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Minute Men 9/2/73 Founder Gets Parole

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3 Robert B. DePugh, founder
3 of the anti-Communist Minute
3 Men organization, was given a
3 parole yesterday by the U.S.
3 Board of Parole.

1 The 8-member board denied
1 parole to three others and a
1 former city official of Newark,
1 N.J.

1 DePugh, 49, is serving a
3 composite sentence of 11
3 years, 2 months and 28 days
3 for possessing automatic weap-
3 ons without registering them
3 and failure to appear on bond.

1 Confined at the U.S. peni-
1 tentiary in Atlanta, DePugh, a
3 Norborne, Mo., businessman,
3 began serving his sentence
3 Jan. 31, 1967, and will be re-
3 leased April 30, 1973.

1 The board denied parole to
3 Salvatore Battaglia, 64, identi-
3 fied by the Senate Permanent
3 Investigations subcommittee
3 in 1969 as the former acting
3 head of the organized crime
3 family in Chicago.

1 Battaglia is serving a 15-
1 year sentence for obstructing
1 and delaying interstate com-
1 merce and for conspiracy. He
1 began serving his sentence on
1 May 29, 1967 and is confined
1 at the U.S. penitentiary at
1 Marion, Ill. His case was con-
1 tinued until April, 1974.

1 The board also denied pa-
1 role to John A. Masiello, Sr.,
1 New York, and his son, John,
1 Jr. The senior Masiello, 52, is
1 serving an aggregate sentence
1 of seven years for two charges
1 of conspiracy and bribery, con-
1 spiracy and false statements
1 to the Selective Service Board
1 and failure to make an income
1 tax return.

1 With a number of others, in-
1 cluding his son, Masiello was
1 charged in a case involving
1 bribing Post Office employees
1 to obtain postal contracts for
1 his trucking service. The elder
1 Masiello is serving time at the
1 federal prison camp in Allen-
1 wood, Pa., while his son is at
1 the federal correctional insti-
1 tution at Danbury, Conn.

1 Phillip Gordon, 57, a former
1 city councilman and corpora-
1 tion counsel in Newark, also
1 was denied parole.