

Surprise Informer In Veterans' Trial

Gainesville, Fla.

A pudgy department store detective and formal pal of the defendants in the conspiracy trial of eight anti-war veterans was unmasked yesterday as another FBI informer.

Charles H. Becker of New Orleans testified the FBI paid his travel expenses and gave him a salary to infiltrate meetings of the Vietnam Veterans Against the War.

"It hurts," said Peter P. Mahoney of New York, a defendant and former national coordinator of the veterans group. Mahoney, who was a close friend of Becker's in New Orleans, said he wasn't convinced Becker was an informer until he showed up to testify for the government this week.

With Becker and another FBI informer, William H.

Lemmer, as key witnesses, the government is trying to prove that the eight defendants conspired to disrupt the 1972 Republican National convention with violence.

Judge Winston E. Arnow threatened to hold defense attorneys in contempt of court as the trial resumed yesterday after a day's recess caused by the illness of a juror.

Camil had asked the court to "allow 60 seconds of silence for prayer or meditation" in observance of the halt of the bombing in Cambodia. Arnow refused but the six attorneys and several defendants remained standing in silence for about a minute anyway.

When the jury left the room, the judge asked the six to come forward to the bench. Arnow stopped short of citing them for contempt

but said, "What went on was utterly out of order and utterly improper."

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