

Klansman Wins Right To Stay Mum

NORFOLK, Sept. 16 (AP)—The state grand kliff of the United Klans of America has won a federal court ruling that he need not answer questions about klan operations asked by a federal grand jury sitting in Norfolk.

U. S. District Court Judge Richard B. Kellam ruled Wednesday that Norman R. LeBlanc of Richmond, second in command of the Virginia UKA, does not have to answer questions about klan activities because the subpoena summoning him to testify states that LeBlanc was to be asked about the alleged possession of a firearm by George Wilson Elliot, a felon.

Robert Hudgins of Richmond, grand dragon of the state klan, said LeBlanc was willing to testify concerning the firearms case.

"The U. S. attorney asked two questions about Elliot," said Hudgins, "and then he started asking questions about the klan."

Hudgins said this incident was one of several on the part of U. S. attorneys and the FBI to harass the klan.

Jack Bellamy, who accompanied Hudgins, said he lost his job as a Richmond policeman because of FBI pressure.