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SPRINGFIELD, Mo. AP - Antiwar priest Philip Berrigan and 10 other federal prisoners, ordered removed from the Federal Correctional Institution at Danbury, Conn., because of a hunger strike, arrived early today.

Berrigan and the other convicts, transferred to the medical center for federal prisoners here under tight security, reached Springfield aboard two chartered aircraft. All were dressed in prison fatigues and handcuffed.

Federal prison officials said the transfer was carried out for the good of the 11 men, but the attorney for the Roman Catholic priest termed the action punitive. The families and lawyers of the prisoners were not informed of the move beforehand.

Paul O'Dwyer, Berrigan's attorney, said the transfer was carried out on the orders of Atty. Gen. John N. Mitchell and "is reminiscent of the cattle car transportation of another era."

"The Springfield Mo. prison has even a worse reputation than Danbury, and hospital facilities there are grossly inadequate. Transferring prisoners there is punitive . . ."

"It is part of the campaign of oppression, of snooping, of admitted wiretapping and eavesdropping which has marked this case since FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover proclaimed his sensational charges to the press last November," O'Dwyer said.

Berrigan is one of nine persons accused in Harrisburg, Pa., of conspiring to kidnap presidential adviser Henry A. Kissinger and blow up heating systems in Washington, D.C., federal buildings.

Berrigan and his brother Daniel, also a Roman Catholic priest, have been serving prison sentences at the Federal Correctional Institution in Danbury on charges of destroying draft records in Catonsville, Md. Danbury Warden John J. Norton said Daniel Berrigan would remain there.

He said of the transfer of the 11 on the hunger strike:

"In accordance with the Bureau of Prison policy they were placed under medical care, and because of the limited hospital space available at the Danbury institution the decision was made to move them."

He said he withheld announcement of the move for security reasons.

Five inmates, including Ted Glick, who is also accused in the Harrisburg case, launched the hunger strike last Friday. They said it would continue until a number of demands were met, including a "speedy release" for Daniel Berrigan, who has been ill, and the scheduling of an early parole hearing for Philip.

Both brothers were refused parole last month.

The prison demonstration at one time climbed to 26 of the 770 prisoners, with all of the strikers placed in an isolation cell block. By Tuesday, 15 strikers had started eating again and had resumed prison duties. Philip Berrigan and the others were in "administrative segregation" until their transfer.

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