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Minute Men's Head and 2 Aids Held by Mayor of Philadelphia

By The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 8.—Mayor S. Davis Wilson today held Benjamin W. Blanchard, head of the Minute Men and Women of Today, and two of his followers without bail for investigation as suspicious characters. The Mayor acted after a hearing for Blanchard and the other two, Albert Gates and Martin Rossman, on charges of inciting to riot, conspiracy and carrying concealed deadly weapons. All three were arrested after a disorder at the Apex Hosiery Mills last week.

Literature found by the police described the Minute Men as a patriotic organization, but M. Herbert Syme, counsel for Branch No. 1 of the American Federation of Hosiery Workers, several days ago termed the organization "an outfit financed by employers to fight unionism." Fred C. Krivonos, a representative of the La Follette Senate civil liberties investigation committee, was present at the hearing. Syme had asked the Department of Justice to investigate the organization.

"All the evidence and information in this case," Mayor Wilson said, "indicates a widespread conspiracy on the part of certain interests

which failed to destroy labor unions through legal means, are attempting to put them out of existence through violence.