

Records Dumped

Draft Raiders

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BUFFALO — Selective Service offices in Batavia, Geneseo and Niagara Falls, N.Y., were broken into during the night and a telephone caller said today the raids were the work of "The New and Improved East Coast Conspiracy to Save Lives."

In Niagara Falls, records were destroyed when liquid cement and tar reportedly were thrown on them. Records in the other two up-state New York offices were dumped from cabinets and desks.

The Rochester Times Union said it received an anonymous call from a man who said the raiders destroyed 500 files of men classified 1A and carried away about 200 files from each of the three offices.

The newspaper said the caller, claiming to be an antiwar activist, said his group's name was taken to answer the claim of FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover "that the back of the East Coast conspiracy has finally been broken."

"We simply wanted to show that we hadn't broken our back and in fact it is new and improved," the caller told the newspaper.

He was quoted as saying the Batavia, Geneseo and Niagara Falls offices were chosen "for no particular reason."

Karl Brouse, special agent in charge of the Buffalo FBI office, said no arrests had been made.

In Batavia, Jack Sargent,

area representative for Selective Service, said it had not been determined whether any records were taken.

In Geneseo, officials said a note, apparently written by the raiders, was left behind. They declined to reveal its contents.

Brouse said records in all three offices were scattered on floors.

Entry at each of the offices was reported to have been made by smashing door windows.