

Metropolitan Briefs

City Rehires 63 Laid-Off Firemen

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Using funds under a Federal training program, the Fire Department reappointed 63 firemen who were laid off in July because of the city's fiscal crisis. They are part of a group of 150 being reappointed through funds provided by the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act program. The first group of 71 firemen was reappointed Dec. 15 and the remaining 16 are to be reappointed soon, according to Fire Commissioner John T. O'Hagan.

Suit Against Rockefeller Dismissed

Judge John T. Curtin in Federal District Court, Buffalo, dismissed a \$1 million lawsuit that had been filed against Vice President Rockefeller as a result of the Attica prison riot of 1971, when Mr. Rockefeller was Governor of New York. Johnnie Barnes of Brooklyn had filed the suit, charging that illegal conduct by Mr. Rockefeller and other state officials had caused the death of his son, John Barnes, an Attica prisoner, during the assault that ended the rebellion. Judge Curtin said there was no "allegation" that any of the defendants had caused or ordered others to cause the death of Mr. Barnes.

Welfare-Center Overtime Studied

Comptroller Harrison J. Goldin asked the Investigator to determine whether there was any overpayment for 18 overtime checks by the Welfare Center. The checks were withdrawn from the account of overtime payments.