

Freeman Says Marijuana Charge A "Frame-up"

While speaking to a group of newsmen at a press conference called by People's Party II, Charles Freeman, Minister of Culture for the

organization, now free on \$2,400 bail, stemming from a charge of having marijuana on his person, Freeman asserted the marijuana was "plant-

ed" on him at the "police station," and he added, "Two brothers arrested with me saw the policeman when he planted the box on me."

Freeman, Claude Frost, and Kenneth Butler, all members of People's Party II, were arrested while fixing a "flat tire" near their organization's headquarters last week. When asked why they were arrested, Freeman replied, "We were told that it was something in connection with a new law, something about fixing a tire on the street."

"We were searched by a policeman before we got to the station, and searched again after we got there. It was there at the station a policeman searched me for something. The two brothers (Frost and Butler) saw him plant a box on me. It could have been empty for all I know. We never did see what was inside the box. Right

after that another policeman searched me, and this is when he pulled the matchbox out of my pocket."

According to Freeman all of the above named

fect the whole community."

When one newsman asked Freeman if he felt he would be "the second Lee Otis Johnson," the youthful member of People's Party II stated, "I can't say from here about how it will turn out. All I know at this point is that it was a frameup. I have a lawyer working on the case for us."

Robert (Piccadilly) Wallace appeared at the press conference with Freeman and Butler. He said, "When the police get to shooting bullets off into that house, anybody they see on the streets with a Black face is in trouble. Then, all the bullets they shoot aren't going to hit the house. Some of the bullets will go through the house. If they shoot tear gas toward the house, they could miss. That .357 magnum they use will go through ten men, the M-1 carbine will unload thirty rounds without stopping, the M-16's and .45's are not the



From left to right: Kenneth Butler, Charles Freeman, and Robert (Piccadilly) Wallace--all members of People's Party II. Freeman, in center, accused the police of planting marijuana on him. "I was framed."