

# 25 Draft Office Raiders Held in Jersey and Buffalo

Members of Catholic Left Are Involved in Both Cases—20 Seized in Camden Include 2 Priests and Minister

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The Federal Bureau of Investigation foiled antiwar raids on Federal offices in Camden, N. J., and Buffalo over the weekend, arresting 25 people, including two Roman Catholic priests and a Lutheran minister.

In the Camden case, 40 F.B.I. men lay in wait for the raiding party until 4 A.M. yesterday and then made 20 arrests in and around the building housing offices of the Selective Service Board, United States Army Intelligence and the F.B.I. itself.

The bureau, according to the Federal complaint, had been kept abreast of the group's elaborate raiding plans by an informer.

In Buffalo, F.B.I. men and city policemen arrested three young men and two young women at 10 P.M. Saturday in a Federal building housing Selective Service boards and the office of United States Army Intelligence. The F.B.I. said the youths had been ransacking files in the two offices.

### Security Check Made

According to the bureau, two F.B.I. men who were said to be "checking the security of the building" discovered the entry. It is believed that the suspects hid in the building before it was closed for the weekend Saturday afternoon.

The F.B.I. said the alleged raiders were dressed in dark shirts and shorts, had their faces and arms blackened with charcoal, and carried burglar's tools.

The F.B.I. declined to comment on any possible connection between the two cases. It was clear, however, that both involved adherents of the Catholic Left.

One of the youths arrested in Buffalo, Charles Lee Darst, is a brother of David Darst, one of the nine people accused of raiding a draft office in Catonsville, Md., in 1968. The Rev. Philip Berrigan and the Rev. Daniel Berrigan were two other defendants in that case, the first of at least 12 draft-board raids attributed to Catholic activists.

### Priests Identified

The man described by the Government as the "ringleader and mastermind" of the Camden group, John Peter Grady, had served as co-chairman of the Catonsville Nine Defense Committee. Two other people arrested there had been charged with contempt of court for refusing to answer questions in connection with the later conspiracy case involving the Berrigan brothers.

The two Catholic priests arrested in Camden were the Rev. Peter D. Ford of 220 West 98th Street, New York City, a Jesuit who is a member of the East Coast Conspiracy

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to Save Lives, and the Rev. Michael J. Doyle, assistant pastor of St. Joseph's Pro-Cathedral in Camden.

The 20 Camden defendants, many of them young people from the New York and Boston areas, were held in bond ranging from \$5,000 to \$150,000.

The Government obviously set great store by the Camden arrests, which were announced in Washington by Attorney General John N. Mitchell and J. Edgar Hoover, the director of the F.B.I.

Guy M. Goodwin of the Justice Department's internal security division, which has been augmented in the Nixon Administration, was sent to Camden in advance of the arrests to present the Government's case. Mr. Goodwin is also the Government prosecutor in the conspiracy case allegedly involving the Berrigan brothers.

According to the Government complaint, an informer who has "provided reliable information to the F.B.I. on at least 12 occasions" attended meetings with the Camden plotters beginning on June 30. The complaint said the meetings were held almost daily at various places in and near Camden.

The complaint said the group had three targets in the Post Office Building at 401 Market Street in Camden—the Selective Service offices on the fifth floor, the Army Intelligence offices on the fourth floor and the F.B.I. office on the second floor.

According to the complaint, the defendants drew up charts and maps for the raid, observed security precautions in the Post Office Building from a nearby apartment house, and went to the Selective Service office on the pretext of draft business to examine locks and alarms.

The final plan, according to the Government, involved look-outs on two buildings near the Post Office, nine vehicles and drivers posted on nearby

streets, and two-way radios so the group could keep in touch. Burglar tools, ladders and flashlights taped to emit only a thin beam of light were assembled, the complaint said.

### 40 Agents Assembled

Since the informer kept the F.B.I. abreast of plans as the bureau allowed them to mature, the Government was able to assemble 40 agents from Philadelphia and Newark and a force of United States marshals in anticipation of the raid. Clerks worked all day Saturday to prepare the papers used in court after the arrests Sunday morning.

