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Leslie Bacon

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New Charge

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Leslie Bacon, the anti-war activist whom federal officials have linked to a March 1, 1971, bombing in the U.S. Capitol, yesterday termed a new perjury charge against her a "Mickey Mouse indictment."

Miss Bacon, 20, of Atherton, was indicted by a Federal Grand Jury last month on charges of lying when she denied being in the Capitol building the day before the explosion.

"To these charges I will not only plead not guilty, I will plead innocent," she said here yesterday at a news conference with her attorney Michael Kennedy.

The perjury indictment accuses her of lying to a grand jury in Seattle when she said she was not in or around the Capitol grounds February 28.

On advice from Kennedy, Miss Bacon declined to say where she was that day. She has freely characterized herself as an active opponent to the war in Vietnam, though not on the level of radical bombings.

When a reporter asked yesterday if she thought the bombing of the Capitol should have happened, Miss Bacon shrugged and said with a smile, "I giggled when it happened."

She faces trial May 15 on federal charges of conspiracy to bomb a Manhattan bank.