

John Froines Arrested

Making A Bust

Washington

There was a note of surprise in an FBI agent's voice as he reported on a Justice Department radio frequency yesterday afternoon that John Froines was speaking to thousands of anti-war demonstrators—right under Attorney General John N. Mitchell's window.

Froines, one of the Chicago Seven, had been sought by the Federal Bureau of Investigation since Monday. He is charged along with Rennie Davis, a leader of the Mayday protests here, with conspiring to interfere with the constitutional rights of commuters and Federal employees by disrupting traffic.

Froines' FBI code name is "echo," the radio transmissions revealed **HEE WS CALLED "the package."**

"Echo is saying he came here not to surrender but to be protected by his people," came the agent's crackling radio report from street level on Constitution Avenue.

"Well, we want him!" was the reply from inside the FBI's Washington field office, a block away.

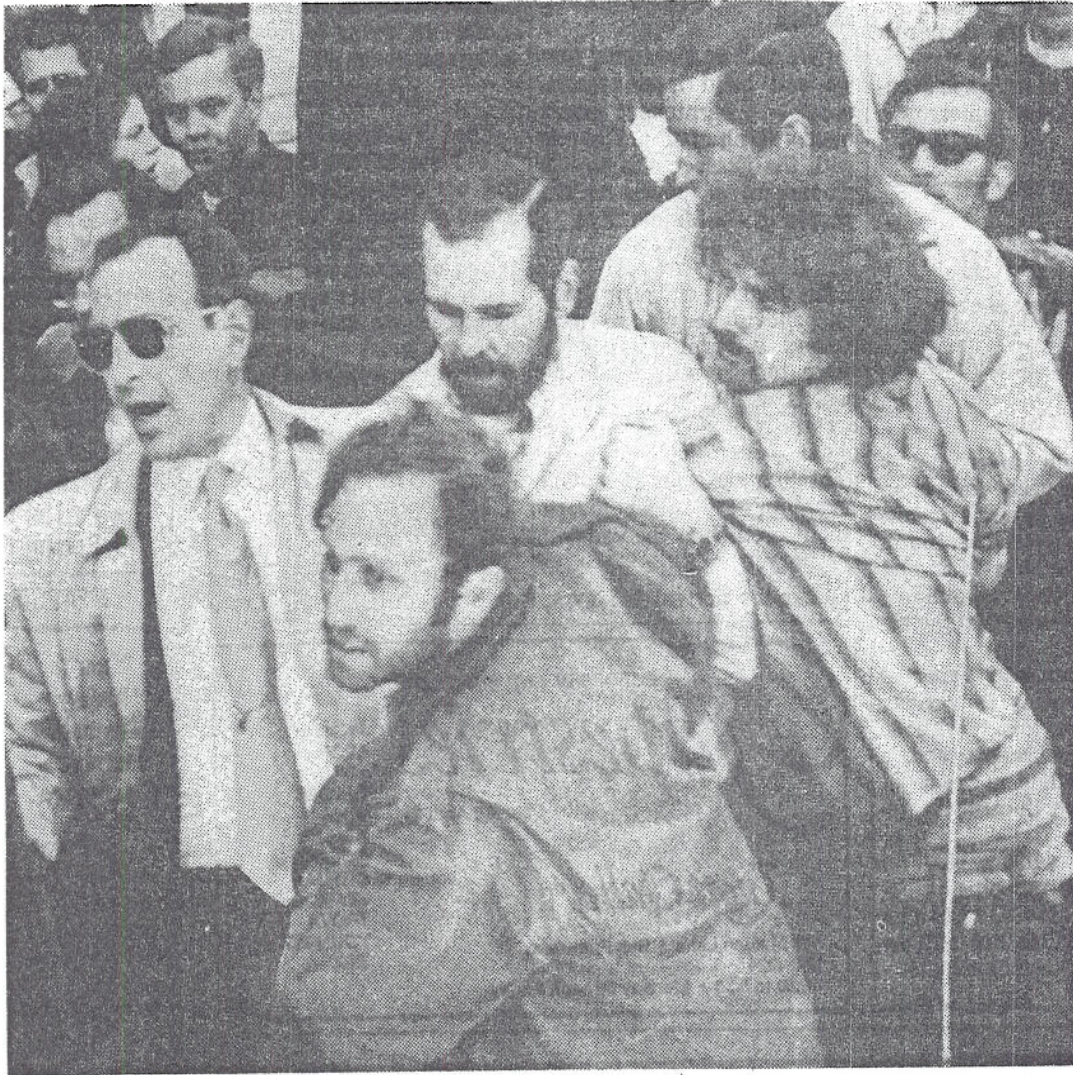
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Radio-equipped agents in the crowd of more than 3000 demonstrators, who knew Froines on sight or carried his "wanted" picture, fol-



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John Mitchell puffed on his pipe and watched the crowd below



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An FBI agent led John Froines away from the demonstration scene at the Justice Department

lowed "the package" for 15 minutes, step by step along the Tenth Street side of the Justice Department building, between Constitution and

Pennsylvania avenues NW. While agents were dispatched to each end of the block, Froines' every movement was observed.

"The package is wearing a green and red striped shirt — definitely a sport shirt, with green and red vertical stripes," one radio observer

reported. "He is crossing the street toward a green, parked car, with his arm around a man wearing a suede jacket and a straw hat."

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The package is now moving east toward the flagpole," came the radio reports. "He's standing south of the flagpole talking to a man with a bald head. He's still with the man with the suede coat and the straw hat."

From inside: "to all units, anyone with any knowledge of Echo, go to the middle of the block . . . the word from the P.D. (police department) is that they're going to pinch in from both ends of the block and lock them (demonstrators) up. They're moving now . . . he'll be trying to slip out while they're arresting others."

An agent: "What are the chances of pushing him in through the truck entrance?"

Another agent: "We have him! We have him! We have him!"

From the FBI: "Good. Let's keep him!"

Froines, like Davis, was to receive a hearing and be placed under \$25,000 bail on the federal conspiracy charges. Davis was released on bond yesterday.

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