

'Assassination Plot' Revealed

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A fugitive from a Georgia prison gang has told police of an alleged plot to assassinate Philadelphia's mayor, district attorney, police commissioner, President Johnson and FBI director J. Edgar Hoover.

Dist. Atty. Arlen Specter said the informant, Robert Earl Bailey, 23, of Anniston, Ala., also said City Hall, the federal courthouse and Police Administration Building were to be blown up in a plot allegedly hatched by the Revolutionary Action Movement (RAM).

Just Wednesday, RAM was charged with planning to start a riot in Philadelphia, then poison thousands of policemen and top city officials. RAM is a Negro extremist group.

Bailey, awaiting extradition proceedings for his return to Georgia, told police in a long statement Mayor James H. J. Tate, Specter and Police Commissioner Frank Rizzo were to be assassinated, along with the President and Hoover.

Specter said Thursday he had received a report on Bailey's disclosure "some time ago." He said, however, he did not have enough evidence to support filing charges against anyone.

"At this time," Specter said, "all my office can do is continue the investigation."

Bailey told police he was approached several months ago by a member of RAM, while he was in a Philadelphia prison.

Mayor Tate, he said, was to be killed by a dynamite charge in his car. He said he did not know what the murder plans were for Specter.

According to his statement Bailey said RAM members had promised to have him freed so he could kill Rizzo. RAM also had plans for inciting riots and "explosions and assassinations" in Richmond, New York, Washington, and Baltimore, he said.

Police said Bailey took a lie detector test, which showed he was telling the truth.

Disclosure of Bailey's statement came in the wake of the arrest of three of four men accused in the alleged plot to poison "hundreds of policemen"

past for planning to assassinate moderate Negro leaders and to blow up the Statue of Liberty and other national shrines.

The plan was to incite a riot this past summer, George Fencel, a police officer, said in a court affidavit, then put cyanide in food distributed free to police on riot duty as well as in restaurants in which "policemen and citizens would be taking food and drink."

The key to uncovering that plot was information offered by a man identified by Specter as Hilton Louis Jones, 22, who said he was a member of the plotting group.

Specter said Jones went to the Philadelphia FBI office last week and turned over more than a half pound of potassium cyanide, "sufficient to kill at least 4,500 persons, according to experts."

during a planned race riot in Philadelphia.

Two of the men, William James Lyles, 26, and Reginald Grantham, 21, are being held here. The third, Anthony B. Monteiro, 22, a graduate student in Chicago, gave himself in to police Thursday and said he was willing to return to Philadelphia. Also named in Specter's warrants was a John Doe. All four listed Philadelphia home addresses.

RAM has been blamed in the