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FBI Arrests 25 Draft-File Raiders

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FBI agents, tipped off by an informant, raided a score of anti-war activists, including two Roman Catholic priests and a Protestant minister, yesterday and arrested them as they staged a long planned, elaborately coordinated raid on local FBI and Selective Service offices.

Many of the suspects, including the two priests, were arrested "in the act" of stealing and destroying draft records, the FBI said.

The 20 suspects were arrested in the federal offices, in a churchyard across the street and in the apartment of a Lutheran minister a block away.

The government charges read at the suspects' arraignment before U.S. Magistrate Charles L. Rudd later in the day said the group had been infiltrated in March by an unnamed informer who made 12 reports to the FBI on their plans. Assistant U.S. Attorney Guy Goodwin said the information also was verified by independent investigation.

Goodwin said the FBI informant had overheard the defendants over a period of months conspire to take and remove files from the local FBI and Selective Service offices as well as the offices of U.S. Army Intelligence — all in the federal building here.

The government charges did not say that the raiders had penetrated any but the draft board offices here when they were arrested, however.

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover personally announced the raid in a statement issued by his Washington office. He said the eight suspects seized inside the draft office carried binoculars, ra-

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dio transceivers, pry bars and flashlights with lenses taped to emit only a thin beam of light.

The Camden raid came six hours after a group of five anti-war protesters staged a similar invasion of government offices in Buffalo, N.Y., but government spokesmen would not say whether they were connected. FBI agents and police equipped with floodlights and a police dog seized the five as they allegedly ransacked the office of the Buffalo draft board and an army intelligence unit.

They had lowered several mail bags full of draft records from the fifth floor office in the federal courthouse, authorities said.

John Peter Grady, 46, a New York sociologist long active in Black and Puerto Rican housing battles as well as the anti-war movement, was named as the ringleader of the Camden group.

Grady was co-chairman of the defense committee for the Revs. Philip and Daniel Berrigan and the other members of the so-called Catonsville Nine, convicted of destroying draft records in May, 1968, in the Baltimore suburb of Catonsville.

PREPARATIONS

The charges said members of the group climbed the skeleton of the Rutgers law building under construction nearby to survey traffic patterns around the federal court building and on June 25 and August 20 conducted time trials to determine how long it took to drive to the building. Police patrols were clocked and observation points set up.

Rudd, who invoked God's blessing on the FBI agents during the arraignment, set bail ranging from \$150,000 for Grady down to \$5000 for other suspects.

Those with high bails included Paul Bernard Coum-

ing, 23, of Dorchester, Mass., \$75,000, and John Swinglish, 27, of Washington, D.C., the Rev. Peter D. Fordi, 34, and Robert Glenn Good, 22, both of New York, each \$50,000.

Couming and Swinglish both face contempt charges for refusing to testify against Philip Berrigan and other peace activists indicted by a Harrisburg, Pa., grand jury in an alleged plot to kidnap presidential adviser Henry A. Kissinger and blow up government buildings in Washington, D.C.

Father Fordi is a member of the East Coast Conspiracy to Save Lives, an antiwar group, and good has worked for the Harrisburg Eight Defense Committee in New York.

BONDS

Bail of \$25,000 was set for Michael John Giocondo, 42, of Camden; Rosemary Reilly, 22, of Bridgewater, N.Y.; Kathleen Mary Ridolfi, 22; Robert W. Williamson, 21, and Keith William Forsyth, 21, all of Philadelphia, and Terry Edward Buckalew, 20, of Wooster, Ohio. Bail of \$20,000 was set for Ann Dunham, 23, of Pelham, N.Y.

Bail of \$10,000 was set for Lianne Moccia, 21, of Revere, Mass., and the Rev. Michael J. Doyle, 36, of Camden, and Rosemary Reilly's sister, Joan, 23, of Bridgewater, N.Y. bail of \$5000 was set for Francis Mel Madden, 32 of East Orange, N.J.; Barry J. Mussi, 22, of Belmont, Mass.; Sarah Jane Tosi, 19, of Dorchester, Mass., and Margaret M. Inness, 26, of Boston.

Rudd offered reduced signature bonds to Fathers Fordi and Doyle, who is assistant pastor of St. Joseph's pro-Cathedral, and to the Rev. Mr. Milo M. Billman

but only the Rev. Mr. Billman accepted.

All 20 were charged with committing a crime on a government reservation, breaking and entering, destruction of government property, removal and mutilation of public records, theft of government property, unlawful interference with the administration of the Military Selective Service Act of 1967 and conspiracy to commit the crimes. Hoover said conviction could result in prison terms totaling 40 years for each.

The five arrested Saturday night in Buffalo appeared yesterday before U.S. magistrate Edmund Maxwell on charges of theft and destruction of government records.