

Wounds Suffered By Invader Leader

An Invader leader, the third such member of that black power organization to be involved this week in trouble leading to personal injury, was in John Gaston Hospital today after being slashed with a broken beer bottle early today.

Lance (Sweet Willie Wine) Watson, a top Invader figure, stopped Police Officers R. W. Sojourner and W. R. Rutherford when they were cruising at Vance and Hernando at 4:40 a.m. today and asked for help yelling "I've been stabbed."

Watson, 30, of 1709 S. Parkway E., was taken to John Gaston Hospital, Insp. Graydon Tines said, and was admitted with lacerations of the right cheek and right shoulder and a stab wound under the right collar bone which penetrated the chest but not into the lung. His condition was satisfactory.

TINES SAID witnesses reported a fight between two women had developed in front of the Twilight Zone Lounge, 299 Vance.

Watson told police he tried to break-up the fight and one woman known to him as Mary Helen, stabbed him with a broken beer bottle. Police are seeking the woman.

Watson is out of Shelby County jail on a \$3,500 bond in connection with a complaint involving him and three others made by Robert Marable, night manager of the Jump & Grab Drive in Grocery, 591 Crump Blvd.

Watson was charged with disorderly conduct and carrying a pistol. His case is set to be heard in Criminal Court on June 16.

MEANWHILE, police said today they had a "want order" out for the arrest of another Invader, John Charles Smith, 25, in the wounding by gunfire of two persons, one seriously, in a shooting on Hernando near Linden early yesterday, homicide officials said.

Insp. Tines said Freddie Pruitt, 20, of 865 S. Fourth, was in serious condition at John Gaston with a bullet wound in his back. Rosetta Webb, 21, an Invaderette, address unknown, had bullet wounds in both thighs, Tines said.

Police said Miss Webb had been in an argument over money with another woman when Pruitt attempted to intervene and was shot by the other woman's boy friend. Police quoted her as saying the man who shot Pruitt in the back and then chased and shot her in the hallway of her apartment building at 271 Hernando, was Smith.

Smith's address was listed as 2430 Vollentine.

IN ANOTHER CASE, Robert Leon Worsham Jr., 18, of

1500 Davis, appeared in Division 2 of City Court Monday before Judge Bernie Weinman and was held to the state on a not guilty plea charged with assault with a deadly weapon. Worsham was released on a \$1,500 bond yesterday.

Police said Worsham was charged with having shot Colby Vernon Smith, a frequent spokesman for the Invaders and senior at Southwestern, at the home of Smith's parents, 2240 Brown Ave. Police said the shooting occurred at 1:40 a.m. Sunday.

Smith, who acted as spokesman for the Invaders in asking money from the National Council of Churches when it met in Memphis, received a flesh wound, police said. Police said the fight arose over a girl friend.