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(DENVER, COLO. (AP))-THE DENVER POST SAYS IN A COPYRIGHTED STORY THAT GUERRILLA SQUADS WITHIN THE RIGHT-WING MINUTEMAN ORGANIZATION ARE BEING TRAINED IN THE MOUNTAINS OF COLORADO AND THAT THE STATE HAS BEEN MADE THEIR REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS.

THE POST STORY, PUBLISHED IN ITS SUNDAY EDITION, WAS WRITTEN BY REPORTERS ROBERT WHEARLEY AND DICK PROUTY. SOURCES OF THE INFORMATION WERE NOT DISCLOSED BUT THE POST DESCRIBED THEM AS "AUTHORITATIVE."

THE POST SAID THE STORY CHECKS OUT "SO WELL THAT FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES ARE DEEPLY CONCERNED."

IT QUOTED ONE UNNAMED OFFICIAL AS SAYING: "IF THESE GUYS CUT LOOSE, NO POLICE FORCE IN COLORADO COULD STOP 'EM."

THE STORY QUOTED AN INFORMANT AS SAYING THERE ARE TRAINING CAMPS FOR THE ORGANIZATION IN COAL CREEK CANYON AND NEAR EVERGREEN, BOTH FOOTHILLS AREAS WEST OF DENVER, AND THERE ARE CACHES OF ARMS AND FOOD AT STRATEGIC POINTS IN THE MOUNTAINS.

IT SAID A RECENT RAID ON A MINUTEMAN CAMP IN SUMMIT COUNTY DISCLOSED PLANS FOR MAKING MACHINEGUNS AND REPORTED OTHER ITEMS FOUND AT THE CAMP INCLUDED "86 STICKS OF DYNAMITE, A SAWED OFF .410 GAUGE SHOTGUN WITH A RAWHIDE SLING IN PLACE OF A WOODEN STOCK...FOUR HIGH-POWERED MILITARY RIFLES WITH BANDOLEERS AND CASES OF AMMUNITION, A .22 CALIBER RIFLE EQUIPPED WITH A TELESCOPIC SIGHT, BAYONETS, GASMASKS, A COMPACT RADIO TRANSMITTER AND ASSORTED MILITARY-TYPE FIELD PACKS AND FIRST AID KITS."

ALSO FOUND, THE POST SAID, WAS A SUPPLY OF LITERATURE, SOME OF IT ANTI-SEMITIC.

THE ACCOUNT QUOTED AN INFORMANT AS SAYING A TRAINING SESSION WAS HELD AUG. 25 AT THE COAL CREEK CANYON CAMP AND "WAS KEPT UNDER CLOSE SURVEILLANCE BY SOMEBODY--PRESUMABLY BY AGENTS FOR THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION."

THIS WAS DONE, IT WAS REPORTED, FROM A FIRE LOOKOUT TOWER.

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THE NEWSPAPER SAID THE MINUTEMEN ARE FEARFUL COMMUNISTS ARE TAKING OVER THE NATION.

THE POST ALSO SAID THAT AUG. 16 A MAN CALLED THE FBI IN DENVER AND SAID HE HAD BEEN KIDNAPED AT GUNPOINT FROM INDEPENDENCE, MO. THAT SAME AFTERNOON, THE POST REPORTED, A MAN TOLD A SIMILAR STORY TO DEPUTY SHERIFF NOEL FRYBERGER OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, SAYING HIS NAME WAS "JERRY BROOKS."

THE NEWSPAPER SAID A MAN NAMED JERRY MILTON BROOKS WAS A WITNESS AT A TRIAL IN KANSAS CITY DURING WHICH ROBERT BOLIVAR DEPUGH (CAP DP) OF NORBORNE, MO., WAS CONVICTED OF VIOLATING THE NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT. THE POST SAID DEPUGH IS THE "OFF AND ON NATIONAL COORDINATOR" OF THE MINUTEMEN.

THE ACCOUNT SAID THAT TO SOME OF HIS FOLLOWERS IF AN APPEAL IS DENIED AND HE IS SENT TO PRISON IT "IS TO BE INTERPRETED AS A TRUMPET CALL TO BATTLE."

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