

# 17 Boycotting Students Arrested

## Among 250 Protesting Black Panther Talks At Pasadena

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Annapolis, March 17—Anne Arundel county police arrested 17 pupils at the Northeast Senior High School in Pasadena today as some 250 white students boycotted classes to protest a lecture at the school last week by Black Panthers from Baltimore.

Two other youths were arrested and charged with possession of deadly weapons after police said they found a paring knife and a gear-shift lever in their possession.

The boycotting students refused to attend morning classes and milled around on school property until police ordered them to disperse.

County board of education officials said the boycott was inspired by objections from some white students to a lecture given at the school last Thursday by eight members of the Baltimore chapter of the Black Panthers organization.

Nine of the 17 students arrested were taken into custody this morning at the school after refusing a police order to leave the campus. All of them were white.

The eight other pupils, including two white girls and a Negro boy, were charged with disorderly conduct later as the disturbance continued into the afternoon.

The disturbances at the school started Thursday and continued the next day when a large group of white students surrounded some 30 Negro pupils as they were boarding school buses to go home, county police said.

Six county police cars were stationed at the school on Duvall highway when it opened this morning.

The members of the militant group were invited by an assistant principal to lecture to a 12th-grade sociology class on the purposes and goals of their organization.

The board of education's recent refusal to permit smoking



**POLICE RESTRAINT**—Two Anne Arundel county policemen help a youth into a police car during the arrest of 17 students and two other youths at the Northeast Senior High School on Duvall highway in Pasadena yesterday afternoon.

on school property was also a factor in the boycott, board officials said.

After the police dispersal, about 50 boycott participants moved to private property near the school and shouted racial slogans for several hours.

Harold N. Zastrow, the school principal, said that "a couple of shoving matches" between white and Negro students broke out on the school grounds. Similar incidents occurred last Friday.

### 1,800 Students Enrolled

At one point Friday, he said, about 100 white pupils surrounded a group of about 30 Negro pupils and shouted insults.

The school has an enrollment of about 1,800 students, approximately 100 of whom are Negroes.

Mr. Zastrow said that a special teacher-student committee has been established "to look for a solution" to the difficulties. The committee met last Friday

and will meet again tomorrow. Police said their patrol in the area of the school has been increased for an indefinite period.