

16 Coast Cult Leaders Held in Sedition Plot

By the Associated Press.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 18.—Sixteen leaders of the organization "Man-kind United" have been arrested in California on sedition conspiracy charges and 150 other persons are being questioned, the FBI announced today.

Federal agents accused sponsors of the group of disseminating false reports, attempting to interfere with the war effort and of masquerading as patriots. In San Diego followers were urged to forget the phrase, "Remember Pearl Harbor" and to substitute "Remember the Cherry Trees," declared R. B. Hood, special agent in charge of the FBI here.

An indictment charging conspiracy to violate sedition laws was returned by a Federal grand jury here yesterday.