

Two Antiwar Figures Face Firebomb Charges

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Tom Forcade, anarchist, Yippy and cryptic figure of the antiwar movement, has been indicted by a federal grand jury on charges of possessing firebombs during the Republican National Convention in Miami Beach in August.

Forcade, 27, and close associate Cindy (Anastasia) Orns-teen, 24, were arrested by FBI agents Saturday in New York and released on \$50,000 personal recognizance bonds Monday.

Both were charged with possessing an unspecified number of illegal incendiary devices consisting of cans with a wax-like mixture of potassium nitrate and sugar with match heads inserted in the mixture, according to FBI in New York.

The indictment, returned Thursday in Miami, does not say what the alleged firebombs were intended for. An FBI spokesman in New York said the devices were observed

on a truck used by Forcade in Miami Beach on Aug. 23, the last day of the Republican National Convention.

Forcade, nominal chief of the Yippy faction of the Youth International Party (YIPPY), was a key figure in anti-Nixon demonstrations during the convention and led marches and rallies throughout Miami Beach.

Forcade could not be reached for comment yesterday, but a Yippy associate, A.J. Weberman of New York, called the indictment a "total frame-up."

He said Forcade used a flatbed sound truck during the convention "and kept cans of gasoline on it to power the sound generator . . . That's what this thing's all about."

Weberman said the indictment was a "cover-up for Watergate," a reference to the recent Watergate bugging trial here.

The Watergate defendants "were looking for violence" within the antiwar movement "but couldn't find any" to discredit the McGovern presidential campaign and its divisiveness on the Vietnam war. Weberman said.

"So they framed Tom," Weberman said.

During the Watergate trial, former Nixon re-election committee official Jeb Stuart Marder testified that defendant G. Gordon Liddy headed a \$100,000 spy network to gather intelligence about protest demonstrations planned for the Republican convention in San Diego before it was switched to Miami Beach. The operation, he said, was to include payment to some 10 college-age informers to infiltrate the Yippy and other protest organizations.

During the Miami Beach convention, Forcade, warring with other protest factions, led his own ragged segment of assorted "street freaks" in a number of desultory marches and rallies. They were generally nonviolent but often irreverent with some participants burning flags, stripping nude or urinating in public as gestures of protest.

Forcade and Cindy Orns-teen were arrested Saturday at 204 W. 10th St. in New York, the office of the Underground Press Syndicate, a loose consortium of anti-establishment writers and organiza-