

War Foe Indicted in Capitol Bombing

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LESLIE BACON
... refused to testify

Leslie Bacon, one-time Yippie, Mayday tribeswoman and antiwar activist here, has been indicted on perjury charge for allegedly lying to a federal grand jury when she denied being in the Capitol hours before it was bombed on March 1, 1971.

The indictment, issued last Friday by a grand jury in Seattle investigating political bombings throughout the country, was made public yesterday by U.S. Attorney Stan Pitkin in Seattle. It was the first criminal charge to be made in connection with the still unsolved D.C. bombing.

Miss Bacon, 20, was ordered to appear in Seattle federal court May 5 for arraignment. A trial should follow within 60 days, Pitkin said.

"They have a likely pigeon for harassment," said Benjamin Dreyfus, one of Miss Bacon's attorneys, in reference to the government action. "It's outrageous."

Miss Bacon was taken into custody by FBI agents here last April 27 as a material witness in the Capitol bombing. She was transferred to Seattle where she balked before a federal grand jury. She was charged with contempt for refusing to testify on various bombings and was indicted last summer on conspiracy charges in connection with the bombing of a bank in New York City.

According to the capitol bombing indictment revealed yesterday, Miss Bacon lied to the grand jurors when she said, "I was never in the Capitol building" on Feb. 28, 1971, the day before the blast.

This and other answers "were false," said the indictment, "in that on or about

Miss Bacon is currently free on bond and living in New York.

The Capitol blast, which occurred at 1:32 a.m., on March 1, 1971, ripped out a small section of the wall on the Senate side of the building and caused an estimated \$300,000

ing that a bomb had been placed in the building to protest American military involvement in Laos.

Miss Bacon was taken into custody 58 days later while living in a commune at 1747 Lanier Pl. NW. A former member of the Youth International Party (Yippie), she had been

Feb. 28, 1971, Leslie Ann Bacon was on the grounds of the U.S. Capitol and was at the U.S. Capitol building and the U.S. House of Representatives office building in Washington ..."

Prosecutor Pitkin would not say yesterday what specific time of day or night Miss Bacon was allegedly at the Capitol, nor would he say whether the phrase "at the U.S. Capitol" means she was actually inside the building or just near it.

"I can't comment on the meaning of the indictment ... or on any aspects of evidence in the case not contained in the indictment," he said in a telephone interview.

Defense attorney Dreyfus also said he has no idea what specific evidence in the form of fingerprints, taped telephone conversations or other information may underlie the ent.