

## DePugh, Minutemen's Founder, Granted Parole After 6 Years

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 26 — Robert Bolivar DePugh, founder of the Minutemen, a right-wing paramilitary organization, was granted a parole today by the United States Board of Parole after serving a little more than half of an 11-year prison sentence for illegal possession of firearms and jumping bond.

DePugh is serving a combined sentence of 11 years, two months and 28 days for possession of firearms, failure to appear on bond and possession of unregistered firearms. His parole is effective on April 30, according to the Department of Justice.

DePugh, who is at the Federal penitentiary in Atlanta, began serving his sentence on Jan. 31, 1967. He is 49 years old.

The board denied parole to Phillip Gordon, 57, a former

city councilman and corporation counsel in Newark. Gordon was convicted of extortion and conspiracy along with Hugh J. Addonizio, former Newark Mayor, and three other persons in July, 1970. Gordon, who is at the Federal Correctional institution at Danbury, Conn., began serving a three-year sentence on Feb. 7, 1972.

Parole was also denied to Salvatore Battaglia, identified by the Senate Permanent Investigations Subcommittee in 1969 as the former leader of the Chicago organized crime syndicate. Battaglia, 64, is serving a 15-year sentence at the Federal Penitentiary at Marion, Ill., for obstructing and delaying interstate commerce and for conspiracy. He began serving the sentence on May 29, 1967.