

Suspect in '69 Bombings Pleads Not Guilty After Fugitive Years

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Patricia E. Swinton, a fugitive for more than five years, pleaded not guilty yesterday to charges of participating in a plot to bomb buildings here in 1969 during a period of protest against the war in Vietnam.

After her plea, Judge Milton Pollack set bail at \$200,000 in Federal District Court here for Mrs. Swinton, a 33-year-old former schoolteacher who was arrested on Wednesday in Vermont, where she worked in a health-food store and lived on a communal farm.

Mrs. Swinton, wearing a dark green shirt and blue dungarees, waved at two friends in the courtroom as Federal marshals led her away.

The three other defendants in the bombing case had pleaded guilty long ago. Jane L. Alpert is serving 27 months after her surrender last Nov. 14 following almost five years as a fugitive. Samuel J. Melville was serving 13 years when he was killed during the 1971 battle in the Attica State Correctional facility. John D. Hughey 3d underwent tests at a youth center before being released on probation in 1970.

Fugitives Lived Together

In arguing for lower bail, Frederick Cohn, a lawyer for Mrs. Swinton, contended that his client had not fled from Vermont, even though she had expected to be arrested soon-because of press reports that Miss Alpert was cooperating with the authorities.

The lawyer explained that Mrs. Swinton and Miss Alpert had lived together in New Hampshire for a time when they were fugitives and that Miss Alpert knew Mrs' Swinton Miss Alpert knew Mrs. Swinton Bureau of Investigation's 10 zanne Davis-the name she was using in Vermont.

David A. Cutner, a Federal prosecutor, said "the only ade-quate bail would be a very high bail" because Mrs. Swin-sixties. had been on the most ton was charged with serious sixties, had been on the most crimes, could face up to 30 wanted list since April, 1969, years in prison and had been on charges of dynamiting four a fugitive since late 1969. He said the participants in the bombing conspiracy had "held plants. New York City in a vice of fear-they played Russian roulette with the lives of its a companion, Raymond Levas-citizens."

Mrs. Swinton in lieu of \$200,- arsenal of weapons. 000 bail, indicated that he was induction center at 39 White-bery.



Associated Press Patricia E. Swinton leaving court here yesterday.

hall Street, and the injury of 21 persons.

Fugitive Arraigned

most-wanted fugitives, was arraigned today on charges of conspiring to hold up an ap-

He was arrested yesterday in East Greenwich along with seur, 28, in a car that the Judge Pollack, who remanded police said contained a small

District Court Judge Anthony trial qu -aotetaoinshrdlu prepared to bring the case to at Rhode Island's Adult Correctrial quickly. The charges in- tional Institution on charges volved eight bombings, includ- of illegal possession of firearms ing one at the armed-forces and conspiracy to commit rob-