

Key U.S. Witness 'FBI Provocateur'

HARRISBURG (P a.) — (AP) — Ramsey Clark, chief defense lawyer in the Harrisburg 7 conspiracy trial, says the government's key witness was "an agent provocateur" of the FBI.

Clark, the former U.S. attorney general and one-time boss of FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, also described the witness as "a sad person who's made lying a way of life."

Opener

The charges came yesterday as Clark made his opening statement in the trial of seven anti-war activists accused of plotting to kidnap presidential adviser Henry A. Kissinger in an effort to force an end to U.S. involvement in Vietnam.

Among the defendants are

Philip Berrigan, a Roman Catholic priest who allegedly masterminded the plot from his prison cell in Lewisburg federal prison, where he was serving a sentence for destroying draft board records.

Chief prosecutor William Lynch told the jury that the informer, fellow inmate Boyd Douglas Jr., kept the FBI "advised as to what was going on."

Douglas is not expected to testify until next week.

Heat Tunnels

Besides the kidnap plot, Berrigan and his six codefendants are accused of conspiring to blow up tunnels that carry heat to federal buildings in Washington and to vandalize draft boards around the country.