

# 70% of State's Forest Fires Due To Carelessness

WASHINGTON, D. C. (Special)—Careless smokers and debris burners started more than 70 percent of Michigan's forest fires last year, according to a report issued this week by American Forest Products Industries.

During 1952, a total of 1,850 for-

est fires burned 13,944 acres in Michigan. In 1951 a total of 756 fires burned 4,368 acres.

James C. McCallan, chief forester, American Forest Products Industries, attributed the increase in number of fires and acreage burned to unusually hazardous weather conditions. He said the Michigan record was reflected nationally in a 15 percent increase in forest fires and a 30 percent jump in acres burned.

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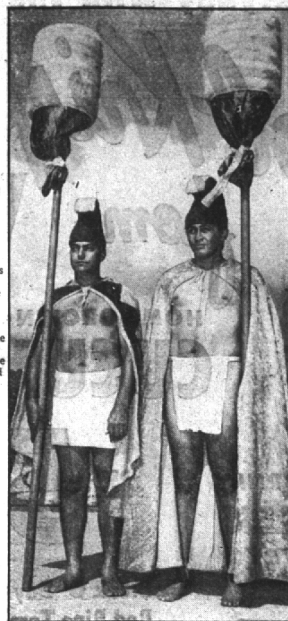
minimum," he pointed out nine out of every ten of Michigan's 1952 fires were suppressed before they had spread over 10 acres.

"If the public had exercised more care with smoking in or near the forest, and with debris burning, many of Michigan's 1952 forest fires need never have started," the AFPI forester declared.

The AFPI report, based on U. S. Forest Service figures, showed careless smokers started 793 Michigan forest fires in 1952. Debris burners caused 555 fires. Campers started 107 fires in 1952.

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