

## Patrolman Who Shot \$50,000 Fire Loss Brothers Suspended in Chicago Loop

Suspension of Patrolman Paul Blasingame from the Berkeley City police force pending investigation of his shooting two former Marines Friday night was announced yesterday by James E. Nation, Mayor of Berkeley City.

Leon Groshon, 25, unhurt in four major Pacific landings, was shot three times by Blasingame and is in critical condition at St. Louis County Hospital. Coy Groshon, 30, his brother, suffered a slight flesh wound. Their father, Arthur Groshon, 4608 Holman lane, Edmundson Terrace, has retained an attorney to determine whether there is basis for legal action against Blasingame.

Nation said the officer was suspended at a closed hearing of the Board of Aldermen, acting in their capacity as Police Commissioners, and that a further hearing will be held.

Blasingame, after the shooting, which took place at a Berkeley City tavern, claimed he fired in self-defense after the two, and another brother, Virgil, 21, assaulted him. The Gershons, how-

CHICAGO, ILL., Nov. 25 (AP). —A crowd of Loop shoppers was drenched with water today when a hose broke as they watched a \$50,000 fire in a five and one-half story building at State street and Jackson boulevard.

Second Deputy Fire Marshal John Haberkorn said the blaze apparently started from faulty wiring in the basement of the Stylebit Hilton clothing store which occupied the ground floor. He said 200 persons were in the building at the time but that all escaped. No injuries were reported.

Haberkorn said the hose broke as firemen were hoisting it up a ladder in front of the building.

ever, asserted he began firing wildly at them during an altercation.

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