

**MINUTEMEN FOUNDER  
CITED IN THEFT PLOT**

SEATTLE, March 4 (AP) — Robert Bolivar DePugh, 44-year-old founder and head of the Minuteman organization, and one of his top assistants have been indicted here in a bank robbery plot.

Federal grand jury indictments were returned Feb. 20 and made public Monday by United States District Judge William T. Beeks.

DePugh and Walter Patrick Peyson, 24, both of Norborne, Mo., were charged with conspiracy in plans to rob four suburban Seattle banks in January after blowing up a police station and power plant. The plot was never carried out.

Both men were reported be-

ing sought by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, which said DePugh was last seen several weeks ago in Norborne. Judge Beeks set bail for each man at \$30,000.

Seven men were arrested here Jan. 26, the day the F.B.I. said they planned to blow up the police station and a power plant at nearby Redmond as a diversionary tactic, and then rob three banks there. Another bank at Des Moines, south of Seattle, was also reported by the F.B.I. to have been on their list.

DePugh denied in Norborne at that time that any of the men were members of the Minutemen, a paramilitary, anti-Communist and most of his Ministers organization.