

## Witness Tells of Seeking Radicals' Help

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The government's chief witness in its case against seven antiwar activists on trial here testified today that he originally tried to become part of the "radicals and activists" on the campus of Bucknell University because he needed their protection. But less than a month from the time in April, 1970, when his first inroads into the small peace movement on the Lewisburg, Pa., campus, witness Boyd F. Douglas said during cross-examination by defense counsel, he began planning to turn informer and was contemplating making a career of betraying leftists and radicals to the FBI.

While a prisoner at Lewisburg Federal penitentiary, he was also a fulltime student at Bucknell and was allowed to travel daily to the nearby campus. Apparently the little FBI office in the center of Lewisburg was a frequent stop en route.

Douglas' information, the government has said, was the prime basis for the indictments of the seven defendants on charges of conspiracy to

kidnap Henry A. Kissinger, to bomb tunnels under federal buildings in Washington and to raid federal offices.

Not only did he inform that summer on his fellow inmate, the Rev. Philip Berrigan, and the six other defendants on trial here. Douglas said he also gave the FBI information about Bucknell students and professors, other prisoners at Lewisburg, his roommate at an apartment in Lewisburg, and at least one of his girl friends.

As defense attorney Paul O'Dwyer pressed Douglas on whether the FBI had asked him to befriend professors and students at Bucknell in early April, he said he wanted to know them "because they were anti-government . . ."

Turning dramatically in his swivel witness chair, Douglas said to the jury, "You'd have to be a prisoner to understand that, I wanted freedom of movement on the campus of Bucknell University without anyone reporting me to the penitentiary authorities.

"I felt if they (the activists) didn't care about the policies of the government they would not be telling the prison officials every move I made."

He gave a similar reason for

admittedly lying to Father Berrigan about his feeling about the government. Explaining, he said "When you're in prison, you are not going to tell another inmate you like the government . . . There are very few inmates that are pro-government."

On one occasion, Douglas testified in cross-examination, he urged a coed, Betsy Sandel, to go to a demonstration at the federal prison gates.

She went to the demonstration. Douglas said that immediately after the demonstration he went to the FBI office with information about persons who attended the demonstration, including Miss Sandel, whose picture he said he identified.

Douglas burst into laughter today when asked by O'Dwyer if he once proposed to Miss Sandel. "Yes, it's a possibility, surely," said Douglas, muffling his laugh and blushing. She was one of two coeds he asked to copy letters from Sister Elizabeth McAlister which he smuggled into the penitentiary that summer, copying most of them for the FBI.

Douglas said he also informed that summer on Dr. Richard Drinnon, chairman of the history department at

Bucknell, and Lewisburg inmates Robert Malecky, David Ebergardt and George Mische, all then imprisoned for destruction of Selective Service records.

The informer denied today that he ever felt "sympathetic" to Father Berrigan's philosophy on destruction of draft records. However, in his first day on the stand, Douglas told the jury, "I started to become quite sympathetic to Philip Berrigan's whole philosophy . . ."

Douglas said he came to fear the "movement," which he defined as "the Black Panthers, SDS . . . and the nuts in the country."

According to his testimony in cross-examination today, Douglas had netted more than \$9,000 from the government by the end of February for his work in this case. Witness fees paid to him since then would put the amount at more than \$10,000.

Douglas also testified today that he told FBI agents after the defendants were indicted that often he could not distinguish between two of the defendants, the Rev. Joseph Wenderoth and the Rev. Neil McLaughlin, both Baltimore Catholic parish priests.