

## £10,000 Fire at White City

Shortly after the last race at the White City dog track at Tottenham last night a fire destroyed an open air grandstand which was temporarily out of use.

The stand, which could accommodate 1800 people, adjoined the main grandstand.

Estimating the damage at between £10,000 and £15,000, the track caretaker (Mr. F. Clyne) said the 21-year-old stand was out of use only while renovations were being made.

It is thought a cigarette butt, thrown carelessly into the stand, caused the fire.

Mr. Clyne said he was about to leave the track, which is owned by the Victorian Coursing Association, when he heard a small explosion. This proved to be a bottle exploding in the fire, which had not then been discovered.

Four appliances and 12 firemen from the Sunshine, North Melbourne and Footscray stations had the blaze under control in about 15 minutes.