

FILM ON RADICALS STUDIED BY PANEL

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3 Subpoenaed in California
Over Their Movie on the
Weather Underground

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LOS ANGELES, June 4—
Three filmmakers have been
ordered to appear before a Federal grand jury here concerning a film they are making on the Weather Underground, a terrorist group.

Subpoenas were served on Haskell Wexler, the director and cinematographer; Emile de Antonio, a New York filmmaker, and Mary Lampson, all of whom have been working on a film about the radical group. Mr. Wexler confirmed today that he had received a subpoena, but would not discuss details of the film.

A copy of the subpoena received by Mr. de Antonio, who has produced the films "Point of Order," "In the Year of the Pig" and "Milhouse, a Light Comedy," was obtained by The New York Times.

It orders the filmmaker to testify before the grand jury at 9:30 A.M. June 12 "and bring with you and and all motion picture film, including but not limited to, all negatives, working copies and prints and all sound tracks and sound recordings made in connection with such motion pictures concerning a group known as the Weathermen or Weather Underground."

Confer With Attorney

Mr. Wexler, who produced and directed the film "Medium Cool," said that the three filmmakers were conferring today with their attorney, Leonard Weinglass, and would hold a news conference on Friday to discuss the film and what action, if any, they would take regarding the subpoenas.

Today, The San Francisco Chronicle reported that a special Federal grand jury was meeting secretly here to consider indictments against a half dozen New York and Hollywood filmmakers, actors and actresses who had allegedly given financial assistance to the Weather Underground.

It was not known if the subpoenas received by the three filmmakers had any connection with the reported grand jury investigation. The Chronicle said that the United States Attorney in Los Angeles, William D. Keller, refused to confirm or deny that an investigation was taking place.

But the unidentified source of The Chronicle's article was quoted as saying that indictments were expected in a week or two against filmmakers, actors and actresses who were "not persons of celebrity stature—they are more on the order of persons the public would consider to be minor role actors and actresses."

Lawyer Flown to Coast

The source was also quoted as saying that the case was of such importance to the Government that a lawyer was flown to Los Angeles from the Department of Justice in Washington to handle the matter.

The newspaper also said that Timothy Leary, the former Harvard professor who served 30 months in prison on charges of possession of marijuana and prison escape, was believed to have been among witnesses who had testified before the special grand jury.

Dr. Leary was released from prison recently, but is believed to be in Federal protective custody to avoid retaliation after he reportedly decided to cooperate with Federal authorities investigating terrorist activities.

Dr. Leary escaped from the California Men's Colony in San Luis Obispo in 1970, reportedly aided by members of Weather Underground, but was recaptured in Afghanistan in 1973.