

Bail Cut for Three in Alleged Bomb Plot

HARRISBURG, Jan. 15 (AP)—A Federal judge reduced bail today for two priests and a former priest indicted in an alleged kidnapping and bomb plot and placed them under the supervision of Lawrence Cardinal Shehan, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Baltimore.

At the same time a Federal grand jury looking into the case was recessed until Jan. 25 while Judge R. Dixon Herman of United States District Court considers objections on constitutional grounds by a nun who refuses to testify.

Judge Herman, in granting a petition, reduced bail to \$25,000 from \$50,000 on the Rev. Neil R. McLaughlin, 30 years old, and the Rev. Joseph R. Wenderoth, 35, and Anthony Scoblick, 30, all of Baltimore. Mr. Scoblick left the priesthood several months ago to marry a former nun.

The judge said the three men would have to pay 10 per cent of their bond in cash and ordered them not to leave Maryland and Pennsylvania. They must report every other day to Cardinal Shehan.

Francis X. Gallagher, attorney for the three men, said he expected bail money would be raised in time to free the men tomorrow morning. They have been held in Lebanon County Jail since their arrest Tuesday night in Baltimore.

They are among six persons indicted in Harrisburg on Tuesday on charges of planning to kidnap Henry A. Kissinger, President Nixon's national security adviser and to blow up heating systems in five government buildings in Washington last February.

Judge Herman recessed the jury today after hearing arguments from Jack Levine of Philadelphia, attorney for Sister Joques Egan, 32, of New York City, who said that a new Federal law that grants immunity to witnesses was unconstitutional because it allowed a witness to be indicted after he testified. Mr. Levine also charged that the grand jury's actions were illegal because it was asking questions not pertinent to its investigation.

Bucknell Group Testifies

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LEWISBURG, Pa., Jan. 15—Two students and two librarians from Bucknell University are among persons who have been questioned by the grand jury in Harrisburg.

The most active peace advocate of the four persons from Bucknell is Mrs. Zoia Horn, chief of public services at the university's library and head of its reference department.

The Government lists the three-story, red-brick colonial home she shares with her

mother here as the site of one of the "overt acts" on which it bases its allegations of conspiracy.

The persons indicted in Harrisburg, 60 miles south of here, have denied the charges and say the allegations are a Government effort to discredit opposition to the Vietnam war.

The Government contends that the "conspiracy" was directed by the Rev. Philip F. Berrigan, now in Federal prison in Danbury, Conn., while he was in the Federal Penitentiary here last year.

Father Berrigan received visitors at the penitentiary, and the Government contends that he and the visitors exchanged written communications during visits.

Warden Noah L. Alldredge said in an interview yesterday that such exchanges were not permitted but that the passing of notes unobserved might be possible. Mr. Alldredge arrived at Lewisburg after Father Berrigan was transferred to Danbury.

The visitors room at the penitentiary three miles northwest of this old colonial town of some 7,000 population is a large, high-ceilinged room next to the warden's office. About 20 tables are spaced throughout the room. Prisoners and visitors can sit face to face at them without barriers and confer with as much privacy as anyone might in, say, a company cafeteria. Only one officer supervises the room, and many of the tables are far from his desk.

Mrs. Horn, the former Zoia Polisar, was born in Odessa, Russia, and reared in Brooklyn.

She worked in public libraries in Summit and Montclair, N. J., and then was librarian at the Watchung Hills Regional High School in Warren Township, N. J. She became a reference librarian for the University of California at Los Angeles, then moved to Bucknell in 1968. She is 52 years old and divorced.

Two Called After Delay

Mrs. Horn and Patricia J. Rom, an assistant reference librarian at Bucknell, testified before the jury today after spending much of the week in Harrisburg awaiting a call.

Miss Rom, 27, was born in Paris, Ark., grew up in Lawton, Okla., worked in the library of Indiana State University in Evansville and came to Bucknell last year.

Two students who live in dormitories in the beautiful, 300-acre campus testified after grants of immunity forced them to. They are Jane E. Hoover of Sunbury, 11 miles south of here, and Mary E. Sandel of Hummelstown, near Harrisburg. Both are 21-year-old seniors who won academic honors in high school and have been on the dean's list several times at Bucknell.

Miss Sandel testified Wednesday and Miss Hoover yesterday. United States Attorney S. John Cottone said in Harrisburg that they had been given immunity "in the public interest." He indicated that previously they had asserted a constitutional right to refuse to answer some questions. They issued a statement attacking the proceedings in general terms.