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NIGHT LEAD MINUTEMEN

NEW YORK, OCT. 31 (AP)-A QUEENS CRIMINAL COURT JUDGE TODAY SET BAIL TOTALING \$81,000 FOR 19 MEN ACCUSED OF PLANNING TO BLOW UP PRIVATE CAMPS THEY CONSIDERED LEFTWING TRAINING CENTERS IN NEW YORK STATE, NEW JERSEY AND CONNECTICUT.

THE MEN AND TONS OF WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION WERE SEIZED IN A SERIES OF PRE-DAWN RAIDS SUNDAY IN QUEENS, WESTCHESTER, LONG ISLAND AND SYRACUSE, N.Y. OFFICIALS CLAIM THE 19 MEN ARE MEMBERS OF THE MINUTEMEN, AN EXTREME RIGHTWING ORGANIZATION DEVOTED TO TRAINING MEMBERS IN GUERRILLA WARFARE.

THE MEN WERE SPECIFICALLY CHARGED WITH CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT ARSON.

DEFENSE ATTORNEY F. COURTS BOUSE CALLED THE ARRESTS "AN ELECTION GIMMICK." PROSECUTOR HOWARD CERNY SAID THE RAIDS HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THE ELECTION.

QUEENS DIST. ATTY. NAT H. HENTEL IS UP FOR ELECTION NEXT TUESDAY. HE IS A REPUBLICAN AND AN APPOINTEE OF GOV. NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER.

CERNY SAID THAT BECAUSE OF THE MASS OF EVIDENCE AND THE NUMBER OF DEFENDANTS, THE PROSECUTION WOULD NOT BE READY FOR TRIAL IMMEDIATELY AND JUDGE BERNARD DUBIN SET NOV. 22 FOR HEARINGS.

HENTEL SAID POLICE IN SYRACUSE, N.Y., HAD SEIZED THE RECORDS "OF THE MAN WE BELIEVE TO BE THE EASTERN REGIONAL DIRECTOR" OF THE MINUTEMEN. HE IDENTIFIED HIM AS MILTON KELLOGG, 38, A CHEMICAL TECHNICIAN.

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SOURCES IN SYRACUSE SAID KELLOGG WAS AWAY ON VACATION. HENTEL EMPHASIZED THAT HE WAS NOT BEING SOUGHT FOR ARREST.

CERNY ASKED FOR HIGH BAIL BECAUSE "THESE PEOPLE WERE ACTING IN UTTER DISREGARD FOR THE LIVES OF THEIR NEIGHBORS." HE WAS REFERRING TO THE EXPLOSIVES SEIZED.

BOUSE, READING THE COMPLAINTS, SAID "THIS WOULD APPEAR TO BE A RATHER DISMAL CONSPIRACY."

ACCORDING TO HENTEL, THE CAMPS WERE TO HAVE BEEN BLOWN UP YESTERDAY. HE IDENTIFIED THE CAMPS AS UNITY CAMP IN WINGDALE, N.Y., ABOUT 80 MILES NORTH OF THE CITY; MIDVALE IN RINGWOOD, N.J., ABOUT 40 MILES WEST, AND "A PACIFIST CAMP IN OR NEAR VOLUNTOWN, CONN." HE SAID ANOTHER TARGET WAS THE BROOKLYN OFFICE OF COMMUNIST HERBERT APTHEKER.

FBI DIRECTOR J. EDGAR HOOVER, IN CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY LAST JULY, IDENTIFIED CAMP MIDVALE AS A CENTER FOR INDOCTRINATING COLLEGE STUDENTS AND OTHER YOUTHS IN COMMUNIST FRONT TACTICS.

AMONG WEAPONS CONFISCATED WERE MORTARS, BAZOOKAS, MACHINE GUNS, SEMI-AUTOMATIC RIFLES, HOMEMADE BOMBS, MACHETES, GARROTING NOOSES AND A MILLION ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION.

POLICE SAID THEIR INVESTIGATION BEGAN LAST JANUARY.

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