

Defense Stunned At Veterans' Trial

Gainesville, Fla.

The defendants in an antiwar conspiracy trial charged yesterday the prosecution "put an agent in the defense camp" when a trusted friend and confidant of accused conspirator Scott Camil was revealed as an another government informant.

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The defendants were visibly stunned when assistant U.S. Attorney Jack Carrouth announced his next witness would be Emerson L. Poe, a friend of the eight defendants, seven of whom are members of the Vietnam Veterans Against the War. All are charged with conspiring to disrupt the Republican national Convention last year.

Defense attorneys objected to allowing Poe to testify on grounds he was once represented by some of the lawyers for the defendants and had participated in legal strategy sessions with them.

HEARING

Judge Winston E. Arnow ordered a hearing to decide whether he would allow the jury to hear Poe.

Poe was the third member of the group to be unmasked as an undercover government agent.

The two others are William H. Leminer and Charles H. Becker, who tes-

tified earlier that they infiltrated meetings at Camil's Gainesville home where the defendants allegedly plotted to provoke riots at the GOP convention.

A fourth government informer who was a not a member of the group, Louis Bernard Ancill of Detroit, testified Thursday.

Camil didn't suspect that Poe was an informer until Carrouth yesterday turned over copies of statements Poe had made to the FBI.

'TESTIMONY'

Defense attorney Morton Stavis, trying to block Poe's testimony, charged "the government invaded the defense camp" and planted an agent.

Earlier in the day an aide to U.S. Senator Edward Gurney, (Rep-Fla.), a member of the Senate Watergate committee, testified Camil told him he was planning demonstrations at the Republican convention and equipping the group's members with slingshots to "protest his operation" from police.

Owen Michael Carr, Gurney's special legislative assistant, said he lived across the street from Camil and the two were "on friendly terms" although their political philosophies differed. Carr was president of Young Americans for Freedom at the time.

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