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'The Conspiracy'

Behind the mask: Who?

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The prosecution of the so-called "Chicago Conspiracy," stems, allegedly, from the 1968 Democratic Convention Week disorders. They are charged with violating the new federal anti-riot law, the so-called Stokely Carmichael

act, so named because his crossing state-lines activities gave rise, supposedly, to the legislation.

In the fall of 1968, with a minimum of press and TV fanfare--or none at all--five of the eight persons later known as the Chicago Conspiracy, brought a civil injunction suit in the U.S. District Court in Chicago--the National Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam, individually and on behalf of all other organizations similarly situated; David Dellinger, Rennie Davis, Thomas Hayden, Jerry Rubin, Abbie Hoffman, each individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated, plaintiffs, versus Thomas A. Foran (U.S. Attorney, Chicago), et al., defendants.

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THE ALLEGED or avowed purpose of the suit was to have the federal court strike down the anti-riot law as unconstitutional and enjoin and prevent Dellinger, Davis, et al, from possible prosecution thereunder.

In short, they said they believed the law applied to their activities and they wanted to head off, by court order, federal grand jury criminal in-

dictments, which they feared were in the works.

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Chicago U.S. District Judge Abraham L. Marovitz dismissed the suit.

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(Marovitz, according to other undisputed federal court documents, is a member of the crime cartel in Chicago. See, page from Blakey Report, Case No. 16615, U.S. Court of Appeals, 7th Circuit, Chicago, May 28, 1968.

Persons closely connected with Rennie Davis et al., were quite aware of this.)

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ON APPEAL to the U.S. Court of Appeals in Chicago, the five avowed challengers, via their lawyer, presented their case to a three-judge federal appeals panel, including District Judge Cale J. Holder, a lower court judge sitting oddly enough by special order in the higher court.

Holder, as it happens, had been president and director of the American Legion.

Another panel member, Federal Circuit Judge Walter J. Cummings, Jr., is, together with his family, substantial stockholders in Chicago's Continental Illinois National Bank & Trust Co., eighth largest U.S. bank and benefitted by myriad war industry customers and depositors.

Of this, the five challengers said nothing.

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The appeals panel affirmed the dismissal by Marovitz. In their written and published Opinion of the Court, May 27, 1969, No. 17274, the judges state that Dellinger, Davis, et al., did NOT attack the constitutionality of a key Civil Disorder provision which deals with police.

It is under that same provision that the Conspiracy 8 were indicted and are now being prosecuted.

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Much has been said by Rennie Davis, in the streets and elsewhere, about the "pigs", followed by a string of school boy curses. But when

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Davis et al., were in court, to supposedly attack the law, the record shows that they laid down and played dead.

THE RESULT is that, thanks to Rennie Davis, et al., the anti-riot law is now constitutional--it is a legal

landmark, a so-called tombstone case.

The horrendous feature of the civil suit is that it was brought, and accepted in court, as a class action--meaning that it is binding on all organizations and all persons similarly situated who cross state lines, etc., irrespective

of the fact that those other persons and groups were not in court.

Being a class action, it binds other persons and groups by its effect--persons and groups who do not even know of this great put down.

Other investigation of the self-styled "Conspiracy," reveals equally startling facts.

For example:

ITEM - The Chicago Conspiracy has an office in Rooms 404-407, inclusive, at 28 E. Jackson Blvd., Chicago. According to little known but undisputed court documents, it was a federally-owned building at the time of leasing of those offices.

The leases with Rennie Davis et al., required the permission of the U.S. government as well as that of a state court. It is that same U.S. government that purportedly is prosecuting Davis et al.

ITEM - Rennie Davis' father, John Cordon Davis, has held a major position in the administration of the federal government from the time of President Truman to date.

The elder Davis supervised the shipyards during World War II, and in more recent years has been a major mogul in the U.S. Department of Labor and the U.S. government National Science Foundation, closely linked to the CIA and counter-insurgency programs.

ITEM - According to undisputed court documents, Rennie Davis was allowed and permitted to go beyond the jurisdiction of the Chicago federal court and out of the country, while he was there being criminally prosecuted.

All this, while Rennie Davis according to the same document, apparently worked for

the U.S. State Department.

Is it only coincidental that in many federal districts the counter-insurgency program is run out of offices pretendedly U.S. State Department? That is so in the federal building in Chicago.

THE USUALLY unflappable Rennie Davis recently was confronted with much of the foregoing, to which he did not have an answer but almost flipped.

Of the "Chicago 8", Bobby Seale is the one who appears to be for real, and apparently is innocent of participation in any government put-up and put-down.

If it walks like a duck and quacks like a duck, what is it?

Behind the mask of the "Conspiracy": WHO?