Panthers to Press Genocide Charge

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The Black Panther Party will formally petition the United Nations to judge the United States guilty of genocide against black Americans, Panther leaders said here yeserday.

preparation of elaborate historical; political and statistical documents, was outlined at a press conference by Panther education minister Ray Masai Hewitt.

drafted by the U.N. Ad Hoc sulted in increased sympathy Committee on Genocide in 1948 and subsequently ratified the organization. by most U.N. members, but not by the United States.

Hicks and Hewitt appeared as part of a larger panel of antiwar and civil rights leaders who announced plans for land State's Attorneys Associconcerted protest activities in 24 cities across the country on Hotel. Jan. 15-The birthday of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King vorable publicity they (the Jr.

In Washington, the chief activity will be a rally called by the Sothern Christian Leadership Conference, the organization once led by the slain Dr. King. The Rev. Walter Fauntroy, Washington SCLC spokesman, said details of the rally will be announced on Monday.

Most activities in other cities are sponsored by the New Mobiliization Committe to End the War in Vietnam, a coalition of more than 100 peace and civil rights groups.

The 12 persons at yesterday's 80-minute press conference in the Ambassador Hotel represented a broad cross sec- vious statements that the FBI tion of political and racial af- is providing the Justice Defiliations, ranging from the partment with information on Panthers to the National the Panthers with an eye to-Council of Churches.

panel Several members figures who are, in one phase showing of "Off the Pig," a or another, being tried by the movie he described as "a government for alleged draft Black Panther training film." and antimilitary activity.

Calling themselves "political defendants," they included Fr. Philip Berrigan, convicted of destroying draft files in Baltimore; Jim Hayes, charged with aiding and abetting a mil-itary deserter, and Roger Priest, the Navy seaman who is being court-martialed here on charges of soliciting desertion through his undergound newspaper "OM."

Hewitt and Hicks claimed the genocide of black Americans is not being done in the customary way on lining up people and shooting them but by the long historical process The plan, which involves of denying them food, money and jobs.

Raids Seen As Boon **To Panther Finances**

BALTIMORE, Jan. 9-An Calvin Hicks, a black sociol-ogist at Bradeis University, said the petition will be based on the definitions of genocide Angeles and Chicago have reand financial contributions for

"The Panthers were on the ropes" until the recent raids, said FBI Inspector Jack Herington during a panel discus-sion on civil disorders at the winter conference of the Maryation at the Statler Hilton

"Suddenly, with all the fa-Panthers) are getting, they are receiving contributions rom people who were knocking them just four months ago, said Herington, who serves as the FBI liaison with various federal and state prosecutors' organizations.

Before the raids, Herington said, the Panthers had used up most of their financial resources for trial and bail expenses.

"I think it's strange that a lot of people in prominent places defend the Panthers today," Herington said. "When they say revolution, they mean revolution."

Herington reiterated prethe Panthers with an eye to-ward federal subversion and conspiracy prosecutions. His comments accompanied the



RAY MASAI HEWITT ... preparing documents