

Holdup-Blast Plan Charged

7 Minutemen Seized in Plot

WASHINGTON (AP) — FBI agents today arrested seven men, including several members of the ultra-patriotic Minutemen organization, and charged them with conspiring to rob four banks after blowing up a police station and a power plant in two suburbs of Seattle, Wash.

Seized along with the seven were 10 Molotov cocktails and an arsenal including two .38-caliber revolvers, a .32-caliber automatic, nine sticks of dynamite and blasting caps, a pipe bomb and floor plans for the banks and the police department.

THE FBI SAID the men

planned to rob three banks at Redmond, Wash., and had discussed robbing another at Des Moines, Wash.

The FBI also said they planned to dynamite the Redmond, Wash., power plant and police facilities as diversionary tactics immediately prior to the robberies.

An FBI spokesman said the men included Donald Ivan Carlson, 35, identified as a full-time employe of the Minutemen.

IN ADDITION to Carlson, a bachelor living in Seattle, the group included Joseph David Hourie, 20, a Seattle grocery chain employe; Ervin John White, 41, a draftsman of Edmonds, Wash.; Jerome Nichols, 32, a recently employed ship alter living in Arlington, Wash.; Mervyn Edward Henderson, Sr., 57, a church sexton and part-time maintenance man of Bothel, Wash.; Kelly E. DeRano, 24, a driver of Tacoma, Wash.; and Milton James Dix, 34, a Seattle longshoreman.

An FBI official said the group designated themselves by numbers of 001 through 007.

THE FBI DESCRIBED the Minutemen as a secret anti-Communist group whose aim is to combat the Communists.

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after they take over this country.

If convicted the men could receive sentences of five years in prison and a \$10,000 fine each.

The arrest climaxed several weeks of intensive FBI investigation.