

## 2 Charged With Plotting to Kill Ford Sept. 5 in

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 20 (UPI)—Two men in custody in Santa Barbara, Calif., were charged today by a grand jury with conspiring to assassinate President Ford last Sept. 5 in Sacramento, Calif., by shooting him at the State Capitol after blowing up street sewers as a diversion.

The target date of the alleged plot was the same day Lynette Alice Fromme was arrested for pointing a gun at the President near the State Capitol, but officials said that there was no connection between her and the two indicted men.

The alleged plot, which was disclosed with the filing of the indictment in United States District Court here was the third apparent threat on Mr.

Ford's life during his visits to California last month.

The other alleged attempt on the President's life occurred in San Francisco on Sept. 22 when Sara Jane Moore allegedly fired a gun at him from a distance, missing her target.

The two indicted men, who were arrested Au. 26 in Santa Barbara on a burglary charge, are identified as Gary Steven DeSure, 31 years old, said to be a fugitive from the Montana State Hospital, and Preston Michael Mayo, 24, of Warren County, Va.

### 2 Men Identified

William Kelleher, U.S. Attorney, has placed detainers on them with Santa Barbara County authorities for bonds of \$100,000 each.

The indictment alleged that the pair followed Mr. Ford from Glacier, Mont., to California "in an attempt to accomplish their conspiracy."

After their arrest on the burglary charge, Mr. DeSure allegedly told a Santa Barbara detective, Robert Zapata, that he and Mr. Mayo had planned to steal weapons and dynamite from a San Francisco armory and try to kill President Ford.

Acting on information supplied by Santa Barbara County authorities, Secret Service agents found a car parked at Hollywood-Burbank Airport containing a written plan for the alleged assassination attempt.

Both were charged with participating from Aug. 12 to Sept.

15 in a conspiracy to kill the President, and each was charged specifically with making threats on the President's life on Aug. 27.

The grand jury said that the suspects "wrote details pertaining to the equipment and plans necessary to accomplish the assassination attempt" on Aug. 19. But both were arrested on state theft charges by the Santa Barbara sheriff's department on Aug. 26 and have been held in custody since.

The indictment gave this description of the alleged plans:

"The defendants DeSure and Mayo would plant explosives in the street sewer in the vicinity of the Capitol Building, Sacramento, Calif.," it said.

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"The defendant DeSure would detonate the explosives and stand as a lookout. The defendant Mayo would fire a shot at the President, Gerald R. Ford."

The indictment did not make clear whether the sewer explosion allegedly planned was to create a diversion that would make it easier to carry out an assassination or to provide an easier getaway opportunity.

The grand jury's list of acts committed in furtherance of the alleged plot consisted mainly of travels about the country.

The episode as described by the jury began with a visit of the two suspects to Glacier National Park in Montana on Aug. 13. This was followed by visits to Cincinnati on Aug. 17;

Dixon, Tenn., on Aug. 19; Midwest City, Okla., on Aug. 20, and Amarillo, Tex., on Aug. 21, according to the jury.

On Aug. 23, the grand jury said, the two men abandoned a 1974 Datsun at the Hollywood-Burbank Airport and later that day rented a car in Woodland Hills, Calif. They visited Varr Nuys, Calif., on Aug. 23 and Santa Barbara on Aug. 24, the grand jury said.

The indictment said they wrote down details of the alleged plot on the day of their visit to Dixon, Tenn.

### Bid to Subpoena Ford Due

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Oct. 20 (AP)—Lynette Alice Fromme will attempt to subpoena President Ford to testify at her trial

on a charge she tried to kill Mr. Ford, her attorney said today.

John Virga said that Miss Fromme's request to subpoena the President will be presented tomorrow in Federal Court along with a request for a delay in Miss Fromme's trial, now set to start in November.

"One of the prosecution's main points is that the gun clicked; our contention is that never happened," Mr. Virga said of the Sept. 5 episode.

A Secret Service man says he wrestled a loaded gun from Miss Fromme two feet away from the President.

"His testimony could be very significant on the issue of whether or not she actually intended to kill him."