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Lynch to Head Prosecution of Priest and 5 Others

WASHINGTON, March 9 (UPI)—William S. Lynch, an experienced trial lawyer who is a Roman Catholic, will be the chief prosecutor in the Government's case against the Rev. Philip F. Berrigan and five others on charges that they conspired to bomb Government buildings and kidnap a key White House aide.

As head of the Federal attorneys, Mr. Lynch will be facing his former Boss, Ramsey Clark, in what could be the most politically controversial trial since Mr. Clark, as attorney general, authorized the prosecution of Dr. Benjamin Spock on anti-draft conspiracy charges.

Mr. Lynch, 44 years old, a wiry red-head, was taken from his key post as chief of the Organized Crime Section of the Justice Department to become Deputy Assistant Attorney General in the Internal Security Division to take charge of the Berrigan prosecution.

The advantages of having a Catholic chief prosecutor are obvious, particularly in light of criticism from some Catholics that the indictment of Father Berrigan, two other priests, a former priest, a nun and a Pakistani national amounted to persecution.

"I'm familiar with the case," Mr. Lynch acknowledged, but he declined to comment on how he felt about opposing Mr. Clark at the trial, which is not expected to begin for several months.

A Federal grand jury in Harrisburg, Pa., handed up the indictments on Jan. 12 on charges of conspiring to blow up the heating systems of Federal buildings in Washington on George Washington's Birthday and then to kidnap Henry A. Kissinger, President Nixon's national security adviser, the next day as part of a war protest.

The indictments stirred a storm of controversy involving J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Mr. Hoover had just previously traded barbs with Mr. Clark, calling him a "jellyfish" after the latter had suggested it was time the 76-year-old director stepped down.

Both Father Berrigan and his brother, Daniel, also a priest and an unindicted co-conspirator named by the grand jury, are currently at the Federal Correctional Institution at Danbury, Conn., for destroying draft records at Catonsville, Md.

Mr. Clark has joined three other lawyers in their defense: Leonard Boudin, a visiting professor at Harvard Law School; Paul O'Dwyer, a New York lawyer and unsuccessful Democratic candidate for the Senate in 1968, and Addison Bowman of Baltimore.

Mr. Boudin's daughter, Kathy, a leader of the radical Students for a Democratic Society, is being sought in an investigation of the so-called bomb factory blast on West 11th Street in Manhattan last March.

Mr. Lynch appears to have the edge on the 43-year-old Mr. Clark in courtroom trial experience. As a trial attorney with the Justice Department, Mr. Lynch argued cases before the Supreme Court.

A graduate of Fordham University and Harvard Law School, Mr. Lynch served from 1955 to 1959 as an assistant United States attorney in his native New York City.

There, he prosecuted a number of narcotics, labor, extortion and stolen bonds cases. After that he spent a year with an admiralty law firm doing trial work.

In 1961, he rejoined the Justice Department as an attorney in the organized crime and racketeering section. He became deputy chief in 1966 and chief in 1969.