

'Copper Plot' Here Tied to Four Arrests in Israel

An alleged international plot said to have been organized here to affect the world price of copper by destroying a vital bridge in the African country of Zambia, may be related to the arrest of four persons in Israel.

That statement was made yesterday by Stephen E. Kaufman, Assistant United States Attorney. He described one of the four arrested in Israel as the wife of Jay Aubrey Elliott, one of the two men arrested here Saturday night by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Mr. Kaufman did not identify the three others who were arrested, nor did he specify what charges had been brought against them.

Mr. Elliott and Rolf Duenbier were arraigned yesterday before United States Commissioner Earle N. Bishopp. They were charged with having conspired in the United States to injure or destroy property in a foreign country, a violation of the Neutrality Act.

Mr. Duenbier, 36 years old, of

U.S. Attorney Sees Link to Charge That Bridge in Zambia Was Target

Scarsdale, N. Y., is a German-born naturalized citizen. He was held in \$20,000 bail. Mr. Elliott, 31, whose father was said to be a member of the United States consular service, was held in \$50,000 bail.

Mr. Duenbier is a vice president of the Frederick Zoellner Corporation, a metals company associated with a German concern. He came to America in 1960 and was naturalized three years later. He is married to an American citizen.

Mr. Elliott, a traveling representative of the same concern, was described by Mr. Kaufman as a man without roots in this country because of his constant travel to all parts of the world.

The accused were said to have offered two Miami men, Paul W. Caudell and Philip Arm-

strong, \$25,000 plus expenses to blow up a bridge about eight miles south of the town of Mazabuka, Zambia. The two Miami men, who were named as co-conspirators but not defendants, informed the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Mr. Duenbier was said to have bought two airline tickets to Zambia for the Miami men. The F.B.I. stepped into the affair around midnight Saturday when it was feared that Mr. Elliott was about to leave this country. Closing the bridge in Zambia would have shut down the flow of copper from that country, sharply raising the price of the metal.

The Associated Press reported that Zambia's vice president, Reuben Kamanga, in the first official reaction to the New York arrests, said: "We also know that some of the conspirators are nearby."

Zambia, formerly Northern Rhodesia, became an independent member of the British Commonwealth in October, 1964.