

Jury Selected In Harrisburg Trial of Seven

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HARRISBURG, Pa., Feb. 8—A jury that includes three persons who say they oppose the Vietnam war, a mother of four conscientious objectors, and one black, was chosen today to decide the guilt or innocence of seven antiwar activists on trial here.

The nine women and three men were chosen after 11 days of intensive questioning of more than 80 persons chosen from among 305 called to jury duty in the case. Four of the jurors are under 35.

The defendants, who include imprisoned Catholic priest Philip Berrigan, are charged with conspiracy to kidnap presidential adviser Henry Kissinger, to turn off the heat in federal buildings in Washington by bombing underground heating systems, and to raid federal offices in nine states.

Only one of the jurors is Catholic, while all but one of the defendants is Catholic. Numerous Catholics were dismissed because of prejudice against nuns and priests who become involved in protests.

There are seven Protestants on the jury, a reflection of the makeup of predominantly Protestant south central Pennsylvania. Three said they had no religious affiliation, and the religious views of another was not known.

The jurors were chosen from among a panel of 46, with the government eliminating six persons and the defense 28. Three of the chosen jurors have college degrees and two others have attended

college.

Judge R. Dixon Herman ordered requestration of the jury for the duration of the trial. Following are brief sketches of each juror:

- Vera P. Thompson, a black woman in her 40s, from Carlisle. A stock clerk in a carpet factory, she has two sons, one of whom is a Vietnam war veteran. Her husband, an Army veteran, is manager of a retail liquor store in Mechanicsburg. She has a high school education and is a member of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

- Robert R. Foresman, 45, from Lewistown, is a training instructor for the Pennsylvania Fire School. During questioning he said he thought U.S. involvement in Vietnam was "improper and a mistake." The father of three daughters, he is a Lutheran and his wife and children are Catholics.

Commenting on what he knew about the case, he said, "I thought those things were rather funny—blowing up the heating system and running off with Henry Kissinger." Foresman's brother has a classified job with the Army at Fort Holabird, Md.

- Jo-An E. Stanovich, from Harrisburg, is in her late 20s. She said she had read nothing about the case but that she regularly reads the Wall Street Journal. Her husband is a welder and painter.

- Pauline E. Portzline, about 50, from Mifflintown, said that "in the last few years I've been against it," when asked for her views on the Vietnam war. A son-in-law of Mrs. Portzline's was killed in

the Vietnam conflict five years ago. A mother of four children, she has a high school education. She belongs to no church.

- Kathryn K. Schwartz, in her late 50s, from York, has four sons who have conscientious objector status. She said she had no opinion on the Vietnam war and that her sons refused to fight because of religious convictions. The wife of a retired railroad engineer, she is a member of the Brethren in Christ Church.

- Lawrence A. Evans, about 60, from Dillsburg, owns two rural grocery stores. "I'd like to see the war over," said Evans, "but I have no specific views. I think it's being handled as near right as possible."

A father of six children, he said he approved of clergymen being involved in political protest. He is a Lutheran.

- Harold C. Sheets, in his late 50s, from Harrisburg. He is an accountant and said that being sequestered will be a hardship on his work during the income tax period. A graduate of Wharton School of Finance of the University of Pennsylvania, he is a Methodist.

- Ann V. Burnett, in her 20s, from Harrisburg, was uncertain how she felt about the war. She said, "If the Vietnam war were to accomplish giving the people (of Vietnam) of choice, it might possibly be worthwhile." She attended college for three years and was a philosophy major. She now works for the Dauphin County Board of Assistance. She does not belong to a church.

- June L. Jackson, in her late 40s, from York. She is a graduate of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science and formerly worked as a pharmacist. Her first husband was killed in World War II. She is the mother of three children. Her present husband is an interior decorator. She is a Presbyterian.

- Frances J. Yaklich, about 40, from Cornwall. A bookkeeper for an offset printing company, she is the only Catholic on the jury. She had no objection to Catholic priests and nuns being involved in war protest and said she thought the Vietnam war was "a waste

of lives. It's a waste of everything, but a waste of lives mostly." Miss Yaklich said she had reservations about whether aliens, such as the defendant Ebgal Ahmad, a West Pakistani should be involved in protest of U.S. government policy.

- Patricia L. Shafer, in her mid-thirties, from Etters. She lived in Thailand for three years. Her husband was stationed there with a private company as a civilian engineer. She said she has reservations about whether an alien should speak out against the policies of the country in which he is a guest. She said she had no strong views on the war: "I'm just very glad they're getting the troops out." She said she belonged to no church. She has two children.

- Nancy Leidy, in early 20s, from Carlisle. A recent graduate of the University of Delaware, she said she thought "we should've had total involvement (in the Vietnam war) or get out. I'm not for this half and half. . . . I believe there will always be some kind of war. . . ." Married for only 4½ months, Mrs. Leidy is a secretary-stenographer for the Pennsylvania Department of Health. She is a Methodist.