Litter Bugs Pun

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Pun Plamondon, White Panther Minister of Defense, was busted by the Michigan State Police, July 23 after 80 days on the FBI's Ten Most Wanted list. Also arrested with him were two other White Panther leaders, Skip Taube of Ann Arbor and Jack Forrest of Detroit.

The three were stopped near Cheboygan about 25 miles south of Mackinac Bridge by the state troopers, who had spotted one of them throwing a beer can out of the window of the bus they were traveling in.

Skip and Jack gave their real names to the officer. Pun gave a false name and they were released with a warning for littering.

The pigs thought the three appeared suspicious, put a tracer on the vehicle and found out that it was registered to Skip. A bulletin was issued to all area pig departments to apprehend the three.

At 1:50 pm officers from the state police and the Mackinac County Sheriff's department overtook the car outside of St. Ignace and arrested the three without a struggle. Pun had a.38 calliber derringer on him and a loaded shotgun and a carbine were found in the bus.

Taube and Forrest were arraigned the next day in Grand Rapids on charges of abetting a federal fugitive and possession of concealed weapons. Their bond on the state and federal charges was set at $30,000 each and they were put in the Kent County jail.

Pun was brought down to Detroit on July 25 and arraigned on the charge of destruction of government property and conspiracy to bomb. He has been sought since Oct. 7, 1969 when a federal warrant was issued for him in connection with the bombing of an Ann Arbor CIA office. He is being framed on the false testimony of stoolie David Valler, a deranged acid-head now in the employ of the pigs. Valler actually committed the bombing himself.

Forrest and imprisoned White Panther chairman John Sinclair are accused along with Pun on the conspiracy charge.



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