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# Panther Jailed for Contempt

NEW HAVEN, Conn.—

A top official of the Black Panther Party was jailed for six months on a contempt-of-court charge after a scuffle with sheriffs' deputies in Superior Court. It came during a hearing for five party members scheduled for trial in a murder case.

David Hilliard, national chief of staff of the party, was arrested with another member from California, Elmer Douglas, after the scuffle erupted in spectator seats in the courtroom. Douglas also received an immediate six-month sentence from Judge Harold M. Mulvey.

Hilliard has been free on bond in connection with an alleged threat against the life of President Nixon during a Vietnam war moratorium rally in San Francisco last Nov. 15. He is scheduled to appear in U.S. District Court in San Francisco on that charge June 1.

The scuffle with the deputies came as Hilliard and Douglas were huddled in the spectators' section reading a sheaf of papers. A deputy reportedly told them not to read while court was in session, and the scuffle ensued.

Two other arrests were made earlier in the day as deputies and state police

were kept busy enforcing the court's strict ban on demonstrations during court action in the Panther cases.

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