

Lawyers For Indians 'Arrest' FBI

Rapid City, S.D.

Attorneys for defendants of the Wounded Knee occupation have made citizen arrests of three FBI agents they contend were assaulting Indian attorneys and their investigators.

The bizarre arrests were disclosed here yesterday by attorneys Luke McKissack and Mark Lane of the Wounded Knee Legal Defense-Offense Committee.

McKissack said the FBI has been severely harassing committee attorneys and their investigators for the last three months in a campaign "that appears to be part of a concerted governmental effort to deny Indian people their day in court."

"Almost a score" of agents moved into the building next door to the committee's law office, McKissack said. He charged that the FBI had been bugging and conducting other electronic surveillance of the defense operations for the Indian leaders facing charges from the 71-day occupation of Wounded Knee.

The citizen arrests of the agents took place Monday, he said, after two agents assertedly attacked Lake Headley, one of the committee's investigators, and another allegedly smashed a camera into the face of Anthony Muller, a Colorado attorney and member of the defense committee.

"We called the Rapid City Police Department and delivered the FBI agents into their custody," McKissack told The Chronicle. After preliminary questioning, the agents were permitted to leave.

Stan Zackinski, chief of detectives of the Rapid City Police Department, later told The Chronicle his men are "in the process of taking statements . . . trying to ascertain the facts of the case."

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