

2d Right-Winger Pleads Guilty In Plot to Kill 158 as Too Liberal

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A thin, sallow-faced right-wing extremist, accused of plotting to kill 158 persons identified with civil-rights and left-wing causes, halted his trial here yesterday to plead guilty to two of nine charges against him.

The defendant, William Hoff, a 34-year-old machinist of 277 Warren Street, Brooklyn, who has been linked to the American Nazi party, the Minutemen, the Ku Klux Klan and the States Rights party, entered his plea on the third day of his trial before State Supreme Court Justice Theodore R. Kupferman.

Assistant District Attorney Samuel S. Yasgur recommended that the Court accept his admission to charges of conspiracy to murder and possession of dangerous weapons and instruments. The prosecutor said it would be "adequate scope for any punishment the Court might impose." Hoff's lawyer, John Napolitano, agreed.

Hoff was remanded to jail for sentencing on Sept. 26. He could receive 22 years in prison.

He and Paul Dommer, 30, an electrician of 25-89 36th Avenue, Astoria, Queens, were indicted last October for plotting to "injure, intimidate and terrorize" the leaders, members and sympathizers of the Congress of Racial Equality, Students for a Democratic Society, Progressive Labor party, the Draft Resistance Movement and other antiwar and civil-rights organizations.

Dommer pleaded guilty last February to third-degree con-

spiracy and criminal solicitation. He could receive up to two years in prison.

Hoff did not challenge the testimony of a key witness, Detective William Plackenmeyer, a 24-year-old undercover agent who brought about the arrest of the two rightists last Aug. 26 near 86th Street and West End Avenue.

The detective testified that Hoff had given him an orange-juice can packed with TNT to detonate at the doorstep of a Draft Resistance Movement member, Carl J. Henke, of 29 East 12th Street.

"I suppose you didn't know Plackenmeyer was a policeman," said Justice Kupferman, who conducted the trial without a jury at Hoff's request.

Hoff smiled wanly and replied: "No, I didn't know."

Listening attentively was Hoff's brother, the Rev. Donald Hoff, a Methodist minister from Elmira, N. Y., who, according to the District Attorney's office, is a member of the Draft Resistance Movement and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Leaders of both groups were marked for death in William Hoff's plans.

Other intended victims included James Farmer, now Deputy Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare; Roy Innis, director of CORE; Mark Rudd, a leader of Students for a Democratic Society, and Mrs. Carolyn Goodman, Mrs. Fanny Lee and Nathan Schwerner, parents of the three civil rights workers murdered in Mississippi in 1964.