

NAACP FILES FOR DEFAULT JUDGMENT

The Western Regional Office of the NAACP announced today that the attorneys representing the estate of Mr. Charles James ("Poppa Charlie") have filed a motion for a default judgment against the City and County of San Francisco and those police officers who were involved in Mr. James' violent death. Mr. James, a disabled Black senior citizen, was killed by a barrage of police weapon fire after an early morning intrusion into his Hunter's Point residence in July of 1978.

The Civil Rights and Wrongful Death complaint was filed in federal court in September of 1979. The defendant police officers and the City and County of San Francisco have failed to answer this complaint in spite of the fact that plaintiffs extended the time for answering to February 4, 1980. As a result of this failure to answer or otherwise respond, the attorneys for the estate of Mr. James have filed this current motion so that the Court can enter judgment for plaintiffs.

A hearing for the Motion for Entry of the Default Judgment has been scheduled for August 4, 1980, at 10:00 a.m. before the Honorable Robert F. Peckham in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California.

LACERATION HAZARD!

Sears, Roebuck and Co. today announced a plan to correct a possible problem on 55,000 ten-inch motorized miter saws which could pose a laceration hazard when used with carbide-tipped blades. Under certain conditions, the blade could come off and, while still spinning, strike the user.

The company said it has received reports of three such incidents, with one resulting in a serious facial injury. The problem results from the fact the carbide-tipped blades are thicker than regular original equipment blades are most often used on soft metals. Sears cautioned consumers using the carbide-tipped blades to stop doing so immediately.

The voluntary corrective action applies only to two models of Sears saws which sold for approximately \$200 under the name Craftsman motorized miter saw. The models have ten-inch blades and were sold between July 1978 and June 1980. The model number on the affected units, which are located on a plate on the end of the motor, are 315.23730 and 315.23731.

Consumers who have miter saws with either of these numbers should contact their local Sears store or call toll-free to 800-845-4781 to arrange for a free correction kit.



MILITARY ACHIEVEMENT HONOR

The National Minority Military Museum Foundation and its coalescing organizations, The National Institute for the Study of Race and the Military, The Buffalo Soldiers Historical Society, The American G.I. Forum, an Hispanic veterans organization and The 761 "Black Panther" Tank Battalion & Allied Veterans Association, have announced plans to build a national museum of minority military history.

The museum is projected as a multi-million dollar building with educational and study facilities as well as a repository for official records. It will display artifacts, pictures and histories which the foundation collecting.

According to the foundation's chief executive officer, Charles Blatcher, III, the museum is being planned as a major national attraction. It will be a place of honor and shall preserve an accurate record of the contributions of ethnic minority men and women to the military history of the United States, from the revolutionary war to the present.

To date, the foundation has received formal recognition from the U.S. Department of Defense and endorsements from the Japanese American Citizens League, The Flower of the Dragon and the American Indian Organization.

The City of Oakland, California, where the museum is to be located, has accepted the challenge of helping to build the museum by making available staff experts to work on the feasibility study and other preliminary activities.

Individual minority veterans and veterans organizations are invited to contact the foundation and involve themselves in the development of the museum and its planning. A nation-wide minority veterans coalition is organizing under the auspices of the Foundation to help generate financial support for the project.

A national conference is being planned for 1981 to bring together individuals and organizations which will have an active interest in the development of the museum. In the meanwhile, the U.S. Congress is being asked to pass a resolution which will designate one day of Black History Month as minority Military History Day.

The foundation is currently developing a traveling multi-ethnic exhibit which will visit sixteen major cities and help build public support for the museum. Among the articles to be displayed are some souvenirs which were presented to the foundation by the late Sgt. Samuel Waller, California's oldest minority veteran.

At a later date, the foundation will launch a drive among minority veterans to collect materials and information to be included in the museum.

The foundation's offices are located at 1221 Broadway, Suite 310, Oakland, CA 94612.

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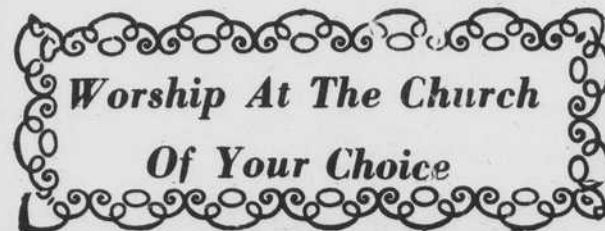
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