FATAL GUEST HOME FIRE — Gutted remains of the Stevenson Guest Home, 2405 Roslyn Ave. are shown (left) after Monday fire that left a 70-year-old resident dead. Next panel: Elderly invalid known as "Mother Rose" is carried from building. Standing in wintry winds after escaping fire are Calvin Felmer (left and Samuel Clark, awaiting removal to temporary shelter. In right panel, Mrs. Sarah Stevenson, operator of the guest home for the aged, shows grief as she talks to police and arson investigators. Cause has not been determined. (AFRO photos by I. Henry Phillips)

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—'Wild child' tells

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When he sent me the contract it read $3200 and demanded top billing

"Top billing had already been promised to Jackie Wilson and there was still the matter of the added $700 charge over what was agreed upon."

Wild Child told of cancelling out Stevie Wonder last Wednesday after failing to reach agreement over the money plus a final demand of "no top billing—no show."

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AS TO Mary Wells, the hapless record-spinner said she simply failed to show and sent no explanation.

"She was booked from Associated Booking Agency and I had paid a deposit to guarantee her appearance. I have heard nothing from her or her agent, Sol Saffran."

Foster told of a "good house" in the theatre Sunday night and said there were another 700 people outside for the second show.

"About half of them held advance tickets," he said. "But there still was enough ticket sales in that crowd to make up the rest of the money needed and then some.

"I carried Wilson's manager outside and showed him the crowd but nothing could persuade Wilson to get onto the stage and go on with the show.

"This would have satisfied the crowd," surmised Wild Child, "but Jackie refused to budge and that was it."

"I am awfully sorry about the whole thing. I have made some good promotions at the Lyric—James Brown there in December, and several others. Everybody was happy.

"This is just one of those tough things. What else can I say but I am sorry and broke."

—States differ

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tain hardship discharge cases.

State procedures not only conflict with each other, the survey showed, but they also conflict with Army regulations.

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THE AFRO study of how hardship discharge cases are processed was sparked when a 21 - year - old Baltimore infantryman, Spec. 4 Eugene N. Chesley, was killed in Vietnam after being denied a hardship discharge.

It was learned that his application was referred by his commanding general to the Maryland State Selective Service System for checking, even though the soldier had never registered for the draft, having enlisted before he was 18.

Army regulations call for cases of unregistered soldiers to be sent to the local chapter of the Red Cross, if checking is required.

In the Baltimore soldier's case, State Selective Service Director Brig. Gen. Henry C. Stanwood replied that he could make no recommendation. Apparently, no further checking was made.

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IN MISSISSIPPI, in contrast, the State Selective Service would have checked on the case.

Mississippi State Director Col. James L. Davis said occasionally a hardship discharge application on an enlisted man would come through.

"Even if the man was not registered, we would go ahead and check it regardless," Col. Davis said.

Col. Davis said the case would be sent to the local board in the area that the soldier came from, and the board would check with the local Red Cross and welfare agencies.

Col Davis said his office was asked for opinions on few hardship discharge cases, "not more than five a month."

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CAPT. CHARLES L. KESSLER, head of Virginia selective Service, agreed with Col. Davis.

"We make no distinction between a man who has been inducted, a man who has enlisted, or a man who has gone in before his 18th birthday. If this commanding officer asks us, we will make an investigation."

Capt. Kessler added that very few hardship discharge cases had come into his office during his five years as state director. "Sometimes we go for months without one," he said.

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NEW YORK CITY Selective Service Director Col. Paul V. Akst was more in agreement with Maryland's director, Brig. Gen. Stanwood.

"I can't understand why a commanding general would send a case to us if we had no jurisdiction over it," Col. Akst said in reference to what might happen to a discharge application filed by a soldier who had never registered.

If there were a problem of confusion, however, it was "not widespread," Col. Akst said.

"There couldn't be one - tenth of one - thousandth of a per cent of boys in the army with cases like that," he maintained.

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A SPOKESMAN for the Pennsylvania State Selective Service headquarters said any action of his office in such a case would "depend on how the commander makes the request."

The spokesman said it would require a "formal request" for the Selective Service System to investigate the case of a boy on whom it had no records.

The relatives would be called in by the local draft board, and the board would make a "courtesy review" of the case, the spokesman said.

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COL. ROBERT STEELE of the Army Information Office in Washington admitted that in discussing the Baltimore case (of Spec. 4 Chesley) with officials involved, he had learned that although the Red Cross was the proper agency for referral of unregistered men, some commanding officers still send the cases to the Selective Service System.

"Even though they are aware of the regulations, some draft boards will check up on cases erroneously sent to them," Col Steele said, adding that this was truer in cases of small boards.

However the apparent confusion is resolved, the solution won't benefit Spec. 4 Chesley — or his family.

Col. Steele said that even if the Chesley case were reviewed and it was found that the soldier should have been granted a discharge, it would be impossible to compensate the family under present law.

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WASHINGTON (UPI) —A civil rights leader told a special conference of church representatives Monday that the nation's migrant workers are being exploited because they are not given sufficient federal protection.

