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Panther and Chicago 7 Trials Are Denounced at Hunter Rally

Hunter College's assembly hall was filled to capacity last night to hear several speakers denounce the verdicts at the trial of the Chicago 7 and condemn the charges here against 13 Black Panthers.

The meeting, sponsored by the Fifth Avenue Vietnam Peace Parade Committee and the Brooklyn-Harlem Fight Back Committee, lasted two hours. A plan to march to Times Square from the college, which is at 68th Street between Lexington and Park Avenues, was canceled.

Told that scores of policemen had assembled outside, James Haughton of the Brooklyn-Harlem group, urged the crowd of 2,200 to go home.

"We should not be led into a confrontation not of our own choosing," he said. "We'll pick the time and place."

There were no incidents.

Gerald Lefcourt, the lawyer for some of the defendants here, told the crowd that "the verdict in Chicago means that the First Amendment is dead in the United States."

Afeni Shakur, one of the defendants here also addressed the group, urging "each person to do what you can" to end the "repression."

Miss Shakur, who is out on \$100,000 bail, was one of 21 persons indicted originally last April on charges of conspiring to wage a terror campaign here by bombing various public places. Later, one more person was indicted.

However, trials of three of the defendants have been sev-

ered because of their illness or age, one has jumped bail, three are fugitives and two are in jail in Newark on burglary charges.

At the Panthers' pretrial hearing in State Supreme Court yesterday, Justice John M. Murtagh reserved decision on the first motion filed by the defense thus far. This was a motion to suppress as evidence the guns and ammunition seized at the home of Michael Tabor, one of the defendants, at the time of Mr. Tabor's predawn arrest April 2, 1969.

Only one witness, Detective Carmine de Galdo, was heard in the start of argument on another motion, this one to suppress as evidence items seized at the apartment of Ali Bey Hassan, also known as John J. Casson and as Iverson Burnett.

The seized items, the detective said, included a loaded pistol, a sword-cane, marijuana and cocaine. He said he had worn a bulletproof vest and was armed with a pistol when he led "six or seven" other officers to Mr. Hassan's 1259 Grant Avenue apartment in the Bronx.

There are still 14 additional motions to be heard at the pretrial hearings on motions brought by the 13 Black Panthers who are accused of plotting to bomb public places, possession of ammunition, attempted murder and attempted arson. They include several more motions to suppress evidence.

The hearings will continue today.