

U.S. Grants Parole

To Daniel Berrigan

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 26 —

The Rev. Daniel J. Berrigan, a major figure in the antiwar movement, was granted parole from Federal prison today.

The ailing Jesuit will be released Feb. 24, nine months early. He is serving a three-year term for burning draft records in Catonsville, Md., in 1968.

The decision was announced by the United States Board of Parole. In its announcement, the board cited information about Father Berrigan's poor health, including a letter in his handwriting.

When released, Father Berri-

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gan, who is 51 years old, will be under parole supervision at Woodstock College in New York City. He is now at the Federal Correctional Institution in Danbury, Conn.

Father Berrigan is the brother of the Rev. Philip F. Berrigan, now on trial in Harrisburg, Pa., on charges of conspiring to kidnap Henry A. Kissinger, President Nixon's adviser on national security affairs, and holding him as a hostage for ending the war in Vietnam; to blow up the heating systems of Federal buildings here, and to vandalize draft records



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in several states. Daniel Berrigan was named as a co-conspirator in the Harrisburg case, but was not indicted.

Philip Berrigan is serving a six-year sentence, also for destroying draft records. He has been turned down for a role at least until next January.

Both priests participated in the burning of Selective Service files with homemade napalm in Catonsville, a suburb of Baltimore. The incident was the subject of a play by Daniel Berrigan, entitled "The Trial of the Catonsville Nine."

Both priests refused to surrender to the authorities on April 9, 1970, when their sentences for destroying draft records were to have started after their appeals had been rejected by the Supreme Court.

Philip Berrigan was arrested two weeks later by the Federal Bureau of Investigation at a church in New York City, but Daniel Berrigan eluded the authorities for four months by hiding in the homes of friends and supporters.

On Aug. 11, 1970, he was arrested by F.B.I. agents posing as bird watchers at a secluded house on Block Island, off the coast of Rhode Island. The house was owned by William Springfellow, a lawyer and Episcopal lay theologian, and Anthony Towne, a poet. Both men had been active in the antiwar movement.

Daniel Berrigan has been described as suffering from circulatory ailments, an ulcer and hernia trouble.

At its regular monthly meeting today, the eight-member parole board also took the following actions:

It granted parole, effective March 6, to Thomas K. Hsu halfway through his eight-year term for fraud. Hsu, who said he was a personal friend of Chiang Kai-shek, the Nationalist Chinese President, assertedly obtained \$290,000 from fraud victims for a scheme to remove a large fortune from Taiwan.

It denied parole to two men now serving long terms for their part in an alleged \$6-million fraud against the Government. They are Andrew L. Stone and Francis N. Rosenbaum, who set up a company to sell rocket launchers to the Defense Department.

It deferred decision in the case of Zachary A. Strate Jr., a co-defendant of James R. Hoffa, former president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, in a conspiracy and mail fraud case. Strate is a builder and developer connected with teamsters union real estate loans. He is serving a three-year term that began last Feb. 12.

Reaction in Harrisburg

By United Press International

HARRISBURG, Pa., Jan. 26—The defendants in the conspiracy trial of the Rev. Philip F. Berrigan and six other antiwar activists rejoiced today over the granting of parole for his brother, the Rev. Daniel J. Berrigan.