

BOMBINGS TRACED TO ALL CLASSES

Californian Cites Rich and
Poor, White and Black

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WASHINGTON, July 22—A California official told the Senate today that the dramatically rising number of bombings in his state was being perpetrated by people from all segments of society.

The official, Charles A. O'Brien, chief deputy attorney general of California, said:

"There is hardly a segment of American society white black, brown, poor, rich, middle-class, educated and uneducated, right and left, native and immigrant, urban and rural—which is not represented among the bombers."

He told members of the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations that the rate of bombings here had risen to nearly 20 a week in the last two months. And he said this was a trend that demanded effective governmental response.

He said that although the costliest bombings in California — in terms of lives and property—had been politically motivated, individual homes had been the most frequent targets.

A Means of Revenge

He cited these facts to support his belief "that bombs are playing a larger role in our society than simply as the deadly tools of political terrorists."

"Many Americans seem to use bombs just to get even with their enemies," Mr. O'Brien told members of the Senate panel as it held its fifth day of hearings on terroristic bombings.

He said that the figures and conclusions he presented were from an official state survey of 400 bombings in the last two years. The total number in California was even larger, he said.

He also used this survey to give the Senators a glimpse of the large quantities of explosives in the hands of bombers and an idea of where many of these bomb parts had been obtained.

Mr. O'Brien said that the state investigation had determined that leftists had stolen more than five tons of explosives from a California dam construction site over a period of years without the contractors being aware of it.

Later, he told the Senators, "some of these explosives were being sold for \$200 a box in the bay area."

Dynamite Thefts Disclosed

He said that one member of the right-wing Minutemen had stolen 1,400 pounds of dynamite from a construction site in 1965, and that another member, the leader of the California Minutemen, had purchased 50 pounds of dynamite and 500 feet of explosive fuses and blasting caps by using the name of a phony mining company.

The purchase by this man, now a Federal fugitive, was discovered only when he failed to pay his bill, he said.

Mr. O'Brien also disclosed that bombers had stolen large supplies of explosives from military installations.

He said that California policemen had taken 94 pounds of military C-4 plastic explosives and 39 grenades from Santa Barbara residents in the Isla Vista area where a bank of America branch had been firebombed.