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# Panthers' Bond Plea Rejected

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 1 (AP)—A judge refused today to lower \$100,000 bail for each of 14 Black Panthers jailed for conspiracy after a police shootout Monday. The party members, meanwhile, continued plans for a national Panther conclave this weekend.

"The pigs don't want us to have a meeting here," said Willy Dawkins, coordinating Panther activities for the scheduled Revolutionary People's Constitutional Convention.

Dawkins charged that Monday's dawn raids on three Panther centers were part of a plot by Police Commissioner Frank L. Rizzo to cancel the meeting.

Rizzo said the raids were triggered by two nights of violence, during which a park guard was killed and another park policeman and two highway patrolmen wounded.

None of the Panthers seized in the raids is accused of these shootings. The charges against them range from assault with intent to kill to assault and battery.

Police said four other men and a woman have been charged in connection with the murder of the park guard sergeant, and three other men are being sought.

"We are dealing with fanatics, with psychopaths," Rizzo said. "This is no longer crime. This is revolution. It must be stopped, even if we have to

change some of the laws to do it."

Panther lawyers sought to get the 10 men and four women who were seized after the shootout freed in \$500 bail each under a writ of habeas corpus signed by Common Pleas Judge Thomas M. Reed.

The move failed, however, when Reed nullified his order and ruled that the high bail set Monday night by Judge Leo Winrott, also of Common Pleas, would remain.

Weinrott said the bail was "preventive medicine" and "for the good of everyone concerned." He silenced a Panther attorney who demanded that Weinrott disqualify himself "because he couldn't be impartial."

The Panthers hope to open their convention Saturday night in Temple University's 4,500-seat auditorium in North Philadelphia, a predominantly black neighborhood.

Temple has been under attack by Rizzo and by some state legislators for agreeing to permit the use of its facilities. The police commissioner said if it is held "a possibility for violence exists."

Gov. Raymond P. Shafer said he might reconsider use of a Temple University building, which the state built, "if this conference is going to lead to mob action or rioting or destruction."

The university was asked today to permit use of the

arena on Sunday also, so the meeting won't have to be shifted to the auditorium of the nearby Episcopal Church of the Advocate.

A Temple source said the second day was sought because Huey P. Newton, Panther minister of defense and one of its founders who had been scheduled to address the opening session Saturday, might not arrive until Sunday.

Dr. Paul R. Anderson, Temple president, refused to meet with three Panthers today to discuss the additional day.

## N.Y. Police Officials Confer With Lindsay

NEW YORK, Sept. 1 (UPI)—Mayor John V. Lindsay met with top police officials today following the wounding of one patrolman and attacks on several others during the night.

"Every citizen of New York has a deep feeling for police families," Lindsay said on emerging from his session with Police Commissioner Howard R. Leary, Deputy Commissioner John F. Walsh, Chief Inspector George McManus and each of the five borough commanders.

Lindsay said the borough commanders had assured him morale remained high and their men were acting in a professional manner. Leary described the assaults as "anomalies" of human experi-

ence and said, "We are treating each incident individually."

Leary already has ordered foot patrolmen to walk their beats in pairs. He acted after the apparently unprovoked wounding of a patrolman in the Bronx Saturday night.

Patrolman Donald Porter, 33, was wounded in the right arm late Monday night as he sat alone in a cruiser near a swampland in Brooklyn where a sniper had been reported. Porter was listed in fair condition today in Coney Island Hospital.

Squads of police combed the swamp near the Hudson River Yacht Club on foot and by helicopter at dawn.

Shots were fired at policemen in Harlem and Queens shortly before the Brooklyn incident but no one was wounded.

Edward J. Kiernan, president of the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association, renewed a demand that radio car patrolmen be armed with shotguns. Kiernan charged that the attacks on police were "part of a coldly logical, hard-eyed revolutionary strategy."

Meanwhile, in Chatham, N.J., a policeman driving on a routine patrol early today was fired on by a person in a car traveling in the opposite direction. The policeman, 24-year-old James McArt, was not injured.