According to the complaint, the defendants selected to enter the Federal building arrived in a closed van and used two ladders to avoid a burglar alarm on the fire escape. They were lowering draft records from a fifth floor window when the arrests were made, the F.B.I. said.

Eight of the group were arrested inside the Post Office, four more were found in a churchyard across the street, and eight were taken into custody at a house a block away occupied by the Rev. Milo M. Billman, a Lutheran minister.

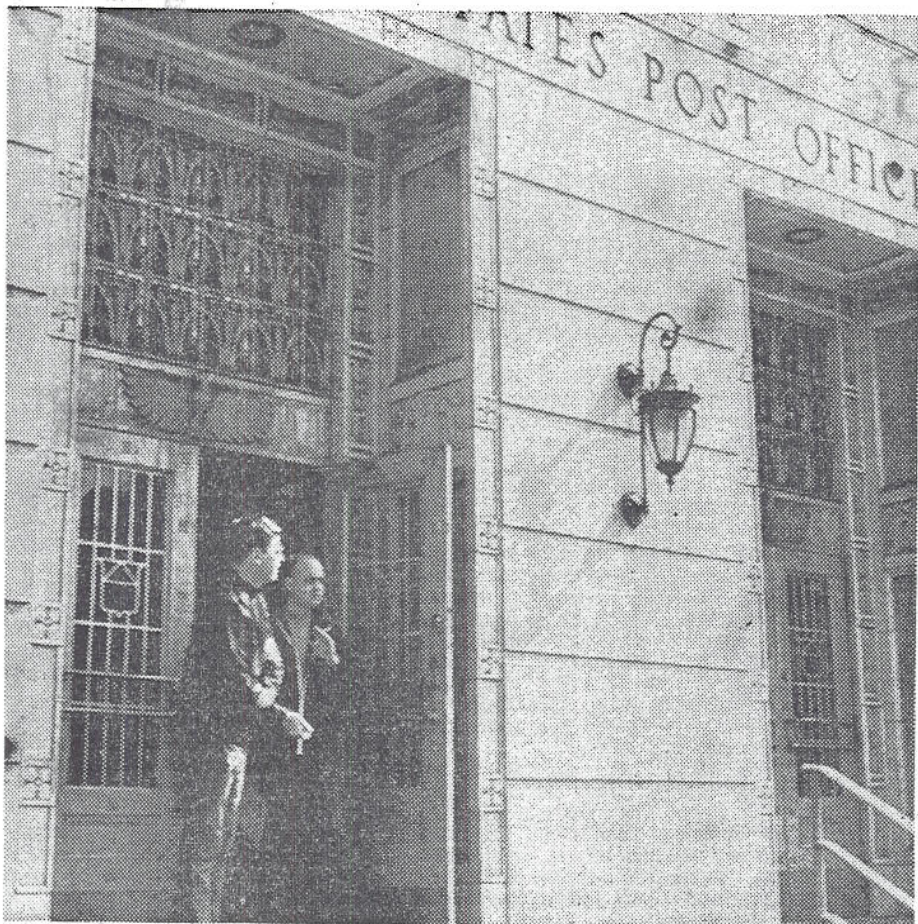
United States Magistrate Charles L. Rudd presided at the morning arraignment, which took place on the third floor of the building the group allegedly tried to enter the night before. Mr. Goodwin read the 22-page complaint, prepared in advance of the arrests.

When the Government requested high bail for Mr. Grady, Bernard L. Segal of Philadelphia, lawyer for some of the defendants, objected on the ground that Mr. Grady was married and had five children. "I'll set the bail," Magistrate Rudd said. "I don't want to see my country destroyed." He set bond at \$150,000.

Magistrate Rudd several times interjected encomiums for the F.B.I. "God bless them, they've done a wonderful job," he said at one point.

