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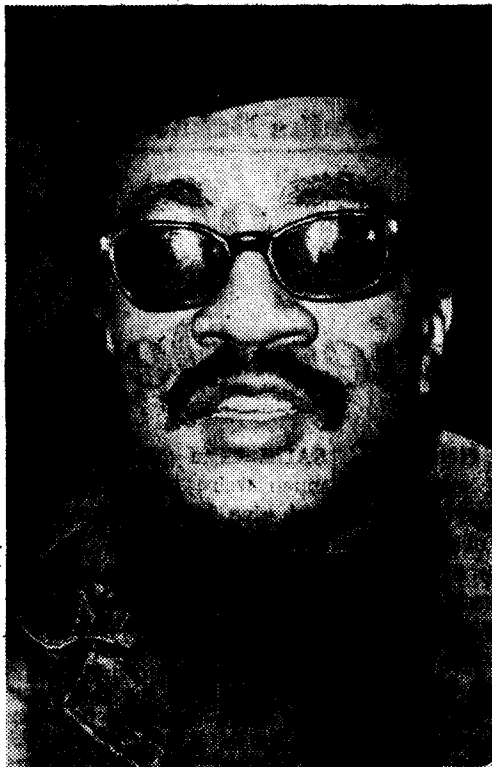
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Rap Brown Shot, Captured in N.Y.



H. Rap Brown as he appeared shortly before he dropped from sight in 1970.

Holdup Attempt Reported

**Black Militant
Had Vanished
17 Months Ago**

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NEW YORK, Oct. 16—H. Rap Brown, the long-sought black militant fugitive, was shot and captured here this morning after what police said was a holdup attempt.

Brown was shot in the abdomen and was operated on for four hours at Roosevelt Hospital here. Early this evening, a hospital spokesman said Brown's condition was "fair" and said that "he seemed alert

and was registering pain."

Police Commissioner Patrick V. Murphy said that Brown was among four or more men who held up about 25 patrons of a West Side bar at 2:55 this morning.

Three others besides Brown were apprehended.

Murphy said that Brown was captured with a .357 magnum revolver in his hand by a New York City patrolman who fired three shots when, he said, Brown aimed his revolver at him.

At the time, Murphy said, Brown was on the roof of a 12-story apartment building on 85th Street, one block west of Central Park.

Brown was admitted to the hospital at about 3 a.m. according to a hospital spokesman.

One or more bullets entered his abdomen, damaging the small intestine and a small portion of the liver. Another bullet was lodged in his left hip, reported Sam Allalouf, director of public relations at Roosevelt.

In surgery, a portion of the small intestine was removed and the two severed parts sewn together, Allalouf said. Surgeons also closed what the hospital spokesman described as a "small liver injury."

The spokesman added that Brown suffered "multiple contusions of the head"—bruises and lacerations—of undetermined origin. He entered the hospital in critical condition yesterday afternoon, after Brown had recovered consciousness and was being fed intravenously, the description of his condition was changed to fair.

Two policemen were injured in the shootout, Murphy said. One, Gary Hunt, 21, was operated on twice and is recovering in the same room with Brown at the hospital. Seven policemen are reported to be standing guard in the room with them and heavy police guards are posted at the hospital entrances.

The other injured policeman, Salvatore Rosato, 29, was hit by gunfire in the hand and was treated in Roosevelt's emergency room.

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A police spokesman said this afternoon that police recognized Brown almost immediately—that he was not disguised in any way—and sought to confirm his identity shortly after he was taken to the hospital where he had been admitted as an "unidentified Negro male."

Murphy said that confirmation was made by checking fingerprints.

Murphy visited the hospital in the predawn hours, then in midafternoon held a press conference at the police precinct nearest the scene on the hold-up-shootout.

Damages Awarded Negro Police Beat

MOBILE, Ala., Oct. 16 (UPI)—A 75-year-old Negro who claimed he was falsely arrested and beaten by Camden, Ala., police in July, 1969, will receive \$1,000 in damages under a consent decree announced Friday. A federal court jury last April rejected a \$200,000 damage suit by Sam Blount, but U.S. District Judge Virgil Pittman vacated the jury judgment on grounds it was contrary to the great weight of evidence.

