

BERRIGAN PLOT TRIAL DELAYED FOR A WEEK

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HARRISBURG, Pa., Jan. 4 (UPI)—A Federal district judge today postponed for one week the trial of eight persons charged with plotting to kidnap Henry A. Kissinger, the Presidential adviser.

Judge R. Dixon Herman ordered the postponement until Jan. 17 because he must appear Monday before the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit in Philadelphia in connection with a suit filed against him. He was sued for refusing to grant the eight defendants, including the Rev. Philip F. Berrigan, a hearing on issues in-

volving the Government's use of electronic equipment to gather evidence against them.

"If we were to start the trial with that pending it seems that this court would be out of line," Judge Herman said.

He also said that nearly 600 of the 2,200 veniremen called for the trial, originally scheduled to begin next Monday, had asked to be excused from jury duty. He said that their requests had not yet been acted upon by the court.

Judge Herman had scheduled a hearing today in connection with materials confiscated by Federal agents in New York and Philadelphia in their investigation of the case, but it was canceled when the Government agreed not to use the material.