## PANTHER TRIAL **BEGINS TODAY**

Plot to Blast Rail Lines, Stores Alleged

NEW YORK (AP) - Sixteen members of the Black Panther party go on trial Monday on charges of plotting to kill policemen and dynamite rail lines and major department stores here during last Easter's shopping season.

In addition to the 16 to stand trial Monday, three others indicted in the case were missing, two were in jail elsewhere and a 22nd man accused jumped bail.

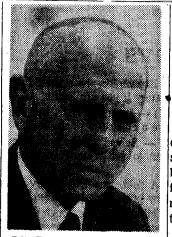
Those indicted have acquired the name "Panther 21," even through 22 persons are charged.

The 16 to be tried Monday have all pleaded innocent to the charges.

The charges included conspiracy to murder, arson, reck- were jailed without bail and one less endangerment, and posses-defendant made bail of \$10,000 sion of weapons and explosives. The indictment alleged a plot to rifles.

Other alleged targets were the bail is excessive. six Penn-Central Railroad six Penn-Central Railroad The jailed Panthers have rights-of-way, the New York Bo-contended they could not pretanical Gardens and five major pare an adequate defense unless department stores. If convicted, they were freed. each defeandant faces a maximum prison sentence of 150 support from various white leftyears.

here since. Bail was set at Fascism. \$100,000 for 10 of them, \$50,000 The trial will be held before for two others and \$25,000 for a State Supreme Court Justice third. Two accused men brought John Mr. Murtagh in the New from Ohio later as fugitives York County Courthouse.



DR. WILLIAM F. WINDLE. research professor of rehabilitation medicine at New York University, will be the first guest speaker in this year's Distinguished Scientist Series sponsored by the Department of Anatomy at Tulane University School of Medicine. He will talk at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Stone Room of the University Center.

several months ago.

The case has received a dynamite a police station and to great deal of public attention, shoot down policemen fleeing particularly over the issue of the explosion with high-powered the amount of bail assessed. Supporters of the Panthers say

years.

Arrested last April, 13 of dents for a Democratic Society the defendants have been in jail and Youth Against War and