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Threat to Kill LBJ Quoted in Race Plot Case

NEW YORK, June 4 (UPI)—A police undercover agent, who infiltrated a Negro group which allegedly plotted the murder of two civil rights leaders they considered too moderate, testified in court today that President Johnson was mentioned as a possible assassination target.
Detective Edward Howlette quoted one of the defendants as saying to him:
"After Roy Wilkins is killed, we might decide to get our

President, Lyndon Johnson."
Howlette attributed the quoted threat to Herman Ferguson, 46, a suspended assistant principal of Public School 40.
Ferguson and Arthur Harris, 22, are on trial in Queens Supreme Court on charges of conspiring to murder Wilkins, executive director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and Whitney Young, executive director of the National Urban League.

Howlette, now assigned to the Police Bureau of Special Services, testified he had been a patrolman for about two months when he infiltrated a group called the Black Brotherhood Improvement Association, in September 1965.

The defense attorney, Mrs. Gene Ann Condon, who waived her right to make an opening statement, moved for a dismissal of the indictment on the ground that Negroes were excluded from the jury. She said that of the panel of 50 prospective jurors only three were Negro. The motion was denied by Justice Paul Balsam.

In other developments around the nation reported by news services:

- Classes in predominantly Negro Westinghouse High School in Pittsburgh were suspended after student leaders urged a sit-in to support demands for teaching of more Negro history, the firing of principal Harry Singer and recruitment of an all-Negro faculty.

- A dozen demonstrators led by the Rev. Maurice Geary continued a peaceful vigil outside the office of Detroit Mayor Jerome P. Cavanagh to demand prosecution of police officers who, they said, were unnecessarily rough in a skirmish May 13 with Poor Peoples' Campaign marchers headed for the nation's capital.

- The Louisville, Ky. NAACP on Monday called upon Negroes to boycott a mayoral committee named to investigate last week's racial rioting. Also on Monday, the governing board of the Ocean Hill-Brownsville schools in Brooklyn, N.Y., refused to submit to arbitration in its dispute with city school officials over teacher assignments.