

# Berrigan Case Corroboration Begun by U.S.

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HARRISBURG, Pa., March 20—A former campus activist testified today that the Rev. Joseph Wenderoth, one of seven antiwar defendants on trial here, told him in August, 1970, that he and co-defendant Philip Berrigan had been "down in the tunnels" several months earlier.

John Millard, former student at Catholic University in Washington, was the first of the government's 51 witnesses to corroborate chief witness and informer Boyd Douglas' testimony that the two Catholic priests in April, 1970, cased the tunnel system under federal buildings in the capital as part of an alleged plot to bomb the heating system in the tunnels.

But both Millard and another witness today, Anthony Barone, said of their August, 1970, meeting with Wenderoth that they did not think he was seriously considering such a project.

"... The idea was so vague that it's hard to comment on it," said Millard. "It was very vague. It didn't seem to represent to me anything concrete."

"Father Wenderoth at one point asked me what I thought of the idea of a protest against the war in Vietnam that would involve a power failure or electrical blackout of government buildings," said Millard.

An elevator operator that summer in the old and new Senate Office Buildings, Millard said, "My immediate thought was what it would be like to be in an elevator if such a thing happened. I told him I thought it would involve

the Quebec Liberation Front in Canada and of American diplomat Dan Mitrione by the Tupamaro guerrillas in Uruguay.

Although Barone said the discussion did not include consideration of kidnaping Kissinger, the Peace Fellowship discussion appears as an overt act in the amended bill of particulars that named Swinglish as an unindicted coconspirator in November, 1971.

danger to human life.

"And he (Father Wenderoth) said, 'That is our primary concern.'"

In addition to conspiracy to bomb the tunnels, the seven defendants are charged with conspiracy to kidnap presidential adviser Henry A. Kissinger and to raid federal offices.

The meeting at which Millard and Barone said they learned that the two priests had worn workmen's coveralls and gone into tunnels under the Forrestal Building allegedly was held on a warm August day on a mall in the shadow of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on the campus of Catholic University.

Also present on the occasion, according to both Millard and Barone, was John Swinglish, the Washington chairman of the Catholic Peace Fellowship. He was named an unindicted coconspirator nearly a year after the defendants were indicted the first of two times.

The jury also heard today the first testimony from a prosecution witness, other than Douglas, about kidnaping.

"Concern" about kidnaping was expressed by a Canadian present at a meeting of the Catholic Peace Fellowship at Emmau House in northeast Washington in October or November, 1970, said Barone, a Civil Service Commission employee in Washington and a member of the Peace Fellowship.

The discussion of "what we thought of kidnaping," said Barone, lasted "three, four or five minutes."

When defense attorney Terry Lenzner asked Barone if there was any discussion at the meeting of kidnapings "in this country," chief prosecutor William S. Lynch and prosecutor William Connelly, objected strongly to the question. But U.S. District Judge R. Dixon Herman permitted the question to be answered.

"That's right," said Barone, who explained that the brief discussion pertained to the then recent kidnapings of British diplomat James Cross by