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Christine Hoomes, left, and Linda Janca to sue FBI.

## Antiwar FBI Girls Lose Jobs, Plan Suit

Two young women charging they were forced to resign from the FBI because of off-duty involvement with antiwar activities said yesterday they will sue FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover to get their jobs back.

The clerical workers, Linda Janca, 21, of Biloxi, Miss., and Christine Hoomes, 18, of Woodbridge, Va., said the suit, being filed in their behalf by the American Civil Liberties Union, also will seek to prohibit Hoover from interfering with off-duty activities of FBI employees in the future.

A third woman, Janice Bush, 19, of Nunda, N.Y., will include her name in the suit. ACLU lawyer Philip Hirschkop said Miss Bush also was asked to resign but requested time to consider whether she would agree to quit.

The FBI had no comment on the charges, made at a news conference.

Miss Janca said the three women were first questioned about their work with peace groups when J. Allison Conely, then super-

visor in the FBI identification division, called them into his office March 31.

All three handled routine office work, filing and sorting fingerprint and arrest records, and none held a security clearance.

Conely told the women the FBI knew they had been working evenings at the National Peace Action Coalition, which is organizing antiwar marches for Washington and San Francisco April 24, Miss Janca said.

Conely was quoted as saying their after-hours activities had come to his attention "through paperwork from the Justice Department."

Miss Janca said Conely asked her about her coalition work and her opinions of the Vietnam war, "World War II, the Korean war, Adolf Hitler and the Chicago Seven trial."

"I just told him I think war is wrong," she said. "He said he thought my work was political, being that the peace groups are against the administration. I told him I don't think working for NPAC is a political activity."

Conely repeatedly cited an employee handbook, which includes a rule prohibiting FBI workers from outside political activity, she said.

Two days later, she said, Conely gave each of them an ultimatum to "either quit NPAC or give up our jobs at the FBI."

Miss Janca and Miss Hoomes chose to resign, and their offer of April 2 was acknowledged the same day by Hoover in separate one-sentence letters.

Hirschkop said Miss Bush, who is still considering whether to resign, "was supposed to have been back at work this morning."