



ONE OF MORE than 30 injured from fumes in a 30-story Landmark Hotel tower receives emergency treatment before being taken to a hospital. The Landmark incident occurred four days after three had died in the Mark I apartment tower, only a few blocks from the Landmark.

## Las Vegas hotel gas leak kills 1; scores injured

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (UPI)—A toxic gas, apparently seeping through air conditioning vents at the Landmark Hotel-Casino, Friday killed at least one person and injured scores of others.

At least 800 to 1,000 guests and gamblers fled the space-needle shaped hotel.

The victim was not immediately identified.

Three hospitals to handle the flood of injured.

Clark County Fire Chief LeRoy Hawks said a 10th-floor air conditioning unit had been located which appeared to be the major source of the toxic fumes.

Firemen, equipped with breathing packs, spread out quickly throughout the gambling resort in an attempt to locate the source of the fumes and cut them off.

"It was like taking my last breath. The air smelled sweet. It was invisible but you knew something was there," said Don Thompson, a guest from Denver, Colo.

HE SAID his mouth became dry quickly and he was gasping for air.

Ken Schrelber, also of Denver, said he could not pinpoint the kind of

smell. He said his father was the first taken to the hospital and he was the person who notified hotel security guards.

Authorities said the toxic gas, believed to be Freon gas which is used in air conditioning, began seeping throughout the hotel about 7:30 a.m. PDT.

A spokesman for Summa Corp., the company owned by the late Howarth Hughes, said 800 to 1,000 guests, employees and gamblers were ordered out of the 30-story resort which has a total of 490 rooms. Besides the rooms located in the tower, hotel rooms are also positioned around a swimming pool patio in three-story buildings.

Southern Nevada Hospital reported setting up emergency treatment beds in the hallways after a recently expanded emergency room was over-filled.

Others were reported under treatment at Sunrise Hospital and Valley Hospital.

The gas leak was preceded by a power failure at the space needle-shaped resort as well as a flooding problem in the basement of the hotel.

Investigators said the incidents could be related.

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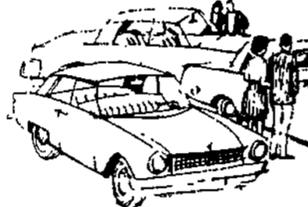


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