Floyd McKisstck, national director of CORE, told the conference sponsored by the National Council of Churches "The American migrant agricultural worker provides jobs for thousands of other U.S. workers, yet has never been officially recognized as part of the labor force

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Jerusalem Temple plans dance March 5 at armory

The special activity for worthy matron, Constance spring, Ladies' night, was Ridgely, president of the La held last Saturday at the Mo- dies' Auxiliary to the Jeru- Culloh St. Mosque of the salem Temple No. 4 Youth Jerusalem Temple No. 4 Club and by Charles W. Shriners. Downes, director of the youth club.

Greetings were extended The most immediate activ- by E. Jerry Williams, illus- ity of Jerusalem Temple No. trious potentate. Responses 4 is their patrol ball, to be were made by Evelyn Doug- held at the Winchester Armlas, illustrious commandress ory on Saturday, March 5, 9 and by Esther Hill, grand p.m. to 1 a.m.

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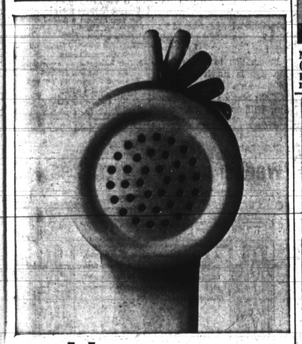

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'Smokestack' Hardy blames mothers for some fire deaths of children

By J. LINN ALLEN

Arthur P. (Smokestack) Hardy, who has been studying fires and fire fighters since he was a child and has been to almost all of Baltimore's major blazes in the past two decades, Tuesday blamed careless mothers for the high rate of home fires in which children are killed.

"Some women take more interest in a hat or a pair of shoes than they do in their children," Mr. Hardy said.

"They go out and leave two or three-year-old children alone, or even one-month old babies. It's senseless negligence.

"They have children, and then they don't give them any more consideration than they would to an empty soup can," he fumed.

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MR. HARDY, an auiliary fire fighter Monday evenings at Engine 13 and an employee of the electronics department at Johns Hopkins University, also blamed people who left piles of trash and litter around the home for fires.

Another dangerous practice, he continued, was cramming too much furniture in a small room.

"When everything is crowded together," he pointed out, "all you have to do is drop one match and everything goes up. Besides that, there's no way of escape."

Hardy's list of major fire

Smoking was also on Mr. Hardy's list of major fire causes.

"I wish you wouldn't he said frowning, when an AFRO photographer pulled out a package of cigarettes.

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MR. HARDY, whose home at 615 N. Carrollton Ave. is a museum of fire-fighting relics and momentos, was the first colored member of the Fire Fans of America, a nation-wide group organized in 1942.

He said he began chasing fire engines when he was about eight years old. The engines were horse - drawn and had a smokestack for the steam-driven pumps, which is where he got his nickname, Mr. Hardy said.

"In every section," he recalled, "boys went for a par- you went outside your cen- ticular engine company. If you went outside your own and said you were for the wrong engine company, the boys would run you and you'd end up with your heels in the air."

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THE FIRE Buff who interrupted the conversation several times with a sudden cock of his head to listen to a siren outside or a call on the fire department radio playing at high volume in a nearby room, said he like fire fighting because of the "activity" and "ecitement."

"It's a masculine profession," he said. "There are more than 400 vocations and fire fighting is one of the only ones where women aren't allowed. If you had women in there, I suppose the whole town would burn down."

MAD HATTER — Arthur (Smokestack) Hardy displays an English fireman's helmet from his varied collection of fire hats. Mr. Hardy collects fire fighting relics of all kinds.

WARREN HOWZE has been selected for a government internship with Rep. Clarence D. Long (D., Md.) (right) in Mr. Long's Washington office during the coming summer. Warren Howze, Morgan State College '67 will be subsidized during the internship on a Ford Foundation scholarship.

—Carver students

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employment.

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LAST ON the tour was the printing shop — including six linotype machines, job printing machines and a photolithography set up — in which several students had expressed an interest.

Mr. Goedeke explained that the school prints all the forms, such as diplomas and report cards for the school system.

A boy, remembering that Carver has only one linotype machine, described his school's print shop as "only as big as their stockroom."

On the way back to Carver on the one bus (another had failed to show up, leaving 30 students unable to make the tour), the students shouted to CORE's Ray Ford, "We're mad."

He had earlier explained to them that the tours would show them "there is a two-race system in the Baltimore Schools."

He asked them to compare the shops where with the shops in their own courses at Carver, to which one girl replied, "They don't have my shop here."

Ford answered, "Think about the reason for that, too."

ALTHOUGH many of the students were seniors and thus could not transfer to Mervo, student leaders Jerry Green and Mike Jackson hoped the tours would help educate the students and parents, help give junior high school students in the future an informed choice and lead the School Board "to improve Carver."

However, the most seething resentment was caused by the fact that security personnel were sent with each of the four groups around the school.

"Tell me," one boy asked a reporter on the bus trip home, "why did they have to guard us?"

MARCH 2
"Eruption of Kilauea, 1959-1960," film at Pratt Library's Brooklyn Branch, 7:30 p.m.

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"Vanishing Japan," noon-hour talk by Mr. Morton W. Huber, Artist and Photographer. At main Pratt Library, Central Hall, 12:30 p.m.

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