

ISRAEL ROUNDS UP FANATICS IN PLOT

42 Religious Zealots Arrested in Alleged 'Scare-Bomb' Attempt on Parliament

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JERUSALEM, May 15—Israeli police began today the round-up of a group of religious fanatics after discovery of what was officially described as a plot "to sabotage" the Knesset (Parliament) buildings.

Forty-two members of the organization, known as Brith Kanaim (Union of Zealots), were taken into custody. They were said to have planned to throw "scare-bombs" that burn, make smoke and create noise into the Knesset during the night. The discovery near the Knesset of some members of the organization with rags and gas-

oline uncovered the plot, police said. The round-up included raids on two religious schools where police said arms caches of pistols, grenades, Molotov cocktails and Sten guns had been found today. Some of the instructors at the schools

were among those arrested. No charges have been laid against them pending completion of the investigation.

Levi Abrahami, Jerusalem police chief, said tonight plans found in the possession of one of the suspects showed that the organization had planned to drop a home-made incendiary smoke bomb from the Knesset gallery on the floor below just as action was to have started on a measure requiring religious women to enter national service. The bill had been on the agenda last night but the House did not get around to it.

The police chief said the bomb had been seized today. Plans also showed that the religious zealots planned to cut the electric wires leading to the building just before the outrage.

Forty-one men and one woman had been arrested by 7 o'clock tonight but further arrests were expected. Mr. Abrahami said the back of the terrorist group was believed broken.

It was not yet clear whether the uncovering of the plot would lead

to government action to destroy the Brith Kanaim and its parent secret organization, the Neturei Karta (Guardians of the City). There has been increasing public demand for strong steps since they began a campaign of automobile burning on the Jerusalem streets some weeks ago.

The zealots have left pamphlets for car owners and sent letters to other people warning them against desecrating the Sabbath by driving or playing their radios. But the asserted attempt against the Knesset was their first overt act against state institutions. The zealots are believed to number only 200 or 300.

The Neturei Karta, of which the Brith Kanaim is believed to be the striking force, does not recognize the state because its establishment in the group's opinion did not conform to biblical prophecies. According to the zealots, the re-establishment of the Jewish people in their own land would take place at the same time as the coming of the Messiah.

In the meantime, according to

their beliefs, the Jewish people had to live in dispersion. Some of the zealots have gone so far as to move across the border into Jordan to await the Messiah's coming.

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