

# Drug Unit Acts to Oust 6 and Demote Chief in Raids

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 13—The Federal Drug Enforcement Administration began action today to dismiss six narcotics agents who took part in two narcotics raids in Illinois last April that resulted in a Federal grand jury investigation.

The acting director of the agency, John Bartels, also announced that he had moved to demote the supervisor of the six agents from his \$25,000-a-year post as director of the St. Louis office.

The separate actions against the seven Federal law enforcement agents grew out of two night raids on the homes of Herbert Giglotto and Don Askew in Collinsville, Ill., last April 23.

Both raids, which were conducted without search warrants, were made on the wrong residences.

The six agents now facing dismissal from their jobs, which pay up to \$17,000 a year, were part of a ten-man team assigned

by the Federal Government to enforce narcotics laws in the St. Louis area.

The agents were relieved of direct law-enforcement duties on May 1 following complaints about the two night-time raids in Collinsville, a southern Illinois community of 19,600 persons, 15 miles east of St. Louis. On July 10, they were suspended from duty without pay for 30 days pending a decision as to whether removal proceedings would be initiated against them.

Under Government proce-

dures, a Justice Department hearing officer will consider the charges against the men and recommend a decision to Mr. Bartels. The decision can be appealed to the Civil Service Commission.

Mr. Bartels said in a statement that pending his final decision in the case, the agents would not be permitted to carry weapons, make arrests, conduct searches or participate in any way in criminal investigations.

The agents against whom the William Dwyer, Leon Phillips,

dismissal action was begun are Kenneth R. Bluemker, Dennis W. Harker, Michael W. Hillebrand and Dennis R. Moriarty. The supervisor who has been demoted is Edmund C. Irvin.

According to a two-month investigation by The New York Times, there have been a number of other cases around the country where Federal, state and local law enforcement agents, in apparent zeal to suppress drugs, have mistakenly broken into the homes of dozens of innocent families.