

N.Y. Police Seize White Supporters Of Black Panthers

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NEW YORK, Feb. 23 (UPI) —Police raided an apartment here Sunday, confiscated arms, ammunition and drugs, and arrested 12 members of the Patriot Party, a white group that supports the revolutionary goals of the Black Panthers.

The nine young men and three women arrested told police they were revolutionaries. Some wore Patriot Party buttons depicting two manacled clenched red fists on a black background.

The man listed in confiscated party literature as the leader of the group is Arthur Turco, 27, a lawyer once associated with William M. Kunstler, chief attorney for the "Chicago Seven."

Police said they were questioning the 12 about the fire-bombing Saturday of the home of the judge now hearing the case of 13 Black Panthers accused of plotting to bomb subway trains and police stations. They also were being asked about several attacks on police in recent weeks.

All 12 Patriots were to be arraigned on charges involving possession of dangerous weapons. Eight face additional drug charges.

The "chief of staff," "field marshal" and other officers of the party were among those arrested. Confiscated literature described the group as a "social action" organization which has established free breakfast programs for children in Eugene, Ore., and Fair Haven, a suburb of New Haven, Conn. Other chapters were listed for Boston, New

Haven, Carbondale, Ill., and Prince George County, Va.

Five pistols, a shotgun, a loaded carbine, several knives, daggers and a sword, 80 hypodermic syringes and about 90 rounds of ammunition were confiscated. Marijuana and barbiturates also were seized, police said.

Along Broadway today, demonstrators protesting the conspiracy trials of the "Chicago Seven" and the "Panther 21" clashed with police after an orderly march and rally by 5,000.

At least one demonstrator was taken into custody. There were no immediate reports of injuries, but plate glass windows were broken in three banks and several stores.

The clashes occurred after the demonstrators marched 18 blocks from 42nd Street down Fifth Avenue to Madison Square Park. Despite the admonitions of the Chicago defense lawyer, Kunstler, to "cool it," small numbers of youths began a series of incidents, including an attempt by one to smash a plate glass window in a nearby bank with an ashcan.

Hundreds of youths broke out of the park onto Broadway, shouting war whoops and occasionally to battle police.

About 40 counterdemonstrators carried American and Confederate flags or signs supporting Chicago trial Judge Julius Hoffman. Shouting "Gas the Panthers," they marched along the east side of the street but police turned them off Fifth Avenue at 37th Street.



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Officer studies arms police say were seized in New York from a white group that supports Black Panthers.