

Informer Gives Few Details

Florida Jury Told Vet Talked of Attack Plan

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GAINESVILLE, Fla., Aug. 17—A Florida law enforcement informer who infiltrated the Florida Peoples Coalition during the period the antiwar group was planning demonstrations at national political conventions testified today that riot conspiracy defendant Scott Camil told him of plans to attack police during the Republican National Convention with rifles, hand grenades, bows and arrows and chemical weapons made out of balloons.

But upon further questioning about the plan by both the prosecution and defense, Louis Bernard Anchill could give no details. He told a defense attorney also that he had thought Camil was "egotistical and self-centered during the entire conversation" about alleged plans for violence.

Anchill, a tall, nervous man with a heavy mustache, was the third consecutive government witness who admitted to being a police informer during the VVAW investigation. He followed Charles Henry Becker III, who had kept his identity as an FBI informer secret until his appearance for the government this week, and William W. Lemmer, who had been revealed as an FBI informant during meetings in Gainesville last year at which the violence allegedly had been planned.

Camil told Anchill about his plans for violence at a meeting on May 14 of last year in Gainesville, the witness testified. At the same time, Anchill said, Camil talked of having an "underground system" within the military to "rip off" military supplies, including weapons.

But when Assistant U.S. Attorney Jack Carrouth tried to pin down Anchill for details of the plan, the witness looked blank. Legal sources said Anchill had given the FBI a four-page,

single-spaced, typed statement including alleged plots and activities he said were outlined by Camil but about which he did not testify yesterday.

"Were there any other discussions [about violence]?" Carrouth asked in apparent frustration at one point.

"No, not really," Anchill said.

Anchill said he had never been an FBI informer and refused to refer to his job with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement in that manner.

"I was a source of information," said Anchill, who was on the stand for only a little more than an hour. Becker has described himself earlier as an "intelligence operative" for the FBI. Lemmer referred to himself as an informant.

The defendants, all of whom are members of the Vietnam Veterans Against the War, are charged with conspiracy to riot at the Republican National Convention in Miami Beach last summer. They claim that the various law enforcement informers acted as agents provocateurs, and that the charge is a trumped-up plan by the Nixon administration to discredit the VVAW and justify the Watergate break-in.

Becker continued to be unable to recall more than a couple of specific statements that were made at the attic planning session or the manner in which any agreements were made to provoke violence at the Republican Convention.

"It was a general discussion," Becker said.

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MEXICO CITY, Aug. 16—Police said they suspect sabotage as the cause of a street sewer explosion here in which five people were hurt.