Threats keep Harlem jittery aMalcolm's funeral nears

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NBRK CITY — Telephonats to blow up BishA Childs' Faith Tem Malcolm X's funeral in the Amsterdamevue Church, turnem into an armed camsday as scores of extrmism were assigned troubled Muslim Blaconalist area.

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Wheller telephoned Bishidis' office late Wednesday and warned that the cand Bronx home of thop would be destroythe funeral plans are scelled, a secretary i police.

Thinutes later plaincloth uniformed cops and 81 were on the scenareful search of Faith Temple followed and a 24 - hour - a - day guard was thrown around the church and home of Bishop Childs.

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EARLIER IN THE WEEK, the late Malcolm X's lawyer, Assemblyman Percy E. Sutton, reported that he, too, has received telephone calls in which threats were made to bomb his office, 135 W. 125th St.

Oliver Sutton, the legislator's brother and associate in the law firm of Sutton and Sutton said he was too busy to worry about pranks as he described the threats.

James R. Lawson, president of the United African Nationalist movement, was also threatened.

"It's not the first time I have been threatened with death," Mr. Lawson told the AFRO. "Some years ago when I was in Tunisia, the Red Hand tried and failed. However, I do not propose to stick my head in the sand-pretending that I have not been marked for extermination."

Rent strike leader Jesse Gray, who was associated with Malcolm X in the formation of the Organization for AFRO - American Unity, revealed that threatening telephone calls had also been made to his office.

He did not seem alarmed, but informed observers pointout that Mr. Gray was surrounded by five young men all this week.

When asked why Wednesday, Mr. Gray answered that it was "just a précaution in case someone got bad ideas."

At the same time, he announced that an outdoor memorial service for Malcolm X had been set for Thursday evening at Seventh Avenue and 125th St.

—Select new leader

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new leadership must be established almost immediately.

In Boston a half-sister of Malcolm X, who vowed that his death would be avenged, said a successor as head of the Organization of Afro-American Unity (OAAU) would be named right away.

Mrs. Ella Mae Collins, Malcolm X's half sister and operator of a south end rooming house, said the successor might be a Boston resident.

Meanwhile, an aide and close friend of the assassinated leader urged that a mediator confer with Muslim leader Elijah Muhammad and leaders of the OAAU "to prevent further slayings, bloodshed, bombings and property damage."

Leon Ameer, a confidant of Malcolm X and a former captain in the Black Muslim movement, called for the meeting between the rival groups.

Ameer said that unless some peaceful agreement was reached "I would be surprised if Muhammad lives out the month."

Ameer said the final decision on who will replace Malcolm X will be made by Mrs. Collins "since she is the only one who actually knew Malcolm and understood the inner workings of his mind."

MANY HARLEMITES had become profoundly impressed by the manner in which Malcolm handled himself on TV and in public places.

"He was always the gentleman," Miss Angie Butler, a night club singer, said. Miss Butler, young and pretty, is a graduate of Fisk University and was among the first sit - In demonstrators to be jailed in Nashville.

One Muslim aid to Malcolm, who claimed that he abhorred publicity, suggested that the Organization for Afro-American Unity should be operated by an unofficial board of directors until somebody as knowledgeable as Malcolm was can be found.

"If we could induce Assemblyman Percy Sutton to take