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The four men of foreign birth held at the immigration hall on charges of seditious conspiracy in connection with the arrests June 17, may be released on bond under the immigration act this week, Marcus Hyman, their counsel, declared today.

Formal application for their release pending the trial by a federal board of inquiry was wired this morning to Hon. J. A. Calder, minister of immigration, Ottawa.

"I have every hope that they will be granted their freedom on bond until the board completes the investigation," Mr. Hyman said.

J. Berenczuk, a returned soldier, who was held at Stony Mountain penitentiary with the others, was released this afternoon from the immigration hall, following a conference between Mr. Hyman and A. J. Andrews, K.C., prosecutor for the government.

The board of inquiry appointed to hear the charges against the four men will sit in the Immigration hall next week, according to Mr. Hyman. The press and counsel for both sides will be admitted.

In case of conviction before the board, the men may be deported as undesirables without a trial in criminal courts. The four men are: Matthew Charitonoff, Moses Almazoff, B. Devyatkin and Sam Blumenberg.