

CASPER, Wyo., Oct. 12 (UP)—Two boys, both high school juniors described by a teacher as "pretty good kids" were held in jail today on Federal charges of threatening to assassinate President Johnson during his 90-minute campaign trip to Casper today.

The incident occurred less than 24 hours after the police arrested two teen-agers in Phoenix, Ariz., during a Johnson campaign visit.

One of the Arizona youths allegedly hit Mr. Johnson on the head with a Goldwater-Miller campaign sign and the other allegedly was carrying a concealed pistol.

The Casper youths were identified by Federal officials as Ray Edward Smith, 16 years old, and Larry Deane Rush, 17, both students at Natrona County High School here.

The Secret Service, the Casper police and other officials refused to reveal details of the alleged threat to kill the President.

"They were charged in a complaint with having made a threat to kill the President," said Roland Osborne, head of the Colorado-Wyoming area for the Secret Service.

United States Commissioner Warren H. Winter of Casper set bond at \$25,000 each for the youths. They did not post bond and were held at the Natrona County jail at Casper. A preliminary hearing was set for Oct. 20.

Officials said the boys were arrested at Natrona County Memorial Hospital by the Casper police after a nurse allegedly overheard them make the threat against Mr. Johnson while visiting a patient at the hospital.

Fellow students at the high school said their classmates must have been joking. The police said the boys had no previous record.