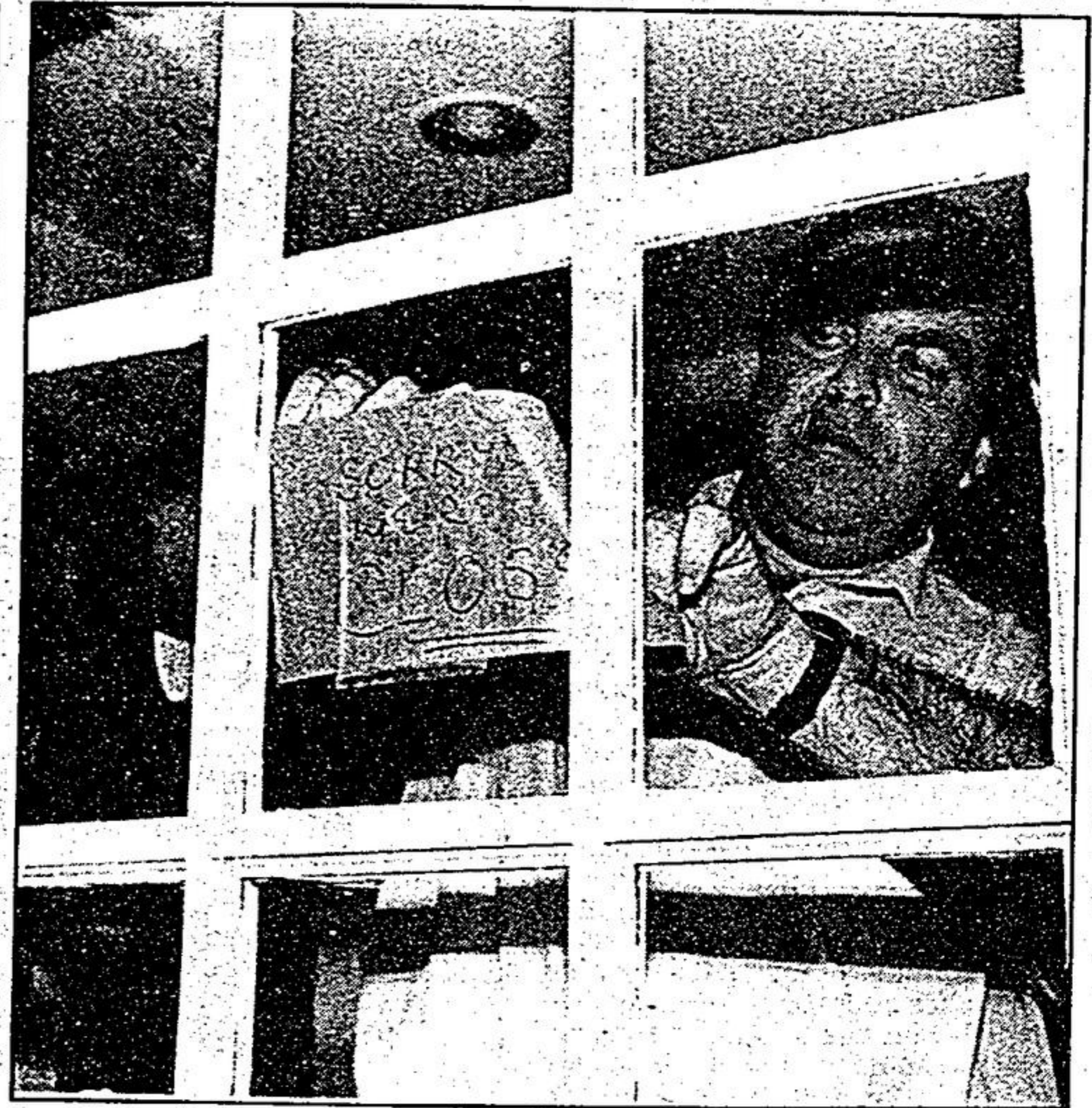


# Markham Village Lanes blast

## Wreckage described as 'war zone'



A member of York Regional Police Force's emergency response unit checks the damage following Thursday's early-morning explosion at Mar-

khams Village Lanes. Damage at the Main St. plaza is estimated to be as high as \$5 million.

