

FOUR BANKS SAID TARGETS

Minuteman Leader, Aide Indicted in Bizarre Plot

SEATTLE (AP) — Robert Bolivar DePugh, 44, founder and head of the Minuteman organization, and one of his top lieutenants have been indicted here in a bizarre bank-robbery plot.

The secret federal grand jury indictments were returned Feb. 20 and made public today by U.S. Dist. Judge

William T. Beeks.

DEPUGH AND WALTER Patrick Feyson, 24, both of Norborne, Mo., were charged with conspiracy in plans to rob four suburban Seattle banks in January after blowing up a police station and power plant. The plot never was carried out.

Both men were reported being sought by the FBI, which said DePugh last was seen several weeks ago in Norborne, where he was growing a beard for a local festival. DePugh is owner and operator of Biolab Co., an animal-drug firm in Norborne.

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Judge Beeks set bail for each man at \$30,000.

THE MINUTEMEN HAVE been described by the FBI as a secret paramilitary organization whose purpose is to defend the United States after an internal takeover by the Communists.

Seven men were arrested here Jan. 26, the day the FBI said they planned to blow up the police station and a power plant at nearby Redmond as a diversionary tactic and then rob three banks there. Another bank at Des Moines, south of Seattle, also was reported by the FBI to have been on their list.

One of the seven, Duane Ivan Carlson, 35, was described as a full-time Minuteman employe and some of the others were linked with the secret group.

DePugh denied in Norborne at that time that any of the men were presently Minuteman members and said only Carlson's name was vaguely familiar to him.