

Dismissal Is Denied Veterans

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GAINESVILLE, Fla., Aug. 27 (AP)—Defendants in the Vietnam Veterans Against the War conspiracy trial failed to convince a federal judge today that they should be acquitted without presenting their case to the jury.

U.S. District Court Judge Winston E. Arnow denied without comment motions to dismiss each of the five counts in the indictment charging conspiracy to riot and create disorder during the 1972 Republican National Convention in Miami Beach.

Arnow announced his decision after a 15-minute recess, following nearly five hours of arguments by both sides on the motion.

The jury will resume hearing testimony Tuesday morning when the defense calls its first witness.

Defendant Scott Camil urged Arnow to dismiss the charges, saying it was not the antiwar activists who should be found guilty but the government. Arnow warned he would find the VVAW coordinator in contempt of court if he continued that line of argument.

Attorney Morton Stavis made a general argument for exoneration.

"The government's entire case centers on the Gainesville meeting," Stavis said, adding that testimony showed defendants Alton C. Foss, Donald P. Perdue and John K. Briggs of Gainesville were not present or included in any agreement, if one was made.