

Young Gainesville 8 Jury Empaneled

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GAINESVILLE, Fla., Aug. 2—

A jury with an average age of 31 was empaneled today in the trial of the Gainesville 8, and Federal District Judge Winston E. Arnow immediately ordered them sequestered.

The eight—seven antiwar Vietnam veterans and a supporter—are charged with plotting an assault on the Republican National Convention with an automatic weapon as well as a crossbow and slingshot.

The defendants and their attorneys appeared buoyed by the composition of the jury, which numbered among its 12 members eight jurors under 30, three black persons, seven women and one Vietnam veteran.

The defense, in exercising its challenges, used a social science survey technique developed in recent trials of radicals.

Hearing on Agents

Judge Arnow announced that he would hold a hearing into the presence of two Federal Bureau of Investigation agents laden with telephone and electronics equipment in a broom closet next to the defense attorney's offices in the courthouse. The F.B.I. men, with a suitcase containing equipment, were discovered in the closet, which contains telephone Centrex terminals as the trial began Tuesday evening.

Previously, the judge had turned down defense motions for a hearing, but indicated that he would reconsider after the jury selection.

The judge said he was sequestering the jury because of the "unusual publicity" surrounding the case. He also announced that a courtroom session would be held Saturday morning in hopes of speeding the trial.

Since January, a team of social scientists headed by Jay Shulman, a former college professor, has been working on a survey of potential jurors, in a technique that members of the group had successfully developed in the Berrigan and Camden 28 cases.

The survey involved such techniques as demographic

mapping of Gainesville and the outlying counties, studies of the backgrounds of potential jurors and their relatives, computerized studies done by student volunteers from the University of Florida establishing relative weights for such factors as professional background, as well as an intense study of the mannerisms of prospective jurors—how they held their hands, stood from their seats, or responded to the judge's questions.

Demographic Study

In an article describing the Berrigan jury selection in the May issue of "Psychology Today" five of the participants in that project said that their "ideal juror" was "a female Democrat with no religious

preference in a white-collar job or a skilled blue-collar job."

Here, according to sources close to the defense, the social scientists aimed for a jury weighted with young women, some blacks, workers with independent views and a suspicion of authority, people with a professional background and, most important, people who they felt would be tolerant of differing life styles.

The jury included the wife of a college professor, a young elementary school teacher, two young black men—one of whom is a Vietnam veteran, a middle-aged black woman who works as a maid, a coed and a young woman seen eating at the lunch break at a counter-culture health food store.