

IMMUNITY FORCED ON 3 WITNESSES

They Are Ordered to Testify
in U.S. Inquiry on Radicals

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SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 6—As part of a Federal inquiry into the activities of political radicals, three men were given immunity today and ordered to testify to a special Federal grand jury that convened here this week.

The order was entered by United States District Judge Robert F. Peckham on the application of attorneys from the Justice Department's Internal Security Division who are directing the presentation of witnesses to the grand jury. The grand jury investigation has been directed by Guy Goodwin, chief of the special litigation section of the Internal Security Division.

Through their attorneys, the witnesses resisted the grant of immunity. The attorneys were also advised by other lawyers affiliated with the American Civil Liberties Union's grand jury project and the National Lawyers Guild's grand jury defense office.

Both organizations have established special groups of lawyers to advise persons who are being forced to testify by use of the immunity provisions of the 1970 Federal Crime Act. The act has been frequently used to force reluctant witnesses to testify under threat of being jailed for contempt if they refuse.

Last year Leslie Bacon, a 19-year-old girl from Atherton, Calif., was jailed for contempt in Seattle when she refused to answer questions in what was described as an investigation into the bombing of the national Capitol. Miss Bacon was released on orders of an appeals court.

The immunity orders were entered today as to Daniel R. Rosenberg of San Francisco; Howard J. Berg, a Minneapolis engineer, and Dr. Phillip Craven, a Public Health Service doctor in San Juan, P. R.

There was no disclosure in court as to what they had been asked in their brief appearances before they refused to continue to answer, citing constitutional protections against self-incrimination.

Thirteen witnesses have been subpoenaed. Sources close to their defense said that when they had been interviewed by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation they had been asked about knowledge of the whereabouts of radicals sought on a variety of charges.