

U.S. INVESTIGATING SOME ORGANIZERS OF WAR PROTEST

Kleindienst Sees Possible Antiriot Law Violations— Blount Scores Marches

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 18 — Deputy Attorney General Richard G. Kleindienst said today that the Justice Department was investigating some leaders of last week's antiwar demonstration here for possible violations of the Federal antiriot law.

He said that "some members" of the steering committee of the New Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam were among the subjects of the investigation, which could lead to felony indictments under the 1968 antiriot law. The committee sponsored last week's demonstrations.

Earlier, at a White House news conference, another high Nixon Administration official, Postmaster General Winton M. Blount, contended that antiwar demonstrations were prolonging the war and leading to more American casualties. Mr. Blount made his comments after briefing the President on his recent trip to South Vietnam, South Korea and Japan.

Mr. Kleindienst declined to give names of any persons who were being investigated, but during a long news conference in his office he repeatedly associated incidents of violence with David T. Dellinger, who is already being tried under the same antiriot law in Chicago for other alleged activities.

The antiriot law is a section of the Civil Right Act of 1968. It makes it a Federal crime for persons to cross state lines for the purpose of fomenting riots.

The most violent outburst of last weekend occurred when militants demonstrated at the Justice Department against the Chicago trial.

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During his news conference Mr. Kleindienst repeatedly criticized the "New Mobe" leaders and praised those who led the

antiwar moratorium of Oct. 15. He said that the New Mobe committee had given assurances throughout the negotiations for parade permits that they would disavow the acts of violence that were being planned by radical elements.

Among the plans that the Government heard about was a plot by an unidentified group of "revolutionary radicals" to invade the Justice Department and destroy records, he said. But he said that after troops were stationed within the building, "the basic cowardice" of the group asserted itself and the attack did not materialize.

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plans, Mr. Kleindienst said, the New Mobe leaders failed to speak out against them and gave a microphone at Saturday's rally to Mr. Dellinger, who he said "has a background and history of violence."

Mr. Dellinger urged people at the rally to join the later demonstration at the Justice Department. Mr. Kleindienst called this act by the demonstration's leaders "a breach of faith with their public posture that all they were interested in was a peaceful demonstration."

Speaking of the demonstration marshals, who have been widely commended for their efforts to maintain order, he said they did nothing at the Justice

Department when militants lowered an American flag, replaced it with a Vietcong banner and then pelted the police with stones when they restored the American flag to its place.

Despite his criticism of the mobilization's leadership, he said that more than 98 per cent of the persons who demonstrated here were orderly. He said he would still advise that permits for future demonstrations be granted, because doubts must be resolved in favor of allowing people to express their views.

He denied reports that the grant of the parade permit for Pennsylvania Avenue was the result of President Nixon's intervention, after a plea by District of Columbia Mayor Walter F. Washington.

Mr. Kleindienst did not deny

that Mr. Washington interceded with the President, but he said that the permit was granted solely because the New Mobe committee gave up its demand for a march around the White House.

In his criticism of the demonstrators, Mr. Blount said that because the North Vietnamese are interpreting American dissent as a sign they should con-

tinue fighting in South Vietnam, "they are staying there longer than they would ordinarily. I think it's killing American boys."

He told the President that personal talks with more than 1,000 American servicemen in Vietnam had convinced him the troops were in "solid support of the President" as he sought to wind down the war rather than withdraw United States

forces immediately, as the protesters demand.

Quotes Troops

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The Postmaster General said morale of American soldiers was high, in part because their mail was reaching them in "five to six days, which is better than we do sometimes in the United States."

Mr. Blount's criticism was the latest in a series of Nixon Administration complaints about antiwar demonstrations and about the treatment news media have given to the President's approach to the search for peace.

BURCH IS WARNED OVER 'INTIMIDATION'

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 18 — Dean Burch, chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, got a stern warning from House Democrats today against "intimidation" of the television networks or interference with news coverage.

Mr. Burch told the Commu-

nications Subcommittee of the House Commerce Committee that when he had made personal calls to the three network presidents asking for transcripts of their commentaries on President Nixon's Nov. 3 speech on Vietnam. He had been unaware that he was departing from standard commission procedures.

Representative Lionel Van Deerlin, Democrat of California, who is a former radio newscaster, told Mr. Burch: "I hope

your requests for those scripts did not indicate a new trend that would threaten the truly independent broadcast voice in this country. We might be found climbing up your back if there's any more effort in this direction."

Mr. Burch insisted that he had not intended to intimidate anybody.

Representative Richard L. Ottinger, Democrat of Westchester, said that he was not convinced that intimidation of

the networks was inadvertent and would not be repeated.

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**CHARGES PROTESTS PROLONG WAR: Postmaster General
Winton M. Blount criticizing antiwar demonstrations.
Scene is White House briefing. Stenographer is at left.**