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7 Errors in Informer's Testimony

HARRISBURG (Pa.) — (UPI) — Defense attorneys confronted government informer Boyd Douglas Jr. today with seven discrepancies between his court testimony and reports he made to the FBI about the Rev. Philip Berrigan and six other anti-war activists.

Douglas, 31, showing signs of wear after seven consecutive days of grueling cross examination, admitted he had changed his story since appearing as the key prosecution witness.

But the former convict explained that the trial atmosphere "refreshes my memory." The defense had accused him of making the false reports.

Rejects Mistrial

His testimony came after Federal Judge R. Dixon Herman rejected a second motion by the defense for a mistrial. Herman denied a similar request yesterday.

Douglas said one of the defendants, the Rev. Joseph Wenderoth, told him on Sept. 5, 1970, that Eqbal Ahmad, a Pakistani scholar also on trial, was feared in the anti-war movement because he was prone to violence.

Defense Attorney Leonard Boudin then showed Douglas two reports he made to the FBI on Sept. 5.

"Show me the references that Dr. Ahmad is prone to violence," Boudin asked.

"There isn't any," Douglas replied.

'Memory Refreshed'

"This report doesn't even mention Eqbal Ahmad, does it?" Boudin said.

"No," Douglas replied, then added:

"There's a lot of testimony I gave in this courtroom that refreshes my memory when I testify."

"Now your memory is refreshed, but it wasn't refreshed in August and September of 1970, contemporaneous with the events?" Boudin asked.

Judge Herman then upheld a government objection to the question and told Douglas that he did not have to answer.