

OWNED BY EX-UNIONIST

Bomb Damages Barber Shop

An explosion caused by a homemade bomb early yesterday shattered the glass front door of a non-union barber shop owned by a former president of Barber's Union Local 709.

John D. Munn, owner of the shop at 5532 E. 22nd St. in the County Fair Shopping Center, recently left the union in disagreement over the union's price policies.

Munn said today that he did not believe the union sanctioned the action.

He told investigating officers that he had not been approached recently by any union officials about the current price war nor about joining the union.

The premature blast, indicated by a fuse only three-quarters burned, apparently prevented a more serious explosion.

Police said the bomb, composed of a two-inch length of one-half inch iron pipe with ends capped and containing dynamite or gun powder, had been placed on a hand railing on the door.

The pipe, found in the parking lot about 50 feet from the door, had been split and

nearly flattened by the explosion.

Munn, 62, who resides at 5021 E. Rosewood Ave., said, "I have nothing against proper organization and I haven't had any previous threats, but this gangster-type stuff just isn't any good."

The shop was unoccupied at the time of the blast.

The union recently slashed prices from \$1.75 and \$1.50 to \$1 per haircut in an effort to force independent barbers, charging \$1.25, into charging union prices. The union undercut is still in effect, although some union shops, by agreement with the union, continue to hold to the former prices.

Union President William Tapolskany said he was certain the bombing was a case of vandalism.

"It definitely had nothing to do with any differences over barber prices," he said.

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