

KIDNAPPINGS LAID TO TOP MINUTEMAN

He Surrenders After F.B.I.
Joins Day-Long Search

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KANSAS CITY, Mo., July 9 —Robert Bolivar de Pugh, national coordinator of the right-wing Minutemen organization turned himself in late today to face kidnapping charges.

He was arraigned before Magistrate Louis Mazuch in Jackson County Court and released on \$5,000 bond pending preliminary hearing July 20.

Earlier today the Federal Bureau of Investigation had joined the search for the 42-year-old ultra-conservative.

Mr. de Pugh is charged with kidnapping two young women and holding them captive for two weeks while seeking to persuade them to seduce government officials for purposes of blackmail.

'Gone Underground'

Lawrence F. Gepford, Jackson County prosecutor, filed the charges yesterday. This morning, he said a de Pugh follower told one of his investigators that the Minutemen chief had "gone underground" and "you'll never find him."

This afternoon the office of the United States Commissioner here issued a warrant for the arrest of Mr. de Pugh, a chemist who lives in Morborne, Mo., on charges of fleeing the state to avoid prosecution.

The young women are Patricia Lucille Beal, 21, of Lake Lotawana, Mo., and Linda Frances Judd, 16, of Independence, Mo.

"He told us that the Communists have taken over the government and he would use us, and other girls like us, to return the government to the American people," Miss Judd said in a signed statement.

The Minutemen foresee a Communist take-over of the United States, abetted by an Administration that they contend is "soft on Communism."

In preparation for the expected take-over, bands of Minutemen around the country take regular target practice and train in outdoor survival techniques. They plan to take to the hills in a guerrilla resistance movement, thwart the Communists and install a patriotic government.

Miss Beal stated that Mr. de Pugh "showed us through papers he had" that the last four past Presidents and many other Government officials "were Communists."

Young Girl Left Home

She said she had moved into an Independence apartment last April. The building is used by Minutemen.



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SURRENDERS: Robert Bolivar de Pugh, head of ultraconservative Minutemen. He had been sought by F.B.I. on suspicion of kidnapping.

Because she owed money for rent, she said, she agreed to fold for mailing copies of Minutemen publications.

Miss Judd said she had left home and spent the night of last June 3 in Miss Beal's apartment.

Early the next morning, the young woman said, Mr. de Pugh awakened them, displayed a revolver, and advised them to leave with him before the police arrested Miss Judd as a runaway and Miss Beal for harboring her.

They said they had been kept in a home in Richmond, Mo., near Norborne. There they said, they were taught judo and apprised of Minutemen plans for them. Finally, they added, they were taken to a print shop in Independence that is the Minutemen headquarters for western Missouri.

They said they escaped June 19. They were picked up by the Independence police and told their story to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.