

# Chief Discloses Aerial Ladder Inadequate at Theater Fire

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As a civilian committee of mechanical experts continued investigation of equipment of the Salt Lake fire department, Fire Chief LaVere M. Hanson revealed that the Roxy theater fire had to be fought with an inadequate aerial ladder.

"Firemen used the aerial ladder to reach the top of the building," Chief Hanson said, "but I told them not to extend it more than two-thirds of its length, owing to its age and condition.

"We left one company at headquarters station, but a couple of big fires right then would have put us on the spot."

Meanwhile, Mayor Ab Jenkins' civilian committee, headed by D. G. Cunningham and comprising Everett R. Walton and David M. Snyder, took pumping equipment to the Jordan river for tests.