2 Silent in Venceremos Probe Jailed

Two witnesses were ordered to jail here yesterday on contempt of court charges for refusing to testify before the federal grand jury investigating Venceremos, the Peninsula-based revolutionary organization.

United States District Judge Spencer Williams ordered jail for Milton James Taulbee, a 23-year-old unemployed machinist of 464 Lotus lane, Mountain View, and his 26-year-old wife, Laura.

The judge gave Mrs. Taulbee a 24-hour stay of execution so she could arrange for care for their 18-month-old son, Jason, who was also in court.

Questions the couple refused to answer before the jury on Tuesday dealt mostly with the whereabouts during last October of Ronald Beaty, the escaped Chino convict who had allegedly been aided by Venceremos.

Beaty, who was captured on December 11, has told authorities that Venceremos members plotted his escape and helped him hide. On January 5, federal charges of harboring the escaper were dropped against fired Stanford University professor H. Bruce Franklin and three other reputed Venceremos associates.

But at that time, authorities announced they would instead seek grand jury indictments against the four.

The Taulbees declined to testify for a variety of reasons, including the right not to testify against a spouse.

Their attorney. David Maguire of Los Altos, told the judge his clients had 'no political or militant beliefs'

and he asked that they be granted bail or temporary stays pending an appeal.

But Judge Spencer turned that down and Maguire said he would go ahead with the appeal.