

Upset Asked Of Panther Flyer Ban

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BALTIMORE, May 1—The Maryland branch of the American Civil Liberties Union went to court today in an effort to overturn a Baltimore judge's order barring the distribution here of Black Panther antipolice literature.

U.S. District Judge Dosey Watkins scheduled a hearing for 2 p.m. Saturday to hear the ACLU arguments.

The order was issued yesterday by Judge James Perrott of the Baltimore Supreme Bench, at the request of Maryland Attorney General Francis B. Burch, in the wake of massive police action against members of the Black Panther Party here.

ACLU lawyers said they would argue that Judge Perrott's order is an unconstitutional abridgement of freedom of speech.

Four alleged Panther members, who were arrested yesterday and charged with illegal possession of firearms, were released today on bail ranging from \$20,000 to \$1,000.

The \$20,000 bond was set for William Coates, 24, who is charged with assault with intent to kill as well as the firearms charge. Police said Coates aimed a gun at policemen when he and three other suspects were arrested outside of Black Panther headquarters here.

Another four men, all charged with the murder of a 20-year-old black laborer last summer remained in jail pending action Monday by the Baltimore grand jury.

Federal officials were searching for four other men, three black and one white, in connection with the same case. The four were believed to have left Maryland.