

Man arrested after shootings

New Orleans—A former Internal Revenue Service auditor was arrested Monday after his wife, father-in-law and eight other persons were wounded in a city-wide shooting spree.

Carlos Poree, 35, of New Orleans was booked on 10 counts of attempted murder, one count of armed robbery and three counts of simple battery on police officers, according to Police Superintendent Clarence Giarrusso. Poree was taken into custody near a downtown brokerage firm where five of the victims were shot, officers said.

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A spokesman at Charity Hospital said four of the injured were in critical condition. Three of them probably will be paralyzed from spinal wounds, he said. The other six victims were being treated for various gunshot wounds.

Police spokesman Tony Bonagura said two vice squad plainclothesmen, driving past the brokerage office, heard the final shots of the hour-long spree, stopped their car, jumped out and were running toward the scene when Poree came walking around the corner, tucking his gun into his waistband.

"They drew on him, shouted, 'Freeze' and he decided to give up," Bonagura said.

The battery charges stemmed from a scuffle Poree had with officers who tried to put him in prison clothes, Giarrusso said.

Officers scuffled again with Poree during fingerprinting, a police spokesman said. Poree was taken to Charity Hospital for treatment.

Dam inspections

Washington—Five years ago, Congress approved an inspection program aimed at preventing disasters such as the Foccoa dam collapse, but as of Monday not one dam has been inspected.

An Army Engineers spokesman attributes the failure to a lack of money.

"Congress authorized just enough money to make an inventory of the nation's dams," said Locke Mouton, the Army Engineers spokesman.

That inventory, completed in 1975, estimates it would cost \$367.5 million for the inspections. The first \$15 million authorized for the program since the survey is for this fiscal year, which started on Oct. 1 and no decision has been made so far on how to spend it.

Meanwhile, the chairman of a House environment subcommittee said the Georgia dam collapse could have been avoided "totally, completely and absolutely" if the federal inspection law had been enforced.

Carter postpones trip

Washington—President Carter officially postponed his planned foreign trip to devote himself to energy legislation. Actually, aides said Monday, Carter also will be busy with planning for 1978 during his stay-at-home time.

Secretary of State Cyrus R. Vance announced the postponement, saying Carter informed heads of the nine countries on his intended route that he hopes "a mutually convenient date could be found for a later visit in the near future."

Vance said the president's message emphasized a conviction that "his personal involvement was vital to the development of sound energy legislation."

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