

# Jersey Cops Hatch Weird 'Red Plot'

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JERSEY CITY, July 2.—This city of Mayor Frank Hague resorted to its notorious form with an attempt by the police department here to develop excitement around a "Communist plot" with the disorderly persons law as the weapon.

The "plot," according to prominently featured stories in the New Jersey newspapers, was discovered with the arrest of Rand Stevens and Ruth Freeman, whose addresses were given as 338 East 15th St., New York.

They parked their car near a Hudson Tube entrance yesterday at 1:30 A. M., according to police, and stopped two persons to inquire directions to New York, when three police officers "became suspicious" and arrested them as "disorderly persons."

The policemen based their suspicion of a great discovery chiefly on a scrap book they found in the car in which there were clippings

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from magazines and newspapers of pictures of industrial plants, dams and similar establishments.

On the strength of a claim by the police department that the two were acting as "secret" agents of the Communist Party "or some similar organization," Judge Anthony Botti placed each on \$10,000 bail for a hearing next Monday.

Today Attorney Solomon Golat of Newark, who was retained by Stevens and Freeman, revealed that the scrap book was compiled by a student Miss Freeman taught last year in economic geography.

At the same time Director of Public Safety Daniel J. Casey admitted, according to a special story to the World-Telegram that "there is nothing to it."

But both remain in prison under \$10,000 bail and the F. B. I. and the New York police department were drawn into "investigation" of the "plot."

According to this morning's Jersey Journal, two agents of the FBI had questioned the two.