

# **BLAST, FIRE KILL ELDERLY COUNTY MAN**

A 73-year-old man died yesterday morning in a gasoline explosion and fire at his residence in an isolated area of northern San Diego County.

He was identified by the coroner's office as John Kuhnis, who lived alone in a small rock house in the De Luz area north of Fallbrook.

Sheriff's deputies said Kuhnis was found burned to death just outside his residence after the explosion and fire, apparently caused when he attempted to light a wood stove with the gasoline.