

2 Separatists With Guns Held at McGovern Hotel

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Two members of a black separatist movement were charged with gun law violations today after they had been arrested by the Federal and state authorities at Senator George McGovern's hotel, the Doral.

Bill Hawthorne, a spokesman for the Secret Service, said that the two men had given the names Malek Sonebeyatta, 32 years old, and Ahmed Obatem 33. Mr. Hawthorne said that in so far as the Secret Service could say, the identities had not been confirmed under any other names. He said the men were members of the Republic of New Africa.

Mr. Hawthorne said the guns had been found under the front seat of a car in which the two men arrived at the hotel. Official sources described the guns as a 9-mm. pistol and a .38-caliber revolver with the serial number filed off. State officials held the two men on a charge of possession of concealed weapons.

Mr. Hawthorne said that the authorities had "no evidence to connect the activities of the two men with any intended harm to protectees of the Secret Service at this time." He said he made the statement to attempt to allay any concern that some major plot had been uncovered.

Demanded Republic

The Republic of New Africa was founded in 1968 in Detroit. It attracted attention with the demand that a black republic be created from the states of Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, Louisiana and South Carolina.

The republic was to be created as reparations for crimes that the association's members maintained had been committed against blacks.

Forced Off Land

In 1971 the Detroit group split and some members moved to a farm near Jackson, Miss., where they dedicated the capital of the Republic of New Africa, they were forced off the land in May of this year in a dispute with a black farmer who owned the land.

In 1969 a Detroit policeman was killed and another police-

today had been identified as coming from that purchase.

The arrests were made just after 11 A.M. at the Doral Hotel, where Senator McGovern had had a breakfast meeting earlier with Southern Governors.

Two young black men arrived in the semicircular driveway in a gold-colored car with a black vinyl top. The car had a Michigan license plate registered to a man in Ann Arbor.

Reporters had been listening to Gov. Patrick J. Lucey of Wisconsin, a McGovern backer, describe the breakfast with the governors. They saw the arrest.

Car Is Searched

One slender black man, about 6 feet tall, wore a blue work shirt and blue jeans, a gold earring in one ear, a button with green, red and black stripes, a thin mustache and a short goatee.

Agents and the police handcuffed him behind his back and positioned him in front of the hotel while the car was searched.

Then other agents came from inside the hotel with a second black man who was handcuffed. He wore a blue work shirt, jeans and a knitted cap like a beret. Both men were taken down a ramp to a parking area beneath the hotel. Agents kept reporters from following.

During this time, Senator McGovern was in his 17th-floor suite.

Sources here said that the Federal Bureau of Investigation had been following the two men since they came to Miami. The F.B.I. notified the Secret Service whose agents have guarded the Democratic Presidential candidates, and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, that it had the men under surveillance.

When they came to the Doral Hotel, Senator McGovern's headquarters and residence during the Democratic National Convention, one of the men ran inside.

Agents following him lost track of him, sources said, and the man still in the car was arrested. Then the man inside the hotel was arrested as he left an elevator.

Reporters who witnessed the arrest said the car had stacks of literature in the back seat and that some of it seemed to be from convention and caucus groups. A folded newspaper lay in the front of the car, its name not visible. A headline said: "We Accuse the U. S. Government of Genocide."

The agents opened a black leather bag that was on the seat and placed it on the car roof while they examined it. man and four Negroes were wounded in a shootout after a meeting of the Republic of New Africa. The police said the shooting began when the meeting broke up and they tried to question a dozen blacks, some armed with rifles, who were entering cars near the meeting place. that a member of the black separatist group recently purchased 40 guns in Detroit. It was not known here, if the weapons taken by the police

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A man being searched by Secret Service agents outside the hotel