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Queries in Left Probe

Two witnesses have decided that answering questions before a federal grand jury investigating the radical Weatherman group here is more desirable than a jail sentence.

The pair responsed to all questions, their attorneys said, after the U.S. Supreme Court ruled they would go to jail if they persisted in remaining silent.

They are Daniel Rosenberg, 31, a San Francisco mechanic, and Howard Berg, 23, Minneapolis physicist and University of California a Berkeley graduate.

Too High

Berg said he still opposed a government grand jury procedure of compeling testimony through civil contempt. But, after the Supreme Court refused to stay a contempt sentence orded pending an appeal challenge, decided going to jail for up to 18 months was too high a price to pay.

The contempt sentence would run for the length of the grand jury term.

Berg said he was shown pictures of Weatherman leaders Mark Rudd and Naomi Jaffe but denied he knew them or had seen either one.

FBI Charges

Rosenberg denied knowing Kathy Boudin, alias Janet Patricia Scott, another leaded of the radical group which has claimed credit for a number of bombings.

The FBI lists Rudd, Jaffe and Boudin for unlawful flight stemming from the 1968 Democratic national convention disorders in Chicago.

Both Rosenberg and Berg testified that, as far as they knew, they had not acted as mail drop for any fugitives but they acknowledged they had been asked and had agreed to allow their mail addresses to be used by others.

Berg's attorney, Paul T. Halvenik, said the line of questioning by government prosecutors Robert Dierker and David Bancroft indicated the grand jury might return indictments charging harboring of fugitives.

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Dr. Philip Craven of Puerto Rico, a third witness held in contempt, will appear before the grand jury's next session in December, Bancroft said.