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A 'Veiled Threat' To Congressmen

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Republican Henry B. Gonzalez (Dem-Tex.) has asked Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy to investigate a group called the Minutemen, which he said has made "a thinly veiled threat" against him and 19 other Democratic Congressmen—publishing their names in a black-bordered box headed with the words "In Memoriam."

Gonzalez' office confirmed details of a copyrighted story in the Houston Post, which quoted from a publication of the group called "On Target."

In his letter to Kennedy, the San Antonio Congressman said, "In the light of recent developments, I have become decidedly more sensitive about some of the hate material that is so widely distributed."

Gonzalez was quoted as

saying the threat was directed at those who voted against increasing funds to operate the House Un-American Activities Committee last year.

Among the Congressmen named were James Roosevelt, George Brown Jr., W. D. Edwards and Edward Roybal, all of California.

Gonzalez said the publication introduces the black-bordered box with the words: "Here, then, are the Judases who seem willing not only to sell out their country for thirty pieces of silver but to go on record and brag about it."

He said another portion of the publication contains these words: "Traitors beware. Even now the cross-hairs are on the back of your necks. These patriots are not going to let you take their freedom away from them."

Gonzalez said the publication "On Target" is issued twice monthly by "Minute-

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Sacramento

An elderly man walked into the F. O. Oaks branch of the Minutemen of America shortly after 10 o'clock yesterday and, with a most apologetic expression on his face, handed a note to teller Kathleen Malwood.

"Give me all your good backs," it read in part, "and I will kill all of you."

Miss Malwood gave him \$500, and he drove away with it in a pickup truck.

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Head of the Minutemen is Robert Depugh, 40-year-old manufacturer of livestock medicines. He was not available for comment.

The avidly anti-Communist organization contends it is prepared to carry on guerrilla warfare in event the United States comes under Communist domination.

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