

U.S. COURT ORDERS WAR FOES FREED

3 Others in Tallahassee Case to Have Bail Cut

NEW ORLEANS, July 18 (UPI)—The United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit ordered Tuesday the release of four members of Vietnam Veterans Against the War who had been jailed in Florida, and a motion for reduction of bail was filed for three other members.

The four were jailed in connection with a week-long Federal grand jury investigation in Tallahassee, Fla., earlier this month into the activities of the antiwar organization.

The indictments and subsequent jailings were condemned on the floor of the Democratic National Convention last week in Miami Beach. The convention passed a resolution calling the grand jury investigation politically motivated.

The Government subpoenaed 23 members of the group. Four were charged with contempt of court and three others were indicted for conspiring to violate an antiriot act.

The appeals court ordered the Florida lower court to begin hearings of "serious and substantial" challenges of why the four members were denied bail.

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The four men had been given immunity from prosecution in the secret proceedings, but refused to testify by taking the Fifth Amendment oath.

They were identified as Robert Beverly of Austin, Tex.; John Chambers of St. Petersburg, Fla., and Jack Jennings and William Horton of Gainesville, Fla.

The three other members of the antiwar group held in the Leon County jail in Tallahassee asked the appellate court to order their \$25,000 bond reduced, contending that the bail was excessive and that the Florida court had denied their request without a hearing.

They are Scott Camil of Gainesville, John Kniffin of Austin and Peter Mahoney of New Orleans.

Mr. Camil is also charged with two other counts involving incendiary devices and allegedly instructing the two other defendants in using them for civil disorder.