All 20 were charged with committing a crime on a Government reservation, breaking and entering, destruction of Government property, removal and mutilation of public records, theft of Government property, unlawful interference with the administration of the Selective Service Act, and conspiracy to commit the crimes listed.





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**TARGET OF ALLEGED PLOT IN CAMDEN: F.B.I. agents outside U.S. Post Office, which houses Selective Service Board. Agents arrested 20 persons in and around the building.**



Photographs by F. J. Delaney/Buffalo Courier-Express  
**LEAVING COURT IN BUFFALO: Maureen Considine with an F.B.I. agent after her arraignment for antiwar raids.**



**AFTER ARREST AT BUFFALO POST OFFICE: James R. Martin being led to car by police officer Saturday night.**



A list of those arrested, their ages and addresses, follows:  
 The Rev. Peter D. Ford, 34, 220 West 98th Street, Manhattan.  
 The Rev. Michael J. Doyle, 36, Camden.  
 Paul Bernard Couming, 23, Dorchester, Mass.  
 Michael John Giocondo, 42, Camden.  
 Robert Glenn Good, 22, New York.  
 Rosemary Reilly, 22, 335 North Windsor Avenue, Brightwater, L. I.  
 Joan Reilly, 23, 335 North Windsor Avenue, Brightwater, L. I.  
 Kathleen Mary Ridolfi, 22, Philadelphia.  
 Robert W. Williamson, 21, Philadelphia.  
 The Rev. Milo M. Billman, 39, Camden.  
 Terry Edward Buckalew, 20, Wooster, Ohio.  
 Anne Dunham, 23, 92 First Street, Pelham, N. Y.  
 John Peter Grady, 46, the Bronx.  
 Lianne Moccia, 21, Revere, Mass.  
 John Swinglish, 27, Washington.  
 Francis Mel Madden, 32, 346 Park Avenue, East Orange, N. J.  
 Barry James Mussi, 22, Dorchester, Mass.  
 Sarah Jane Tosi, 19, Dorchester, Mass.  
 Margaret Mary Inness, 26, Massachusetts.  
 Keith William Forsyth, 21, Philadelphia.

Mr. Billman was released in his own recognizance after a fellow minister vouched for him. Father Doyle was offered the same terms, but refused. Magistrate Rudd asked Msgr. Salvatore Adamo of Camden, who was in the court, to try to change Father Doyle's mind. Monsignor Adamo declined. "I can only respect his conscience and admire him for what he's doing," the Monsignor said. Bond was set at \$10,000 for the priest.

The defendants in the Buffalo case stood mute on their arraignment. They were identified as:

Charles Lee Darst, 22.  
 Joseph Hill, 25.  
 James R. Martin, 25.  
 Ann Marie Masters, 26.  
 Maureen Considine, 21.

The F.B.I. said all said they were Buffalo residents, but their addresses were in doubt.

Bail was set at \$35,000 for Mr. Darst and Mr. Hill and at \$15,000 for the others. They are charged with theft of Government property, destruction of Government property and committing a crime in a Government building.

According to Karl L. Brouse, the agent in charge of the Buffalo F.B.I. office, two agents were making a security check at the Federal building at 121 Ellicott Street when they saw two of the defendants. He would not explain why the two agents were in the building, which usually has one guard on duty.

The agents captured the two

suspects at gunpoint, the F.B.I. said; and then called the Buffalo police to surround the building and the Fire Department to illuminate it with floodlights. The agents and policemen, augmented by a dog, then made a thorough search of the five floors and found the three other defendants.

Mr. Brouse said agents had recovered three green laundry bags containing records from the Army Intelligence office. He said burglar's tools, including electric drills, pliers, screwdrivers and files were found with the defendants.

Apparently the group adopted an attitude of noncooperation with the authorities after their arrest. When they were led from the United States Courthouse to the Erie County Jail after their arraignment, Mr. Darst and the two young women flashed the two-fingered V peace sign to photographers.

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