

Fiery Death Trap

Newspaper photograph and caption / UPI Telephoto

Playground Daily News, July 19, 1967, page 10; placement supported by overlapping article text in photos 13-17.

Source: photographs taken by Spencer Madrie of microfilm at the Fort Walton Beach library archives (user-provided provenance). Received through Telegram on September 26, 2026.

Source notes

Photo 15 is selected for the full image; photo 18 supplies a larger caption view. Duplicate shots 16-17 preserved with originals. Glare and the photographer's reflection obscure detail; these have not been erased or replaced.

Reading transcription

Visually checked against the supplied photographs. Line-break hyphenation and spacing are normalized; brackets identify editorial flags. Historical wording, names and reported counts are retained. Source images govern if a transcription error remains.

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Source view - photo 15

Full photograph and caption



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Source view - photo 18

Caption close-up

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