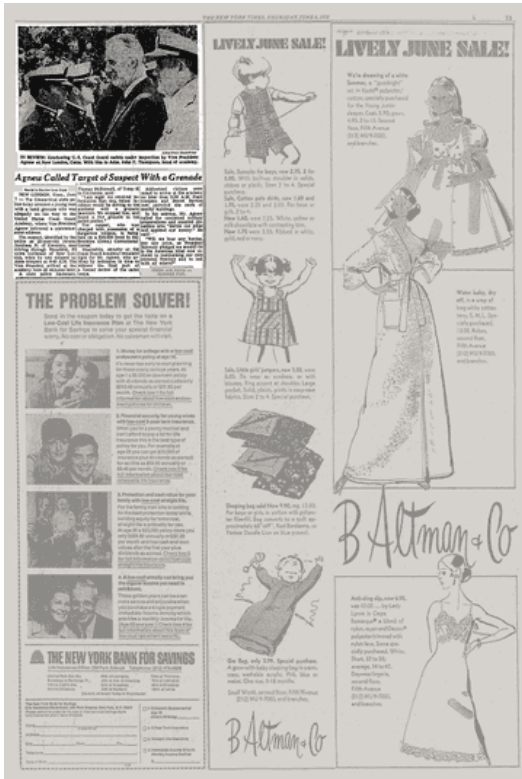


# Agnew Called Target of Suspect With a Grenade

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NEW LONDON, Conn., June 7 — The Connecticut state police today arrested a young man With a hand grenacte who was allegedly on his way to the United States Coast Guard Academy, where Vice President Agnew delivered a commencement address.

The suspect, identified by the pblice as 25-year-bid Jerome Jacobson Jr. of Coventry, was

driving through Mansfield, 30 miles northeast of New London, when he was stopped by state troopers at 9:40 A.M. The Vice President arrived at the academy here 20 minutes later.

A state police lieutenant, Thomas McDonnell, of Troop K in Colchester, said:

“Last night we received in formation that this fellow Jacobson would be driving to the academy with a grenade launcher. We stopped him, and found a live grenade tin his jacket pocket.”

The suspect, who was, charged with. possession of a dangerous weapon, is being held on a \$30,000. bond in the Brooklyn (Conn.) Correctional Center.

Meanwhile, security at the Coast Guard Academy remained tight for Mr. Agnew, who arrived by, helicopter in time to witness the final part of a formal review of the cadet corps.

Authorized visitors were asked to arrive at the academy no later than 930 A.M. State troopers and Secret Service men patrolled the roofs of nearby buildings.

In his address, Mr. Agnew called for continued military preparedness and assailed disseaters who “deride our allies and, applaud our enemy.” He said:

“Will we bear any burden, pay any price, as President Kennedy pledged we would? Or is the American ideal now reduced to maintaining our own personal freedom and to hell with, all others?”