

Panthers Schedule Convention in D.C.

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PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 7—The Black Panthers today concluded the first round of their "Revolutionary People's Constitutional Convention" and announced that Washington, D.C., has been "tentatively" chosen as the site for the next installment.

There, on Nov. 4 the day after Election Day, and one or two days thereafter, Panther leaders said they and their sympathizers hope to complete the task of writing a constitution that will end "oppression."

At a press conference this evening in a North Philadelphia church, Raymond Hewitt, who likes to be called "Masai" and is the Panthers' minister of education, predicted that there would be obstacles placed in the way of the Washington gathering because "Nixon is a big pig."

Hewitt cited the convention the Panthers have held here in the wake of police raids on their headquarters as evidence that resistance would be overcome.

No hall in the Capital has yet been selected, Hewitt said. Based on the experience here, Washington police can expect a lowering of the crime rate during a Panthers' gathering if police visibility is low.

Another spokesman, the

deputy minister of information, who goes by his street name of "Big Man" called the assembly here a "success despite all the problems and pig oppression."

The convention, he said, had produced "concrete proposals for change in the social contract . . . to create a document relevant to the lives of the people."

Hewitt said the convention had produced 100 pages of summaries from its Sunday seminars, and the "most concrete" was a proposal to "make it unconstitutional for one man to oppress another."

Panthers Lose Bid To Delay Trial

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Supreme Court Justice John M. Harlan has denied a motion to delay the trial of 15 Black Panthers accused of conspiring to bomb public places in New York City.

The trial is scheduled to begin today in New York. Lawyers for the Panthers contended in their motion that the trial judge, John M. Murtagh of the New York Supreme Court, was handpicked by the state.

A U.S. Supreme Court spokesman said Harlan denied the motion during the weekend, without comment.



CLENCHED FIST RAISED—Huey P. Newton, national defense minister of the Black Panthers, raises clenched fist as he speaks to convention sponsored by the Black Panthers in Philadelphia Saturday. He

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is surrounded by group of Black Panther security guards. Newton spoke to an estimated crowd of 6,000.