

Bombing Aftermath

Violence Results In Police Alert

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City police maintained an alert Friday night to prevent any recurrence of the earlier fire bombing and wild shooting by a gang of "hoodlums" in the southeast section of the city.

No serious incidents were reported up to 2 a.m. today.

The clampdown was ordered by top law enforcement officials after the Selective Service office, 50 S. Duke St., was damaged by several fire bombs shortly after 3 a.m.

The bombing climaxed a gradual buildup of tension in the southeast area of the city where numerous reports of indiscriminate shooting and other illegal acts have occurred during the past few days.

ARRESTS

Two arrests were made by reinforced police patrols late Thursday night and early Friday morning.

One of those charged was Samuel Jordan, 20, of Washington, D.C., who was arrested at gunpoint. Police said he was carrying a Molotov cocktail — a firebomb — in one hand and a .38 caliber revolver in the other.

Jordan, a student at Franklin and Marshall College, was committed to county prison in lieu of \$32,000 bail.

Detectives said they searched Jordan's room on the F&M cam-

pus and uncovered five containers of various chemical compounds which, if mixed properly, could be explosive.

Detective Luther Henry, the prosecutor, said he also found part of a clock mechanism in

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Jordan's room which could be used at a timing device for a bomb.

Jordan is a former president of the Afro-American Student Society, a campus group organized to promote the cultural achievements of Negroes, a college spokesman said.

OTHERS INVOLVED

The other arrest made by police was that of a 17-year-old

city youth who had been firing a .22 caliber rifle in the vicinity of the new Higbee Elementary School. The juvenile was apprehended shortly before midnight Thursday and released to the custody of his father at 2:15 a.m. Friday.

Police at the scene estimated there were more than 15 young persons involved in the incident in the southeast area. Some were armed with the homemade firebombs — pop and wine bottles filled with gasoline and oil and armed with rag wicks.

Investigators recovered ten of the "cocktails," abandoned in backyards and alleys in the area.

Three of the fire bombs were hurled through a plate glass window at the Selective Service headquarters shortly after 3 a.m.

Fire Chief Edward Deatrick said some papers in the office were charred, and some other minor fire damage occurred. He credited a sprinkler system with keeping the fire under control until Companies 2, 3, 5 and Truck A arrived at the scene. The damage totaled \$600, the chief reported.

The State Police Fire Marshal, Trooper Robert Haycock, said the fire in the draft office was "definitely arson." Pieces of the broken Molotov cocktails were recovered inside the building.

This attempt to burn the interior of the Selective Service headquarters touched off a joint investigation by city and state police as well as agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Police said the arson attempt

at the Selective Service office took place within minutes after Jordan, a junior at F&M, was arrested at gunpoint on Howard Avenue, near Lime Street shortly before 3 a.m.

Officers David Dommel and Peter Zipp were in the area, checking on a previous report of a shooting. Dommel, a veteran member of the force, said he "caught Jordan by surprise" as he was walking on Howard Avenue, carrying the fire bomb.

Dommel said he was armed with a rifle. He ordered the student: "Don't move or your dead!"

"He had his hand in his right pocket. I thought there was something wrong so I told him to remove his hand slowly and drop whatever he had onto the ground. I then heard a dull thud," Dommel said.

After Jordan was handcuffed, the officers checked and discovered Jordan had been carrying a .38 cal. revolver. It was loaded with six shots, Dommel said. Additional bullets for the gun were found in the suspect's possession, officers added.

As a result of the original arrest, Jordan was charged with carrying explosives, carrying a concealed deadly weapon and violating the Uniform Firearms Act.

Later, a search of Jordan's campus quarters uncovered four jars of chemicals and a jug of a highly-corrosive acid, Detective Henry said. He declined to reveal the names of the compounds, but he said he determined that the chemicals could be used to make a high explosive.

As a result, Henry filed an ad-

ditional charge of possession of explosives against the F&M student.

Alderman John K. Shenk said he set Jordan's bail at \$32,000 on the advice of District Attorney Clarence Newcomer.

Shenk said Jordan's father called him from Washington late Friday about trying to make bail arrangements.

The father said he probably would come to Lancaster Monday to try to make the arrangements.

Shenk said no date of the student's hearing has been set.

A junior at F&M, Jordan lives at 301 Dietz Hall on the F&M campus. A college spokesman said F&M will take cognizance of the student's arrest but won't take any action on the case until civil authorities have acted.

Jordan was the first president of the Afro-American Student Society when the national organization formed a local chapter at F&M last year. He since has been succeeded by another student as president of the unit.

The group, composed exclusively of Negroes, recently sponsored a visit here by Muhammad Ali, alias Cassius Clay, the heavyweight fighter who has refused to be drafted into the armed forces.

But, police said, there was no immediate indications as of Friday night whether the fire bombing of the draft center was linked with the anti-war movement.

Draft boards 83, 84 and 85 are housed in the relatively new structure in the first block of S. Duke Street. A new window was installed later in the day to replace the plate glass shattered by the fire missiles.