

# PANTHER PUSH TERMED OVER

## Moyer Says Militants Have Vacated Annapolis Office

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Annapolis, Aug. 12 — Members of the Black Panthers organization have apparently scrapped a recruitment drive in Annapolis, Mayor Roger W. Moyer said today.

No Black Panthers here or in Baltimore could be reached for comment.

The mayor said members of the militant organization had left town because they failed to gain recruits and could not arrange for sufficient financial backing. An organization office was opened here early this year.

### "Very Happy"

"I am very happy that they are out of town," the mayor said. "I don't know of anything they did that was constructive. If they had offered something constructive, I would have been for them."

The mayor said his city's Negro residents had rejected the Black Panthers and in doing so given a "vote of confidence" for the city government.

"This convinces me that our Negro residents realize that the city wants to meet its obligations to human beings," he said. "They know that this city has jobs, recreation and housing."

Mayor Moyer said the Black Panthers have not been active here for about two weeks. They have vacated their headquarters building on Calvert street.

### Controversy Over Grant

Much controversy recently developed when it was alleged that part of an \$8,000 grant from the Catholic Archdiocese of Baltimore was given to the Panthers local office. The grant was made to the Annapolis Community Development Program, Inc., which was established to bring about improvements in the predominantly Negro Fourth ward.

In May, Mayor Moyer took issue with the Panther organization by advising city businessmen not to contribute money to them to buy food for children.

Black Panther officers said they were asking businessmen to give 1 per cent of their profits a week to "feed hungry children." They said similar arrangements had been made with businessmen in many cities, including Baltimore.