

MINUTEMEN HERE LINKED TO DE PUGH

Hentel Will Invite Rightist
Here After Missouri Trial

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Queens District Attorney Nat H. Hentel said yesterday that seized records in the possession of his office linked 19 Minutemen arrested here on Oct. 30 to Robert De Pugh, national leader of the extreme rightist group.

Mr. Hentel said that Mr. De Pugh, who lives in Norborne, Mo., would be invited to testify before the Queens grand jury that is investigating the Minutemen organization.

Mr. De Pugh went on trial yesterday in Kansas City, Mo., on charges of violating the National Firearms Act. Mr. Hentel said he would have to await the outcome of that trial before trying to bring the rightist leader to Queens.

The prosecutor said the seized records also linked the 19 defendants to Milton Kellog, of Syracuse, the Eastern regional director of the Minutemen. He added that he would also try to have Mr. Kellog come here to testify.

Mr. Kellog is under arrest in Syracuse on a charge of possess-

ing hypodermic needles. This arrest was the result of the Oct. 30 raids.

The 19 men were arrested in Queens and elsewhere in the state on charges of conspiring to commit arson with firebombs. Their prepared targets were said to have been three pacifist and leftist camps in New York State, Connecticut and New Jersey and the Brooklyn headquarters of Herbert Aptheker, a Marxist candidate for Congress. Tons of firearms and ammunition were found in the defendants' possession.

Mr. Hentel said last Saturday that a member of the state police, now resigned, had stolen heavy weapons for the Minutemen for two years and had tipped them off to state and Federal investigations of the organization. Two other members of the state police are under investigation for suspected links to the group.

Records Described

At a news conference yesterday, the Queens prosecutor said his office had been in touch with officials of other states because of interstate ramifications of the Minutemen case here.

He said information was being exchanged with Missouri, Maryland, California, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and Washington, D. C.

According to Mr. Hentel, records seized in the raids here

contained membership lists, plans and projects that indicated connections between the 19 defendants and Minutemen elsewhere in the United States.

One of the 19, he said, went recently to Baltimore and Washington to organize groups there.

Mr. Hentel said he conferred here over the weekend with two representatives of Spiro T. Agnew, Baltimore County Executive, on Minutemen activities. Mr. Agnew is the Republican candidate for Governor of Maryland.

Information was disclosed yesterday relating to Irwin Cohen, a photoengraver of 404 Cornwaall Avenue, Malverne, L. I., a material witness in the Queens grand jury inquiry into Minutemen activities.

Mr. Hentel said he had learned that Mr. Cohen was a member of the rightist John Birch Society and that he had taken part last February in a forum on the society that was held at the Merrick-Bellmore Synagogue in Merrick, L. I.

Mr. Cohen has testified before the Queens jurors on the Minutemen activities.