Pittman said Friday that under the consent decree Blount would be paid \$1,000 in damages and defendants T. L. Norman, Pete Pongerayter and Marion Manness would pay court costs.

In a statement, he said, "I want to announce that three heavily armed robbers were captured and are in custody here at this moment. A fourth gunman was shot and seriously wounded and is in custody at a nearby hospital.

"His name is H. Rap Brown. He has been missing, and some said he was dead, 17 months. Until last night he was still one of the FBI's most wanted criminals.

"At 2:55 a.m. at 173 W. 85 St. the Red Carpet Lounge, a number of men entered the bar and announced a stickup. There were about 25 patrons and they were made to lie down on the floor. Some were assaulted and all were robbed.

"Some unidentified passerby called the police. A minimum of six radio cars and a detective squad car responded, from different directions and from various precincts. They sealed off the block.

"The felons came out of the bar shooting. A chase and gunfight followed. In one of the first exchanges of gunfire, Patrolman Gary Hunt, 21, just out of the trainee stage, was wounded in the leg, abdomen and hip. I am pleased to say that he is out of danger.

"Patrolman Salvatore Rosato was wounded in the right hand.

"H. Rap Brown was captured on the roof of 102 W. 85 St. by patrolman Ralph Manetta.

"Although, we arrested four men and there may be others involved.

Captured in New York

"We seized two loaded shot-guns, one carbine, one .38 special revolver, one .357 magnum and one 9 MM. luger, and, interestingly, over 300 rounds of various types of ammunition. All the loot, which was in a plastic, garbage-type bag, was recovered.

William M. Kunstler, Brown's lawyer, said reports of the shooting were the first news he had of Brown's whereabouts, since Brown vanished 19 months ago.

Kunstler immediately fired off a telegram to Murphy and to New York County District Attorney Frank Hogan, insisting that Brown not be questioned unless a lawyer was at his side. Kunstler went to the hospital early last night.

He said Brown's involvement in the alleged robbery "just doesn't sound like him."

Earlier police reports this morning indicated that two men stopped in front of the bar, about to enter, when they saw the holdup in progress. One of them called police.

The first squad car to arrive was occupied by Hunt and his partner, Robert Manzi. As they got out of their car, police said, the robbers came out firing. One of the first blasts hit Hunt. His partner dragged him into the car and took him to the hospital.

As other cars arrived, they set up a roadblock at the corner of 8th Street and Columbus Avenue.

The whole incident took place in an unusually thick fog.

Apparently, as the robbers fled west on 85th, they suddenly spied the cruisers block-

ing the street. According to police, they sprinted into the apartment house at 102 W. 85th—the second building from the Columbus Avenue corner—and headed up the stairs.

Mannetta said three suspects, later identified as men from St. Louis and Chicago, were captured unarmed on the stairway of the 12-story apartment building.

He and an unidentified patrolman came across Brown lying face down on the roof, he said, with the magnum revolver. Mannetta said he shot Brown in the stomach, after Brown "appeared ready to fire."

Brown became a public figure in May, 1967, when, at the age of 23, he succeeded Stokely Carmichael as chairman of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee.

Within months, he had earned a national reputation with his blunt, aggressive call

for blacks to seize power and control their own destinies.

Brown went to Cambridge, Md., on July 24, 1967, and reportedly told a crowd of 400 blacks: "You should burn that school down and then go take over the honkies' school. . . . If America don't come 'round, we got to burn it down."

Hours later, parts of the Cambridge ghetto—an elementary school, a church, some shops and homes—were in ruins. On Aug. 14, 1967, Brown was indicted on charges of arson, counseling arson, riot and inciting to riot in connection with the Cambridge disorders.

He never came to trial on the charges, however, and disappeared from public sight shortly before his trial was to begin on March 11, 1970.

Brown had publicly rejected the charges made against him in Cambridge, however.

"I don't start riots," he said on more than one occasion. "Conditions do."