

Plot against Ford's life disclosed

Government shooting foiled when 2 jailed in Santa Barbara

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Two men were indicted by a federal grand jury Monday on charges of plotting to assassinate Pres. Gerald Ford in Sacramento the same day that Charles Manson follower Lynette Fromme allegedly pointed a gun at the President.

The indictments handed down here named Gary Steven DeSure, 32, whose last known address was Warm Springs, Mont., and Preston Michael Mayo, 24, of Prince William County, Va. They are tentatively scheduled for arraignment on the indictment Oct. 28.

Both men are in custody at Santa Barbara, Calif., where they were arrested Aug. 26 in connection with the theft of a television set from a motel room. They pleaded guilty to a burglary charge and were sentenced to 90 days in the county jail.

A Justice Department spokesman said in Washington the alleged plot had no known connection with Miss Fromme's alleged attempt on Ford's life.

The indictment alleged that DeSure and Mayo conspired to plant a bomb in a sewer near the California state Capitol during Ford's visit. DeSure "would detonate the explosives and stand as a lookout" while Mayo "would fire a shot at the President," the indictment added.

It was not known if the alleged plan to blow up the sewer line was meant to harm Ford directly or to serve as a diversion.

The indictment said the alleged plot was launched about Aug. 12, the day before DeSure and Mayo entered Glacier National Park in Montana. Shortly afterward they embarked on an auto trip east to Cincinnati, south to Tennessee then west to California.

The pair arrived in Cincinnati on Aug. 17 and two days later arrived at a motel in Dickson, Tenn., where they "wrote details pertaining to the equipment and plans necessary to accomplish the assassination attempt," the indictment said.

On Aug. 20, they arrived at a motel in Midwest City, Okla., and the next day stayed at a motel in Amarillo, Tex., the indictment said.

On Aug. 23, DeSure and Mayo reached Burbank, Calif., and Mayo rented a car from a Ford dealer in Woodland Hills, Calif., the indictment said. The pair then traveled to Santa Barbara where they stayed on Aug. 24.

In Santa Barbara, Detective Robert Zapata, who arrested the pair in the stolen television set

incident, said he had "built up a rapport" with DeSure, who told him of the alleged plot.

Zapata said DeSure told him he had escaped from a mental hospital in Montana where he had been committed for allegedly threatening the President. There is a mental hospital in Warm Springs, Mont.

The detective said DeSure told him of plans to obtain dynamite and weapons for the attempt by breaking into an armory in San Francisco, then obtain plans of the Sacramento sewer system "so they could dynamite where the President might be."

The alleged plot was the third involving Ford in the past two months. In addition to the purported attempt by Fromme in Sacramento Sept. 5, Sara Jane Moore, 45, was arrested in San Francisco Sept. 22 and charged with firing a shot that was deflected by a member of the crowd watching Ford leave a hotel.

Teaching, high school programs

UO, OSU want more religion

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The Department of Religious Studies has been co-operating with the Oregon State University Department of Religious Studies and College of Education in a preliminary program to develop a secondary school curriculum in religious studies. They also want to provide for secondary certification of religious studies majors.

According to Jack Sanders, head of the religious studies department, a curriculum will be developed first. Pennsylvania and Indiana already have such a curriculum and California will have one later this year. Sanders and a professor in the religious studies department at OSU assisted in getting out surveys to junior and senior high school principals, and social studies and language arts teachers. The purpose of the survey was to find out what is now going on in religious studies and public opinion of secondary school religious studies.

They have also sent letters to several foundations about the availability of funds for the program.

Sanders said that in about two months the surveys will be tabulated and replies from the foundations will be received. Then the program can be planned.

"I expect whatever goes on from here on will include the (U of O) College of Education," said Sanders. When asked why the College of Education hasn't been a part of the program up to now,

Sanders said, "I think the thing is that they are so busy with their accreditation problem that they don't have time for anything else."

"A student who gets secondary certification in social studies now majors in one of the social studies, such as economics or sociology. A religious studies major does not now satisfy the secondary certification requirement in social studies," said Sanders he would like to change that.

On the legality of religious studies in public schools, Sanders said, "What Public Schools cannot do is to indoctrinate pupils in a particular religion, and they cannot encourage or promote religious practices, such as prayer. But the study of religion is both legal and proper in public schools. In one of those decisions in the 60s (Abington v. Schempp, 1963) the Supreme encouraged the study of religion in schools.

Boyd okays Morse chair

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Wayne Morse Chair of Law and Politics will be established at the University, Pres. William Boyd and Sen. Mark Hatfield, R-Ore., said here today.

The chair, which will feature various prominent figures from year to year, will be under joint

control of the School of Law and the political science department.

Backers hope to fund it with \$500,000 in contributions. Some of the money was raised after Morse died in 1974.

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