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11th 'Draft Evasion' Arrest, Montreal Lawyer in Custody

Montreal, April 24 (CP).—Detention of one man and the arraignment of six others brought to eleven today the number of persons in custody in connection with alleged attempts to evade military training—and police indicated that still more arrests are to be made.

The latest arrest was that of Jean Tarte, Montreal lawyer, who was detained by five Royal Canadian Mounted Police constables in the late afternoon at his downtown offices on a warrant laid under the National War Services Regulations.

A reserve officer in the Regiment de Joliette and until a few weeks ago connected with the Quebec Liquor Commission as legal adviser, Tarte was arraigned shortly after his arrest. He chose jury trial, was remanded to Wednesday for further hearing, and returned to police custody for three days pending further investigation.

Tarte's arrest—the eleventh since last week-end—followed by a few hours the appearance in court of six youths charged with failing to report for medical examinations for training.

The detentions were the aftermath of police investigation into reports that youths aged from 21 to 24 had paid large sums of money to obtain legal deferment or exemption from training under the National Resources Mobilization Act.

Constables remained stationed, meanwhile, at the offices of the divisional registrar, Pierre Decary, who was relieved of his duties last night by Major-Gen. L. R. LaFleche, Associate Deputy Minister of National War Services.

In a written statement issued today, Decary said:

"Without disputing in any way the right of the Department of National War Services to suspend me as it has, I hereby declare that I am not directly or indirectly connected with any irregularities which may have occurred in the administration of this division, E, and I await with confidence the outcome of the inquiry now being conducted."

(General LaFleche's announcement that Decary had been relieved of his duties, made at Ottawa, gave no reason for the action.)

The warrant against Tarte charged that from last Oct. 1 to April 1 he obtained from Mike Maloley sums of money totalling not less than $2,000 to obtain for various other persons "an advantage from the Government, which advantage is not to be chosen and appealed to for military training and to escape such training."

Maloley himself was brought into court last Monday on a charge that for the last six months he "did wilfully resist, impede, attempt wilfully to resist, or impede, or persuade, or induce, or attempt to persuade or induce other persons to resist and impede the operation and enforcement of the National War Services regulations, 1940."

Today, Maloley was arraigned on a second charge which accused him of inducing Emile Souaid of St. Hyacinthe, Que., and his brother, Elie, to evade military training. He pleaded not guilty and trial was set for April 30. Meantime, he will appear for trial tomorrow on the first charge.

The six youths arraigned today pleaded not guilty and were ordered to appear for preliminary hearing next Wednesday. The accused, all of Montreal, are Halem and Weddeh Courey, brothers; Paul Courey, their cousin; Joseph and William Tabbah, brothers, and Maurice Shemy.

Anthony Philip Shatilla of neighboring Outremont, arrested last week-end on a charge of failing to report for military training, was arraigned again today on an additional charge of failing to report for medical examination. He will appear for further hearing on both charges next Wednesday.

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