ARSON SUSPECT DIES AFTER AN OPERATION

Jack Weiss, one of a group of men accused of an arson plot that resulted in a devastating explosion and fire on Monday night, died last night in St. Vincent's Hospital. A detective and another alleged arsonist were killed in the blast, which occurred in a fifth-floor loft at 9 West Eighteenth Street.

Hospital authorities said that Weiss died at 9:30 P. M. after an emergency operation, but the cause of his death was not determined immediately. It was said, however, that it had not resulted from the operation.

Although detectives had gone to the hospital to question Weiss when they heard of the plans for an operation, he made no statement before he died, the police said. Weiss was 67 years old and lived at 241 East Fifty-second Street, Brooklyn. The operation was described as a tracheotomy, performed because Weiss had experienced difficulty in breathing. He had been on the critical list since the fire.

Two other alleged arsonists are being held without bail. They are Al Keshner, 42, of 2301 Benson Avenue, and Jake Mayron, 59, of 193 Osborne Street, both of Brooklyn.

Detective James Daggett of the safe and loft squad and Moe Shapiro, 70, of 321 Hopkinson Avenue, Brooklyn, lost their lives in the explosion. Detective Howard Phelan, also of the safe and loft squad, was burned and was recovering in St. Vincent's Hospital.

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