# 2 Blasts Rock St. Paul Business Area

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ST. PAUL, Minn., Sept. 1—Two explosions within about 45 minutes early this morning shook at Paul's downtown business district. A third apparently minor blast was set off between two oil company storage tanks two miles away.

This raised to six the number of bombings in St. Paul and Minneapolis since Aug. 1. Police have counted more than 400 threats, including one hoax at the Metropolitan Baseball Stadium on Aug. 25.

St. Paul police today held under heavy guard at the county hospital a 15-year-old youth injured in one of the blasts.

They linked him to Black Panther meetings in Des Moines, Iowa, and said he was under investigation in a case involving an Aug. 22 bombing in a St. Paul department store in which a woman was severely injured.

St. Paul Police Chief Richard Rowan theorized the blasts were diversionary tactics to draw attention from an unsuccessful bank robbery by two men who fled in a car without entering the bank. Rowan appealed for calm and cooperation.

Mayor Charles McCarty increased security at City Hall, where it was reported employees were indeed calm.

Lt. John O'Neill, a detective in charge of bombing investigations, said the youth was being held for investigation, but it was not immediately clear what his legal status was under normal juvenile detention procedure. He was cut on the hands, legs and head, but

the hospital described his condition as good.

When he was first found near one blast scene by two city truck drivers, he said (according to the drivers) that a girl named Barbara was nearby. The drivers could not find her.

One other person was hospitalized as a result of the biggest of the three explosions. This occurred at 7:38 a.m. at the Burlington Northern Railway building, apparently in a stairwell or elevator shaft. Walls buckled and staircases were damaged. There was no immediate cost estimate.

Donald Miller, 42, a company carpenter, was hospitalized, and George Peters, another building department employee, was shaken but released from a hospital.

The first blast, about 7 a.m. and heard 10 blocks away, was near a warehouse of the St. Paul Dispatch and Pioneer Press. It was here that the youth under suspicion later crawled, dusty and bleeding, to hail the truck drivers, Alex Patrick and Eugene Novak.

They quoted him as saying: "Help me. I've been bombed. I'm hurt. I'm full of shrapnel. Take me to a hospital. Go down and look for Barbara; go back and find Barbara."

Police said the boy said later he was merely walking on the street to meet his girl friend.

The third explosion, at 7:47 a.m., was at a Gulf Oil warehouse, storage tank and office facility. It reportedly bent and split some electrical conduit pipes, missing nearby gasoline pipes.

On Aug. 27 two Burlington Northern passenger trains were stopped and searched in North Dakota after a telephone bomb threat to the railroad's Minneapolis office.

The day before, guided by anonymous letter and telephone tips, Minneapolis police found a cache of 285 pounds of dynamite next to a Burlington Northern railroad yard.

The FBI, the Alcohol Tax

Unit and the State Crime Bureau have been working with Twin Cities police. The two cities have been under a bomb-threat siege since one went off in a used car lot Aug. 1 with relatively small damage.

The old Federal Office Building in Minneapolis suffered \$500,000 damage Aug. 17. A dynamite explosion Aug. 22 in the women's restroom at Dayton's department store in St. Paul injured a woman shopper.

Last Friday, a threat to Charley's restaurant in Minneapolis caused an evacuation of customers that included former Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey.

The most dramatic evacuation occurred Aug. 25 when 17,697 fans at the Twins-Red Sox game in Metropolitan Stadium in suburban Bloomington were asked to leave during the fourth inning. A 40-minute search failed to find a bomb, so they returned for the balance of the game.

There have been 11 reported threats in other suburbs and one in Bayport, 15 miles east of St. Paul, that resulted in

the arrest of a 33-year-old man. So far he has not been linked to the other threats or blasts.

On Aug. 28, Attorney General Douglas M. Head announced emergency regulations effective Sept. 8 that will require for 60 days positive identification of all buyers of high explosives and a 24-hour waiting period for delivery.

He said that in the absence of new state law, he could not forbid purchase of dynamite and other explosives, often used by farmers and on construction jobs.



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New York City patrolmen Patrick Mullen (rear) and Edward Garrity bring in suspects seized after a gun battle.