

WIDER PLOT LAID TO PONTIAC KLAN

Affidavit Says 4 Planned Mortar Attack on Buses

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DETROIT, Sept. 10—Ku Klux Klan members charged with the dynamiting of 10 school buses in Pontiac were also accused of having planned to "knock out" a power station as a diversion for a mortar attack on the school bus depot to destroy buses.

The plans for further violence, which did not occur, by four of six men arrested were alleged in an affidavit for a search warrant filed with the Federal court here.

Meanwhile, the six Klansmen, arrested yesterday by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, were released today on \$10,000 bail each. Three of the six were arrested in an automobile yesterday 275 miles from Pontiac and 75 miles from the Canadian border.

The court affidavit said that an unpaid undercover agent had been involved for four years with the Pontiac unit of the United Klans of America and "had furnished written and verbal reports and information on a regular basis on Klan activities and meetings to the Detroit office of the F.B.I."

Informer "Trustworthy"

"On all occasions, the informant has proved completely trustworthy and his information has proved accurate," the affidavit said.

The arrests came the day after the informer had reported that Klansmen were discussing the mortar assault, but a Government attorney said the decision to arrest the Klansmen was made before that meeting Wednesday.

The integration of Pontiac schools, involving the busing of 8,700 children in the 23,000-pupil system, was ordered by United States Judge Damon Keith.

Today attorneys from the Pontiac school board, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the school superintendent asked Judge Keith to order Federal marshals into Pontiac



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SEIZED IN SCHOOL BUS BOMBING: Guns and materials confiscated in connection with incident Aug. 30 in Pontiac, Mich., in Federal Bureau of Investigation's Detroit office.

to protect the school busing program. The judge asked the United States marshal here to go to Pontiac and report on the situation. He said he would hold up his decision on the request until Tuesday.

Plan Reported

The affidavit said that, at a Klan meeting Wednesday, Robert E. Miles, a former grand dragon of the Michigan Ku Klux Klan, "stated they intended to 'knock out' a Pontiac power station as cover for destroying the rest of the school buses with mortar shells."

About 90 buses leave the depot each morning to carry students under the integration orders. Ten of the buses were destroyed Aug. 30 while parked in the depot. There were no injuries.

In other developments, nine Pontiac women, arrested in attempting to block the busing earlier this week, were sentenced to 15 days in jail when they refused to pay fines of \$100 each; the Pontiac Police Officers Association donated \$300 to the antibusing organi-

zation, the National Action Group, and Pontiac blacks, including black policemen, bitterly denounced the gift.

The affidavit quoting the F.B.I. informer who, it was said, "has actual and direct knowledge of the following facts," outlined in detail how the plot was allegedly developed to bomb the school buses and gave an insight into Klan operations in Pontiac.