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WASHINGTON (AP) — New York City's top policeman said today the wave of bombings in his city has grown to the extent that his force can no longer guarantee the safety of persons visiting police precincts or headquarters.

Commissioner Howard R. Leary told the Senate investigating a l i o n s subcommittee that terror bombings have increased by nearly four times

in the past five years over the previous similar period.

And, he said, a big increase in detonations of high explosive bombs and incendiary devices has come in the past 18 months, including the bomb that wrecked part of New York's police headquarters.

HART T. MANKIN, counsel for the government's General Services Administration,

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'Unsafe'

testified arson and bombings of federal buildings have jumped 170 per cent in the year that ended June 30 over the previous year; that bomb threats went up by 750 per cent, and that damage to GSA property soared 750 per cent; from \$10,445 in fiscal 1969 to \$728,219 in fiscal 1970.

Leary, flanked by his chief of detectives, in a hearing room guarded by Capital police presided over a presen-

tation of prototype bombs, bomb diagrams, photos of bomb damage and charts showing a sharp upward swing in bombings.

The situation has deteriorated so badly, he said, that when citizens visit police headquarters or their local precinct house "we can't guarantee them safety."

Since January 1969, he said, there have been 368

bombings in New York City.

"THE EXPLOSION of firecrackers and noise making devices has been symbolic of this nation's struggle for freedom," he said.

"Yet today there are those who use this same symbol, wrapped up in death, injury and destruction, as their

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means for creative expression."

The result of the bombings—under investigation in the House as well as the Senate—may produce new federal laws regulating the explosives industry and controlling the sale and shipment of dynamite, nitroglycerin and other bomb components.

Another possibility, included in a bill already proposed by President Nixon, is a set of new stringent federal criminal laws providing the death penalty for persons convicted of the illegal interstate transportation of explosives used in fatal bombings.