

U.S. Rests Case Against Gainsville 8

GAINESVILLE, Fla., Aug. 24 (AP)—The government rested its case today in the Gainesville Eight conspiracy trial, and the judge set Monday aside for motions by the defense.

The prosecution called 27 witnesses, seven of them informers who said the defendants, all members of the Vietnam Veterans Against the War, planned attacks with guns and bombs during the 1972 Republican National Convention.

Justice Department prosecutors said they had completed their case against the eight but said they might need to recall two witnesses.

Seven of the defendants are charged with plotting violence while the GOP met in Miami Beach. The eighth is charged with failing to report crimes by the others.

The defendants charged with conspiracy are Scott Camil, 26, and John Briggs, 20, of Gainesville; John Kniffin, 33, and William J. Patterson, 24, Austin, Tex.; Foss, 25, Hialeah, Fla.; Peter J. Mahoney, 23, New York City, and Perdue, 23, of Hollywood, Fla.

Stanley Michelson, 23, of Gainesville, is charged with failing to report crimes by the other seven.