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Minutemen founder Robert DeFugh, left, and aide-de-camp Walter Peyson wait to appear before U.S. Commissioner Robert McCoy, who ordered the two extradited to Missouri. The FBI captured right-wing leaders in New Mexico.

Minuteman Depugh To Be Taken to Mo.

ALBUQUERQUE N.M., July 16 (UPI)—The founder of the anti-Communist Minuteman organization and his top aide, arrested by FBI agents in southern New Mexico last week, were ordered today to be returned to Kansas City, Mo.

U.S. Commissioner Robert McCoy ordered Robert Boliver Depugh, 47, and Walter Peyson, 27, to the custody of the U.S. marshal for the transfer. Depugh was to begin serving a one-year sentence on a Federal firearms conviction in Missouri.

Peyson's return was based on a bench warrant for his arrest for failure to appear for

trial in Kansas City in a similar case.

Both men also were wanted in Seattle on charges of conspiring to rob banks in Washington state to finance the purchase of arms to maintain what their organization called "the last line of defense against communism."

U.S. Attorney Viktor Ortega said the Government chose to return Depugh and Peyson to Missouri because their transfer could be made without a removal hearing. He said the Washington Federal district would be able to process their return to that state in the future.