

Antiwar Vets to Protest
Indictments of 6 Leaders

TALLAHASSEE (AP)—The Vietnam Veterans Against the War (VVAW) say they're planning a demonstration today at the Post Office building where six of their leaders were indicted on conspiracy charges.

Mike Oliver, San Francisco coordinator for the organization, said some 200 were expected to arrive from Miami Beach Friday night.

"We don't know exactly what we'll do until the others get here," said Oliver, who along with several national VVAW leaders have set up a "command room" in the Tallahassee Hilton, directly across a park from the Post Office.

THE Tallahassee Police Department, which borders on the same park, was gearing up for a possible confrontation by making two full shifts available for special duty.

Friday, a U. S. Grand Jury indicted six VVAW leaders on charges of conspiring to disrupt the Republican National Convention next month in Miami Beach with firearms and bombs.

The jury said the six and several others met in Gainesville, Fla., last May and plotted to launch attacks on police stations, patrol cars and stores in Miami Beach "with automatic weapons fire and incendiary devices."

The six also were accused of planning to disrupt commu-

nications and "fire lead weights, marbles, ball bearings, cherry bombs and smoke bombs at police ... by

means of wrist rockets, slingshots and cross bows."

SCOTT CAMIL, 25, of Gainesville, Florida coordinator for the organization and alleged chief strategist for the convention activities, was also being held on charges of teaching others how to make and use firebombs and possession of an incendiary device.

A total of 10 VVAW members have been charged in connection with the probe. Four others earlier in the week were given contempt sentences of up to 18 months by U. S. Dist. Judge David Middlebrooks for allegedly refusing to testify to the grand jury.

Indicted for conspiracy were Camil, John W. Kniffin, Austin, Texas; Peter P. Mahoney, New Orleans; Alton C. Foss, Miami; Don Perdue, Hollywood, Fla.; and William Patterson, El Paso, Tex.

All but Perdue and Patterson were taken into custody

Friday and held under \$25,000 bond. U.S. Atty. William H. Stafford said the others were still being sought.

ATTORNEYS for the antiwar organization have charged that the indictments were politically motivated.

Leaders of the organization said the investigation was based on the testimony of an FBI informer who had infiltrated their group.

The Vietnam veterans claimed the grand jury probe was a ploy by the government to keep them away from the Democratic National Convention in Miami Beach — which closed Friday — and the Republican National Convention in that city Aug. 21-23.

The veterans appealed unsuccessfully to the 5th U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans to have that body order Middlebrooks to allow them to attend anti-war protests at the Democratic convention.