

Seen by FBI, Says Official

Washington

FBI agents visited the Office of Federal Elections in 1972 to inspect the financial records of the socialist workers party and review lists of donors to the Trotskyite organization, a staff official of the Federal Election Commission said yesterday.

Larry McCoy, deputy assistant staff director of the commission, said that while he was assistant to the director of the Office of Federal Elections, two FBI agents came to the office, presented their credentials and asked to see the campaign reports of the party.

According to the socialist workers, 18 of the 96 persons whose names were disclosed in the party's financial reports of 1972 and 1974 have been "harassed by the FBI."

"Two were fired from their jobs, and 16 contributors or their parents, roommates, landlords, neighbors or employers received visits or calls from the FBI," the party said.

McCoy's statements were made in a deposition in the case taken August 31 and made public by the party yesterday.

His testimony appears to contradict an earlier sworn statement of Phillip S. Hughes, McCoy's boss. Hughes, the party said, testified that the FBI had never asked his office for information on socialist workers campaign contributors.

McCoy said after the agents had inspected the records, he walked with them to the door of the office and "they were somewhat surprised that the records that we had with donations and names and contributors, this type of thing, was available for public inspection just by anybody that walked in."

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