

'Vigilante Patrols' In Bergen Exposed As One-Man Setup

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HACKENSACK, N. J., July 15 —Guy W. Calissi, the Bergen County Prosecutor, said today that a so-called vigilante group known as PRE-ARM (People's Rights Enforced Against Riots and Murder) was a one-man organization consisting of its chairman, Ernest T. Bradow.

Mr. Calissi told newsmen in the county courthouse here that the conclusion was "based on the Prosecutor's investigation."

His comments followed a brief appearance by Mr. Bradow, a 26-year-old former automobile salesman, before the Bergen County grand jury.

Mr. Bradow, who is a member of the John Birch Society and state organizer for George Wallace's American Independent party, said last week that his organization patrolled 11 municipalities in Bergen and Hudson Counties to help police curb "a rising tide of insurrection."

Mr. Calissi, who has denounced such vigilante activities, said in an interview today that "everything Bradow has told the newspapers is a rotten lie."

Then, repeating what he had said on a recent radio broadcast, he asserted: "This is the era of the exaltation of jerks."

Mr. Bradow had claimed his organization had 319 members and 30 "citizens patrol cars," but shortly thereafter he said he had suspended the patrols following a conversation with a member of the staff of Gov. Richard J. Hughes.

He said today that the organization now would be an arm of the American Independent party.

Governor Hughes has said that he might call a special session of the Legislature to complete passage of a law banning vigilante groups, such as PRE-ARM and the militantly white North Ward Citizens Committee in Newark.

The Senate has passed the bill, but the Assembly failed to act on it before the Legislature adjourned for the summer.