

# 2 Panther Leaders Killed At UCLA Negro Meeting

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Two local officials of the militant Black Panthers were shot to death yesterday as a meeting about a proposed Afro-American studies program was breaking up at the campus of the University of California at Los Angeles.

About three hours later, police arrested 17 persons they said were fellow Panthers or friends of the victims apparently planning revenge. Officers said none was charged with the killings.

MOST OF those arrested were booked on suspicion of illegally possessing weapons after officers seized 14 guns, a homemade bomb and hun-

dreds of pounds of ammunition. The arsenal was found, police said, around one victim's home in the Watts area, about 20 miles south of UCLA.

Police said they were investigating an apparent rivalry between the Panthers and another group they did not identify.

Police said they questioned 12 persons who heard the shots and witnessed the confusion that followed. After the shooting, four persons were seen running from the building where the meeting was held but it could not be determined whether they were the killers or frightened spectators, the police said.

ONE PERSON jumped to the ground through a closed first-floor window.

The dead were identified as Jerome Huggins, 23, an area captain of the Panthers, and Alprentice Carter, 26, deputy

minister of defense. Both were UCLA students.

About 150 Negro students attended the meeting during which qualifications were discussed for a new director for an Afro-American studies center.

By the time police arrived, the classroom and office building, Campbell Hall, was empty except for the two bodies.

POLICE LT. Robert Madlock said the bodies were found lying close to each other in a former cafeteria area. Huggins was shot once in the back and Carter in the chest.

The police closed off the building for several hours.

Madlock described the 12 persons questioned as cooperative but said none reported seeing the shootings.

Madlock said it has not been determined whether an argument took place during the meeting.

"WE DON'T know at what distance the shots were fired. We don't know how many shot were fired." No weapons were found.

One student, outside the meeting, said, "I was sitting here and I heard shots fired. I looked and I saw four guys run by and I didn't really get a description of them because they just ran by so fast I really couldn't see them." The student declined to identify himself.

Another student, at a men's residence hall, said, "I'm scared . . . I'm just waiting to see what happens. Most of us hope it's only between the blacks. We hope this place doesn't blow up." He also asked not to be identified.

A PROFESSOR, also asking his name not be revealed, said he supports establishment of a black studies program and hopes it wouldn't be retarded by the shootings. "I'm desolate about this," he said, adding that if the black studies program became retarded "It will just build up the pressure."

Black Panther leaders could not be reached for comment.

University authorities said persons did not attend the meeting as representatives of Negro organizations but as Negro students at UCLA. These authorities were unable to shed any light on what prompted the killings.