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New York, Oct. 12 (AP)- A former undercover agent for the FBI, testifying yesterday in the trial of three students accused of going to Cuba in 1963 in defiance of a state department ban, surprised the prosecution by renouncing all connection with the U.S. Justice Department.

The witness, Richard D. Riemann, 29, a junior high school teacher in San Francisco, identified himself in federal court as an FBI undercover agent on the trip and then added:

"Were it not for the implicit force in the government subpoena, I would not willingly testify."

"I also renounce all past paid and unpaid connections with the Department of Justice through the FBI. And I would also add that if there is any wrongdoing here, it has been the government's."

Chief asst. U.S. Atty. Vincent T. McCarthy told Chief Judge Joseph J. Zavatt that it was "quite a surprise to us to hear" Riemann's testimony.

William Hipkiss, a Justice Department lawyer, told the court that Riemann had volunteered to serve the FBI.

On trial without a jury are Levi Laub, 27, formerly of Columbia University, Stefan Martinot, 26, formerly of Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio, and Anatol Schlosser, 28, formerly of New York University. All three live in Manhattan.

The trio are charged with violation of a section of the U.S. Code which prohibits entry or departure from this country without a valid passport.

The government contends the three did not have valid passports when they flew to Cuba, by way of Canada and Europe, in 1963. ~~The~~ The trip lasted from about June 23 to Aug. 1. It was charged that Schlosser was an organizer of the trip.

Riemann's testimony was the first disclosure at the trial that a U.S. government undercover man had gone on the trip with the 58 other

students.

There was no further testimony explaining his renunciation of
connections with the state department.^(sic)

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