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# 6 Plead Innocent Of Convention Plot

GAINESVILLE, Fla.—Six Members of the Vietnam Veterans Against the War pleaded innocent yesterday to charges of conspiring to bomb and shoot up the Republican National Convention, but told a judge they were guilty of war crimes in Indochina.

U.S. District Court Judge David L. Middlebrooks set their trial date for Oct. 10 in Gainesville and allowed the defendants to remain free under \$25,000 bond each.

Middlebrooks accepted innocent pleas on the conspiracy charges, but brushed off the fatigues-wearing veterans' confessions of guilt in committing atrocities in Vietnam.

The arraignment was held a day after the close of the three-day Republican National Convention, during which an estimated 1,000 VVAW members joined other young demonstrators.

The indictment of the six was returned a month ago by a federal grand jury which met in Tallahassee, Fla. Another four VVAW members are being held in that city on contempt charges for refusing to cooperate with the jury.

The six VVAW members arraigned were Scott Camil, 26, of Miami; Donald P. Perdue, 23, Hallandale, Fla.; Alton C. Foss, 25, Miami; William J. Patterson, 24, El Pasco, Tex.; Peter Mahoney, 23, New York City, and John W. Kniffen, 23, Austin, Tex.