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U.S. Seizes 8 In Air Raid Against Haiti

MIAMI, June 10 (AP)—Federal authorities charged eight men Monday with conspiring to launch a military expedition against a friendly country, accusing them of staging an air raid last week in which six kerosene-filled drums were dropped on Haiti's capital.

Two of the men, Rene J. Leon, 45, of Haiti and an American, Martin Casey, were arrested while out on appeal bond in a case growing out of an attempt to invade Haiti.

Bonds of \$50,000 each were ordered for Leon, Casey and Gerald Smith, 29, an American charged by the Marine Corps as a deserter.

U.S. Commissioner Edward Swan set bonds of \$10,000 each for Lawrence Carlin, Howard K. Davis and Ralph G. Edens and released two others, William Eugene Dernbach and Edmund Kolby, on \$25,000 recognizance bonds. Davis later posted his bond.

It was Carlin, according to U.S. Attorney Ted Bates, who piloted a Constellation on the bombing raid against Haitian President Francois (Papa Doc) Duvalier's palace. One of the 55-gallon drums bounced harmlessly onto the palace grounds.

Burning wicks were attached to the drums, but only one drum exploded.