Mark Levitt, owner of Flavors Ice Cream and Deli, puts a closed sign up at his Markham Village Lanes shop. All stores, boutiques and offices are closed indefinitely.

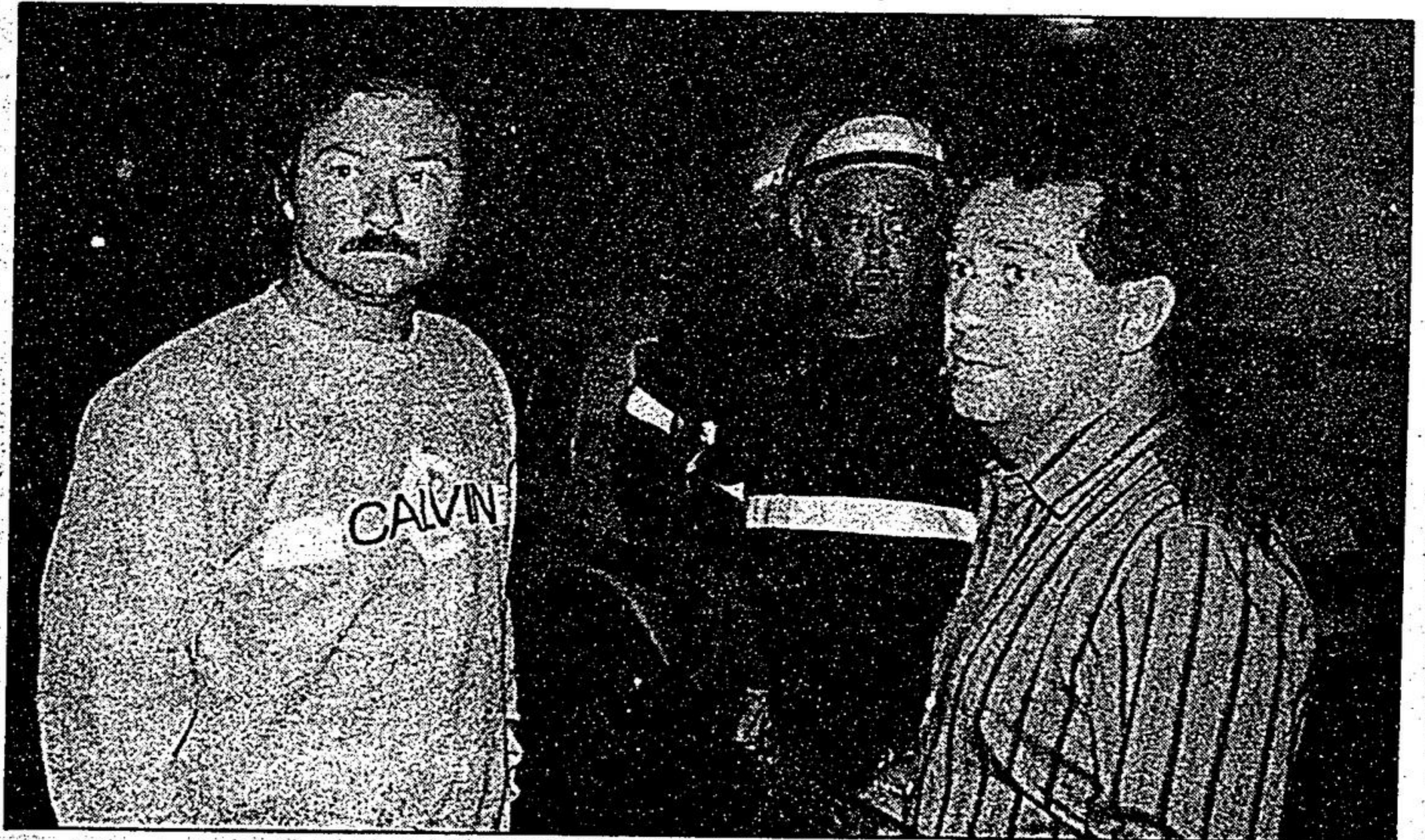
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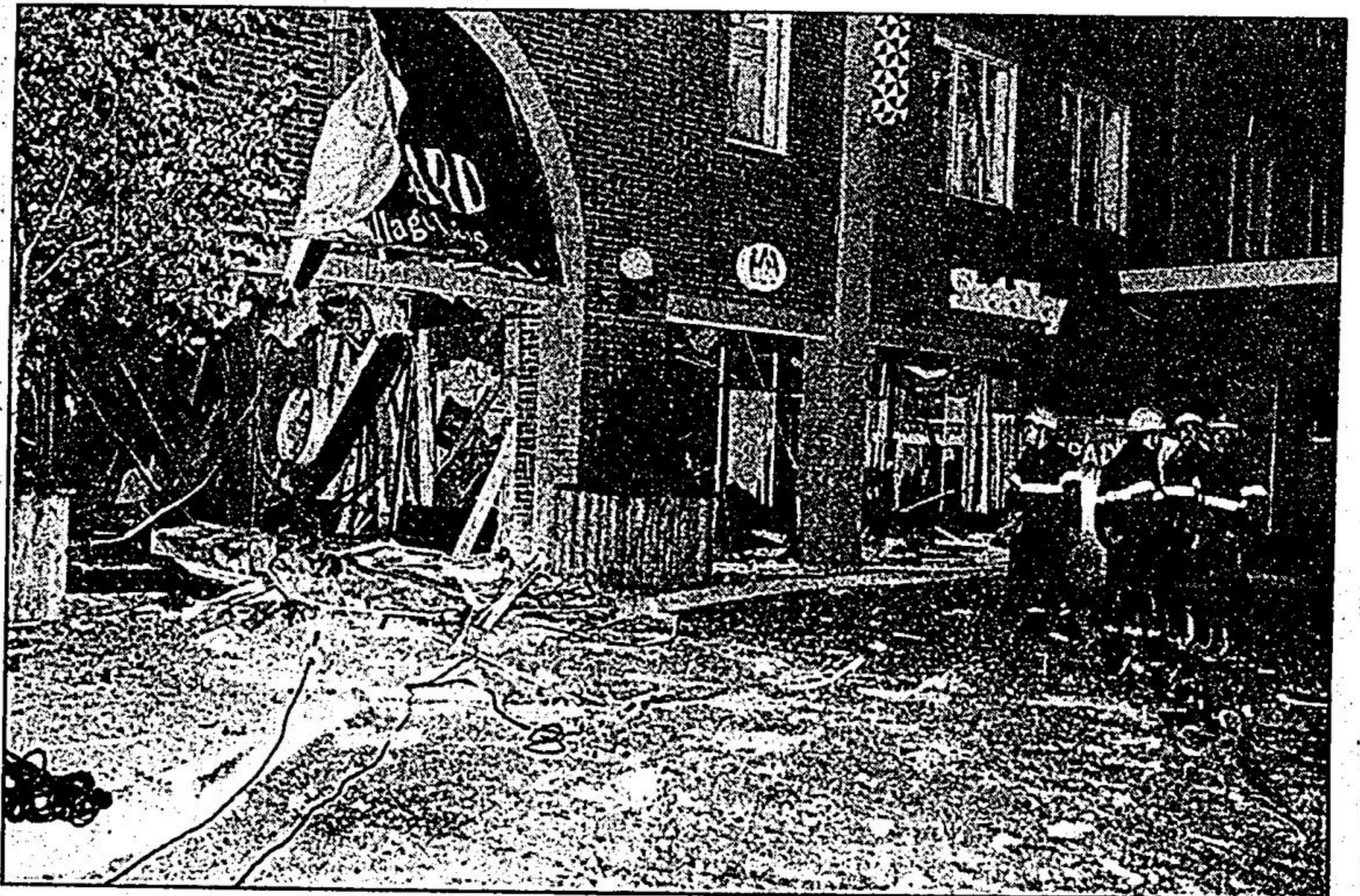
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Police Constable Ron Tennant of York Regional Police keeps watch of the stores and boutiques at Markham Village Lanes. While all stores and offices are closed, many have set up for business at temporary locations.



Frank Briggs (left), of Peaches N Jeans, and Lucio Salonia, of Lucio's Gold, look on in despair at the wreckage of Markham Village Lanes following Thursday's explosion.



Markham Firefighters survey the damage of Thursday's blast at Markham Village Lanes. Cause of the explosion is still under investigation.