

Threat to LBJ charged

OBERT WATTS, 18-year-old organizer for the Harlem chapter of the Du Bois Clubs, will be arraigned in Washington Sept. 23 on charges of threatening the life of President Johnson.

Watts, a Negro resident of Harlem, was arrested in Washington Aug. 28 at the end of the two-day "assembly of young people" sponsored by the clubs. During a workshop session the day before, Watts told the young participants that he had received his induction notice but would refuse to serve in the Army. He allegedly said that if he were forced to carry a rifle he would rather train his sights on Lyndon Johnson than on the colored people of Vietnam.

It was this remark that prompted federal agents to seize him. He was indicted by a grand jury early in September.

In other news:

New York: Anti-war groups in New York are planning a protest Oct. 25 when President Johnson arrives to receive the fourth annual "Family of Man Award" given by the city's Protestant Council.

Defense Secretary McNamara was picketed Sept. 16 when he attended the opening of the Metropolitan Opera. Four pickets were arrested for loitering.

Geoffrey Reed Conklin, 23-year-old opponent of the military draft, was arraigned in New York Sept. 14 for refusing, a second time, to report for induction into the armed forces. Motions in the case will be argued in federal court Oct. 10. Conklin is represented by the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee. On Sept. 18, ECLC sponsored an anti-draft meeting attended by about 200.