

Weathermen Indicted as Terrorists

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Thirteen leaders of the militant Weatherman faction of the Students for a Democratic Society were indicted yesterday on charges of setting up a nationwide terrorist underground.

A federal grand jury in Detroit said the conspiracy included plans to bomb police stations and military installations, and even talk of assassinations.

All but one of the 13 are at large and presumed to be in hiding.

Attorney General John N. Mitchell said the indictment stemmed from a government investigation of the explosion last March 6 of a Greenwich Village townhouse in New York City. Investigators have said it was serving as a Weatherman "bomb factory."

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The Weatherman members named in the indictment were accused of deciding to set up a "central committee" to direct underground bombing operations with various leaders assigned to direct terrorist activities from four cities: New York, Chicago, Detroit and Berkeley, Calif.

So-called underground "focals" of three to four members each were to carry out the central committee's orders and bomb police headquarters and other targets, including commercial, civic and educational buildings "throughout the country," the grand jury said.

The conspiracy allegedly began at a Weatherman "war council" in Flint, Mich., last winter where some 400 members gathered for a series of informal sessions over the Christmas holidays.

According to one account, the terrorist plans were laid at Flint's Sacred Heart parish house while the more visible Weatherman group was meeting in a dance hall decorated

with a huge cardboard machine gun.

The 13 defendants are:

Mark W. Rudd, 23, national secretary of the Weatherman faction and an organizer of the 1968 student protests at Columbia University.

• Bernadine R. Dohrn, 28, former inter-organization secretary of SDS who earned a law degree before turning to radical politics.

• William C. Ayers, 25, member of a prominent Illinois family (his father is president of Commonwealth Edison in Chicago) and a founder of the Weatherman faction, which grew out of a raucous SDS convention in Chicago a summer ago.

• Kathy Boudin, 27, a Bryn Mawr graduate who has been sought since the Greenwich Village explosion. She is the daughter of well-known civil liberties lawyer Leonard B. Boudin.

• Cathlyn P. Wilkerson, 26, another Weatherman activist who disappeared with another young woman after dynamite shattered the townhouse. The building was owned by her father, James P. Wilkerson, owner of a chain of Midwest radio stations.

• Linda Sue Evans, 23, of Fort Dodge, Iowa, the only defendant in custody. She and several of the others named in yesterday's indictment had already been charged with conspiracy to riot in connection with the Weatherman factions "Four Days of Rage" in Chicago last fall.

The conspiracy charges carry a maximum penalty of five years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

Others accused were Dianna Marie Dongni, 21; Russell T. Neufeld, 23; Jane Spielman, 23; Ronald D. Fliegelman, 26; Naomi E. Jaffe, 27; Robert G. Burlingham, 24; and Larry D. Grathwohl, 23.

Besides the defendants, the indictment named 15 others as "co-conspirators," including at least two of the Weathermen—Diana Oughton and Theodore Gold—who were killed in the New York townhouse explosion.

A third corpse found in the wreckage has never been officially identified, but Weathermen have claimed that it was Terry Robbins, a radical leader at Kent State University in 1968 who was similarly named yesterday as one of the



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Two of the accused, Mark Rudd and Bernadine Dohrn.

co-conspirators.

The government spelled out 21 overt acts in carrying out the conspiracy, starting with the meetings in Flint where Rudd was said to have told one group that they should bomb police stations and banks throughout the country and kill police to further the revolution.

Rudd was also accused of declaring in Cleveland last Feb. 4 that the Weathermen "were going underground and would commit acts of assassination and bombings of police and military installations."

Assistant Attorney General Will Wilson, head of the Justice Department's Criminal Division, said the defendants represent the "top and core leadership" of the Weatherman faction.

"We expect to arrest some of them, but we will probably not get them all," he said. "I expect we will catch seven or eight, possibly 10."

Wilson indicated that investigators have found only one bombing incident alleged to have stemmed from the alleged conspiracy. This was an abortive attempt to blow up the Detroit Police Officers Association last February. A bomb was planted, but it proved to be a dud.

Other officials said they lacked proof at this point to hook up any other bombings, or bomb attempts, to the alleged plot.

They pointed, however, to

an allegation in the indictment quoting Miss Dohrn as saying on May 27 that revolutionary violence was the only way, and that within 14 days the Weathermen would attack "a symbol of American injustice."

Perhaps coincidentally, New York police headquarters was heavily damaged by an explosion in a second-floor rest room on June 9.

The government charged that at least two of the defendants, Cathy Wilkerson and Jane Spielman, were making dynamite bombs, along with Diana Oughton, Ted Gold and Terry Robbins, on the day of the townhouse explosion.

The grand jury also cited the rental of a North Side apartment in Chicago last February as another step in the conspiracy. Chicago police subsequently reported that it had been converted into a bomb factory.

Bernadine Dohrn, Kathy Boudin and Dianne Donghi were all said to have had a part in the rental.

Members of the individual "focals" were not identified, but the grand jury charged that they were supposed to travel throughout the country, using false names and communicating in code, to purchase munitions and bomb components. Officials said the cells were distinct from the so-called Weatherman "Affinity Groups," which the organization has used in street violence.