

2 J.D.L. MEMBERS SEIZED BY F.B.I.

Agents Report Finding Four Pounds of an Explosive

The Federal Bureau of Investigation announced yesterday the arrest shortly after midnight of two young members of the Jewish Defense League and a New Jersey flea-market operator who allegedly supplied them with explosives.

The two youths were taken into custody as they reached the New York side of the Goethals Bridge from New Jersey in an automobile. Federal agents said they found, on the front seat, a package containing four pounds of black powder used to make explosive devices.

A spokesman for the Jewish Defense League charged that the powder had been planted there by F.B.I. agents.

Arraigned in Federal Court in Brooklyn were Steven Ehrlich, 20 years old, of San Francisco, and a 17-year-old juvenile, identified by the J.D.L. as Stephen Rombom, a student at Nranklhn D. Roosevelt High School in Brooklyn.

Magistrate Critical

Mr. Ehrlich was released on a \$10,000 personal recognizance bond, supported by \$1,000 in cash after the United States Magistrate, A. Simon Chrin, criticized the Government for using the name of the juvenile in the complaint as a co-conspirator. Magistrate Chrein also ordered that all photographs and fingerprints taken of the juvenile be destroyed.

At a separate arraignment in Federal Court in Newark, Thomas Mac Intosh Jr., 36, of Woodbury, N.J., was ordered held in lieu of \$100,000 bail on a charge of supplying four pounds of powder to the two J.D.L. members, knowing it would be taken to New York.

According to the complaints filed in Federal Court in Brooklyn, Federal agents received word from a confidential informant on the alleged activities of Mr. Mac Intosh and Mr. Rombom, and then wiretapped telephone conversations between the two in which Mr. Mac Intosh was asked repeatedly for supplies of black powder.

The Federal agents cited three occasions since last April in which Mr. Mac Intosh had supplied the explosive powder to young Rombom—five pounds on April 25, an unspecified quantity on April 6, and four pounds Monday night.

Long Investigation

Both Federal and local police authorities had placed the suspects under observation as a result of the information they had received.

At a news conference yesterday, J. Wallace La Prade, assistant director of the F.B.I., said the arrests were the result of a long investigation by his agency in cooperation with the New York City Police Department and the Treasury Department.

Calling the arrests "significant," Mr. La Prade indicated they could furnish clues to a number of explosions in New York City.

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