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## **A War Foe Indicted For Refusal to Talk About Alleged Plot**

HARRISBURG, Pa., April 23 (AP)—A Federal grand jury investigating the alleged plot to kidnap President Nixon's national security adviser indicted an antiwar activist today for "unlawfully, willfully and knowingly" refusing to testify about the case.

Paul B. Couming, a 22-year-old Bostonian who has rejected induction into the Army, was granted immunity from prosecution yesterday and directed to testify by Federal District Judge R. Dixon Herman. He refused, declaring that

the right to remain silent was guaranteed in various amendments to the Constitution.

Mr. Couming is the third person charged with contempt since the jury expanded its inquiry into the alleged conspiracy following the indictment of six persons last Jan. 12. But he is the first to be indicted for criminal contempt.

The other two, both women, were cited by the judge. His action involving the jailing of a 50-year-old nun, Sister Jogues Egan, is now being reviewed by the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

United States Attorney S. John Cottone said that the contempt charged against Sister Jogues, and later Mrs. Pat Chanel, 41, of Silver Spring, Md., was civil and that they could purge themselves simply by testifying.