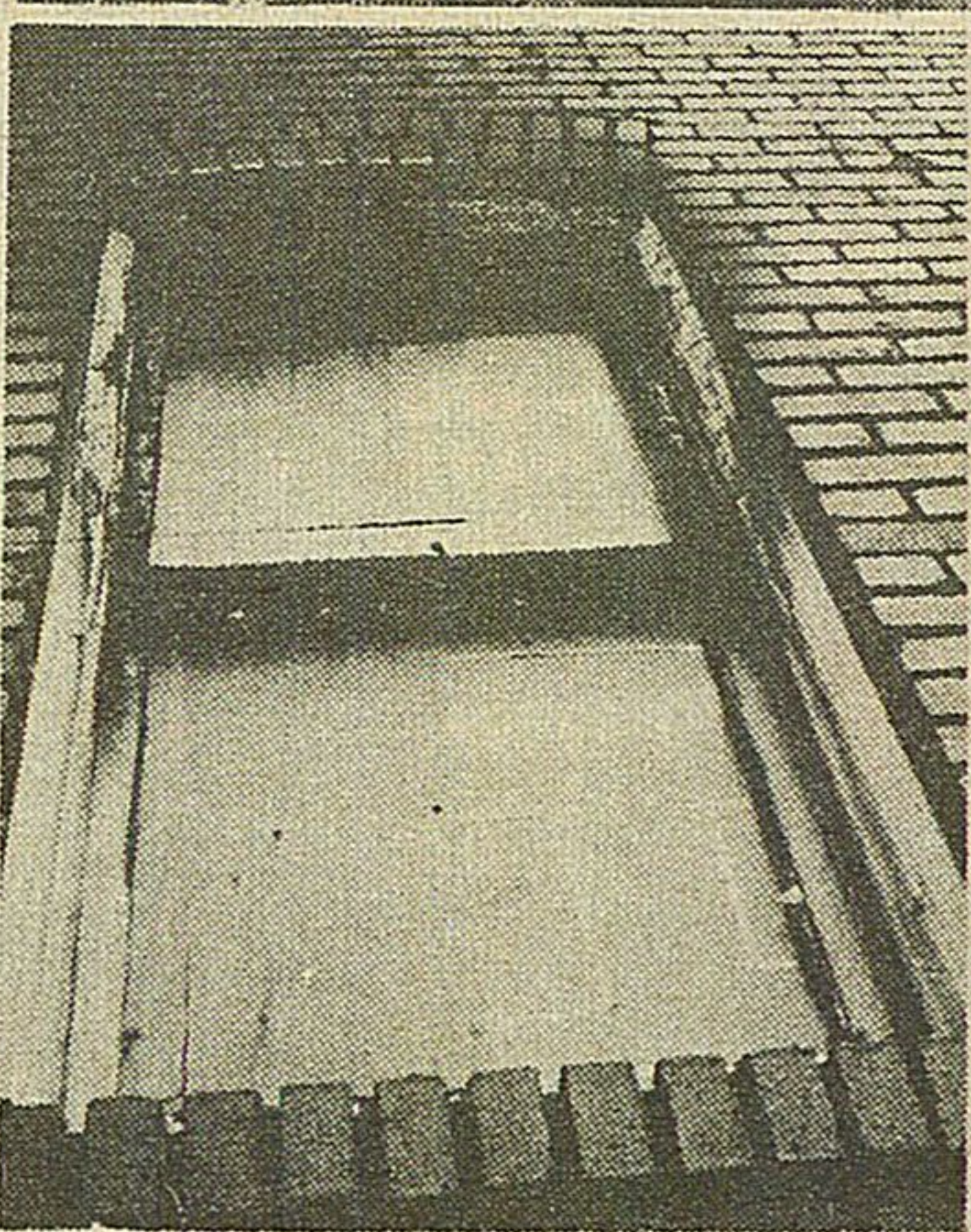
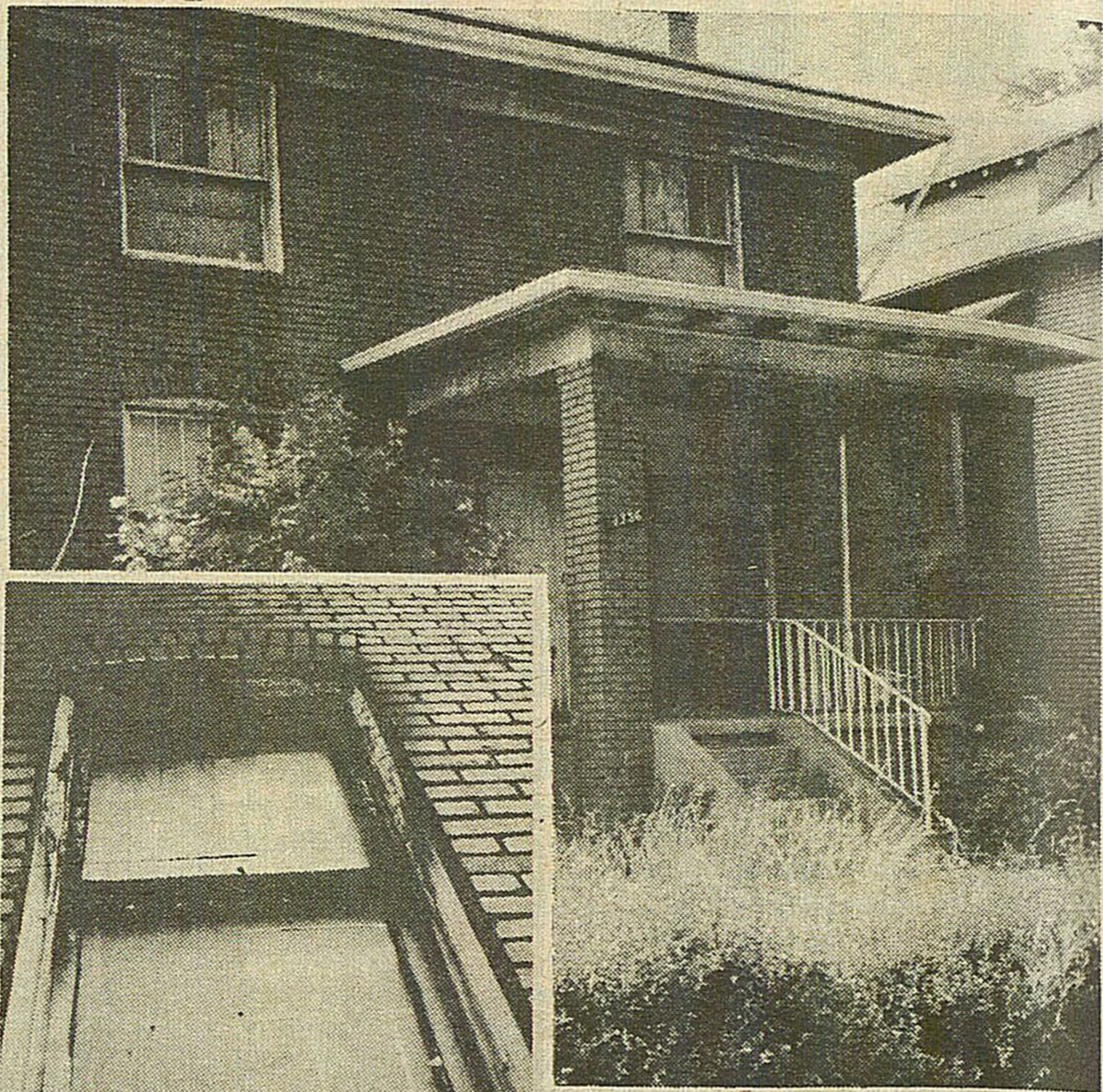


Blaze Ruins the Interior Of New Sq. Hill Mikvah



INTENSE heat charred the windowsills in fire which gutted the interior of the Mikvah at Shady and Pittock, Squirrel Hill.

The newly built Mikvah in Squirrel Hill suffered a major setback on Wednesday evening, June 16, when a fire of unknown origin caused extensive damages to the interior of the building.

"Because of the vital need for an operating Mikvah in the Pittsburgh area, every possible attempt is being made to begin repairs and restore the facilities," said Mrs. Sidney Gross, President of Jewish Women's League for Taharath Hamispocho.

The Pittsburgh Mikvah, which

has been in operation for only three weeks was recently completed at a cost of \$60,000 and has been hailed throughout the country as being the most modern and most beautifully designed facility of its kind" according to Mrs. Gross.

At the time of the fire, the Building Fund was still short \$15,000.

No one was injured in the blaze, although eyewitnesses reported a violent explosion inside the building at Shady and Pittock Avenues.