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'Power' Probe Pushed After 3 Cops Shot

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Mayor Joseph L. Alioto called for a grand jury investigation of the Black Panthers following a gun battle in which three policemen were wounded, two critically. Eight Negroes were arrested.

The shooting yesterday erupted within 100 yards of a police station after two cruising patrolmen stopped a panel truck minutes after a service station holdup.

POLICE SAID Sgt. Robert Flynn, 51, was shot in the groin while questioning the driver of the van, which had "Black Community News Service" painted on the side.

"He had the driver with his hands on the side of the truck when someone inside the front seat shot him," said John Palou, a fireman at a station directly across the street.

Lt. Dermott Creedon, 49, was shot in the chest as he stepped out of the patrol car, revolver in hand, police said.

ALIOTO CALLED last night for a grand jury investigation "into any organization which advocates shooting of policemen and to which any of the defendants belong."

Creedon and Flynn remained in critical condition today.

Three officers were in a car which answered an emergency call from Creedon.

Lt. Michael O'Mahoney said: "I saw three men pour out of the van and I ordered them to halt, but they fired at me and ran into an areaway next to a church."

O'MAHONEY was wounded in the hand, but said the three men came out of the church with their hands up after he fired three warning shots.

Those arrested included Ray Lewis, 28, of San Francisco, editor of the Black Panther, the militant Negro group's publication.

Others were listed as Wilford Holiday, 35, of Oakland, a frequent contributor to the paper; William Brent, 37, a Black Panther captain for Oakland, and Sam Napier, age unavailable; John Bowman, 21; Lennox Merritt, 16; Harill Hill, 17, and Richard Brown, 27, all of San Francisco.