

# Death of a fireman: 'We all cried'

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I was out cruising the city when the call came over the air. There were two men in a car, and they had been spraying the 11-Engine, 11-Truck firehouse at Central and Ninth with bullets.

The car crashed into a fire hydrant. One of the men got away and the other sniper was caught.

Just then an alarm of fire came in on Central Avenue. Capt. Michael Moran of En-

Newark Fire Director John P. Caufield was at the side of Capt. Michael Moran when he was shot and killed Saturday night while working at an alarm. Here is his account.

gine 11 responded. I decided to go up and take a look.

We got there at just about the same time. It was a factory building, about four stories. We didn't see anything burning so we decided to enter the building. We couldn't get in.

Two firemen seized a ladder. They rapped the window

on the second story and broke the glass. I stood on one side of the ladder and Capt. Moran on the other. There were two National Guardsmen there, too.

Then, the sniper opened fire. We couldn't see where the bullets were coming from but we knew from the sound that it was automatic weapon fire.

I heard Capt. Moran say "I'm hit." He slumped down behind the truck. One of the guardsmen was hit, too.

### SUMMONED AMBULANCE

I ran into the cab of the truck and got on the fire radio.

"Headquarters 1-A to Headquarters. Emergency. We have two men shot. Get an ambulance and get the rescue squad here as quickly as possible. We have two men shot," I said.

Then, we looked to see where he was hit. At first we thought it was in the back, but it was in the lower left side. The guardsman, Elwood Allston, 25, of Asbury Park, was shot in the lower left back but he's all right, I understand.

We didn't wait for the ambulance. Battalion Chief David Kinnear arrived, and we decided they were too badly hurt and we'd better get them



Michael Moran



John P. Caufield

## Leaders demand leave Newark

During a press conference at the American Civil Liberties Union office in downtown Newark the civil rights representatives called for:

- Immediate withdrawal of National Guard units and State and Newark police from the ghetto area.

- Provision of an adequate supply of food for ghetto residents.

- Food and water for all those arrested and not yet arraigned.

- Prosecution of white night riders who are "terrorizing" the Negro community.

- Independent review of police brutality charges arising

out of arrests during the riots.

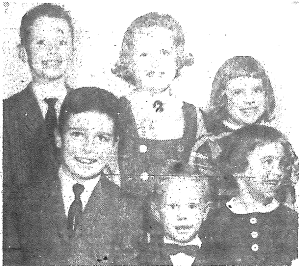
- Immediate payment of checks to welfare recipients.

Those at the conference included Jesse Allen, organizer at UCC Board No. 3; James Hooper, chairman, Newark CORE; Donald Tucker, organizer, UCC area Board No. 5 and CORE; Mrs. Marian Klidd, chairman, welfare committee, UCC area Board No. 3 (Peoples Action Group) and Phil Hutchins, SNCC organizer.

Throughout the meeting the five repeated charges that the riot is a result of "indifference by Newark city offi-

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Capt. Moran's six children

# How fireman died

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to the hospital right away. The chief took the captain in his car, and I took the Guardsman.

We went to Presbyterian Hospital. Capt. Moran died on the way there. A lot of the firemen came up to the hospital when they heard the news. We were all in tears.

He had been in the department since 1949 and a captain since 1960. He had just finished a course in fire administration at Rutgers so he could get ahead.

He was one of the finest, most decent men I ever met. He was an excellent fireman, family man and gentleman. I never met a better man.

I plan to ask the mayor and the City Council to provide some sort of a special pension for his wife, Ann, and his six kids, aged 5 to 15. I will also make a request for funds to the Committee of 200, a citizens group that is providing funds for the families of slain police and firemen.

We're going to give him a hero's funeral Wednesday.