

# 28 Indicted in Camden Raid; Two More Priests Are Accused

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The Federal grand jury investigating last weekend's attempted raid on the Selective Service office in Camden, N.J., handed up 28 indictments yesterday against the 20 persons arrested during the incident and eight others named in the Government's original complaint.

Bench warrants were issued for the seven persons not already arrested—a 21st person, a Camden osteopath, surrendered earlier in the week. Almost simultaneously with the announcement of the indictments, the Federal Bureau of Investigation announced the arrest in New York City of one of those indicted, a 27-year-old lawyer.

### Other Charges Made

All 28 were charged, in one count of the indictment, with conspiring to burglarize a Government building, to steal public records, to remove and mutilate public records and to interfere with the administration of the Selective Service Act.

In addition, the six other counts of the indictment charged 21 of the group with breaking into and entering the United States Post Office Building in Camden—which also houses the Federal District Court and the grand jury room—with unlawfully removing public records, committing depredations against public records, stealing public records and interfering with the Selective Service Act.

Three of the persons indicted were in court, having been subpoenaed to testify before the grand jury, and were arrested immediately. Other scheduled witnesses were excused until Sept. 22, when a new grand jury will resume the investigation.

### Bail Hearing Postponed

The indictments, handed up in Camden, were announced officially by F.B.I. headquarters in Washington, as were the arrests Sunday. This was gen-

erally taken as an indication of the importance the bureau attached to the case.

All those arrested were to be arraigned before United States magistrates yesterday. Of the 20 persons arrested in the early hours of last Sunday as they allegedly were in the process of breaking into the draft office, 16 are still in jail in lieu of bail. A bail-reduction hearing, scheduled for yesterday, was postponed until Monday.

Two Roman Catholic priests were among those arrested Sunday, and two more were among the eight additional persons charged yesterday. Many in the group had acknowledged involvement with previous antiwar actions.

According to the Government complaint, the defendants had been meeting for more than two months to plan the abortive raid. The complaint attributed much of its information to an informer, who is widely believed to be Robert W. Hardy, a Camden man who was mentioned 27 times in the complaint and took part in much of the planning.

Mr. Hardy, a former marine and a former vice president of the Camden Junior Chamber of Commerce, testified before the grand jury Thursday. He issued a brief statement saying only that he did not believe in breaking the law, but he has refused to deny the accusation that he was the informant.

### The Other Seven Arrested

The seven persons not previously arrested who were charged in the indictment are:

- Mrs. Martha Shemelev of Hi-Nella, N. J.
- Anita Ricci, 22, of Philadelphia.
- Eugene F. Dixon, 37, of Camden.
- The Rev. Edward J. Murphy, 34, of New York City.
- The Rev. Edward J. McGovern, 36, of New York City.
- Frank Pommersheim, 27, of New York City.
- A woman identified only as "Janelle" or Jane Doe.

Conviction on the conspiracy charge could mean five years in prison and a \$10,000 fine; conviction on all the other charges could result in a maximum of 25 years in prison and fines totaling \$32,000.