Rap Brown Wounded Here In Shootout After Holdup

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black militant leader, and two Cambridge, Md., in 1967. policemen were shot early yes. He was added to the F.B.I.'s terday morning in a gun battle "most wanted" list shortly after following a robbery at a West his failure to appear. Brown Side bar.

Brown was in critical condi-ton, D.C., area, tion in Roosevelt Hospital. The police said he was shot twice gun battle here took place at in the stomach during the 3 A.M. after the rubbery at the battle, on 85th Street between Red Carpet ber, 182 West Sith Amsterdam Street. Columbus and Avenues.

been missing for 17 months, battle that they could not estiwas being held as a suspect in robbery, Brown was on the eral Bureau of Investigation's "most-wanted" list.

One of the wounded patrolmen, Gary Hunt, was also shot in the stometh and was in criti-cal condition at Roosevelt. There was no immediate indication which of the five robbery suspects, had shot the patrol-

Also wounded was Patrolman Salvatore Rosato. He suffered a bullet wound in a hand as he chased and shot at the suspects. He said he did not know whether his shots had hit any of them.

Three of the five suspects Street station. The fifth escaped. Except for Mr. Brown, the suspects were not identified. Nor was Mr. Brown's alleged role in the robbery explained in

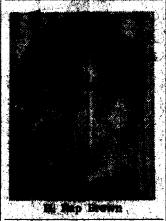
Brown, former head of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, has been a fugitive since April, 1970, when he failed to obey an order to appear in court in Ellicott City,

H. Rap Brown, the fugitive of inciting to riot and arson in

had last been seen in public in The Police Department said March, 1970, to the Washing-

According to the police, the

The police said that so many They said Brown, who had shots had been fired during the



mate the number, but that bullets had hit parked cars and were taken to the West 68th ricecheted off buildings. An estimated total of 50 policemen were at the scene of the shooting.

Police Commissioner Patrick V. Murphy visited the hospital while the patrolman and Brown were being treated, but made no comment on the shooting.

William M. Kunstler, counsel for the militant on the charge i of inciting to rioting and arson in Maryland, sent the following

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Rap Brown and 2 Policemen Hurt in Shootout Here

missioner Murphy:

"I understand that your department may have my client, H. Rap Brown in custody. If so, H. Rap Brown in custody. If so, demand to know his location and insist that he not be interrogated by any person or agency unless his counsel is present."

A copy was sent to the office of District Attorney Frank S.

Mr. Kuntsler said he was not those involved in the shootout. about th case.

In the past he has said that, despite rumors that Brown side and robbed. might have been killed when an auto exploded in Bel Air, the bar, Patrolmen Hunt and Md., he thought Brown was Rosato arrived in a patrol car. alive. This, he said, was not Patrolman Hune was shot in

appearence and had not talked along 85th Street. to anyone who had seen Brown.

the arrest of another black mil-if I hit him . . into custody on charges stem-three men into a building."
ming from a "street crime," as

The suspects ran east toward act.

widely believed to be in Al-shooting at them up stairways, geria, was apprehended with Three of the men were can-Bronx.

The police gave the follow-ing account of yesterday's

Two men about to enter the Red Carpet shortly before 3 A.M. saw that a robbery was apparently taking pdace and called the police. Inside the bar, its co-owner, Willy Harley, yet certain Brown was one of and about 50 patrons were forced at gunpoint to lie on the floor while their valuables For the time being, he said, the floor while their valuables he preferred to say no more were taken. Persons who had been in a dice game outside the bar had also been forced in-

based on personal knowledge, the abdomen, apparently with but on "Vibrations." a sawed-off shotgun. Patrol-He declared he had not heard man Rosato was shot in the from his client since his dis-hand as he chased the suspects

"I chased them down 85th Street," Patrolman Rosato said. The arrest of Brown recalled "I fired at one . . . don't know fired three itant fugitive who was taken more shots and then chased

opposed to an overtly political Columbus Avenue, but their es-On June 5, Richard Moore, patrol cars. Four of the susthe 27-year-old Black Panther pects then ran into 102 West who was being sought for 85th Street, a 12-story apart-jumping bail in the Panther ment building. Policemen fol-conspiracy trial and who was lowed them into the building,

Three of the men were capthree other men holding up an tured on a stairway. A fourth all-black social club in the was found on the roof of the building, wounded in the stom-

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The four pleaded guilty to ach. He was apparently shot, tion to the shotgun, several the crime, which caused them the police said, by Patrolman hand guns had been taken from to come under criticism in the Ralph Minetta, who suffered a the suspects. None of the parrianed write the crime of the parrianed writes the class of the company of the parrianed writes the class of the company of the parrianed writes the class of the cla black community for preying Sprained wrist during the chase. trons of the Red Carpet was The police said that, in addi-believed to have been injured.