

# FBI Helped Vets Print Newsletter

GAINESVILLE (Fla.) — (UPI) — A newsletter circulated to Florida members of the Vietnam Veterans Against the War urged them to take along homemade bologos and ammonia-filled balloons for "self defense" at the 1972 Democratic National Convention in Miami Beach.

In one of the ironies of the conspiracy trial of eight VVAW members, an informer testified yesterday that the 75 copies were printed by the FBI.

Emerson L. Poe, an FBI informer who was Florida coordinator of the VVAW, testified that when he was asked to get the newsletter duplicated, he turned it over to FBI agent Claude Meadow. Later he picked up the copies and returned them to Scott Camil's house for mailing.

## Defendant

But defense attorneys were not at all upset that the government placed in evidence a copy of the newsletter, which was authored by Camil, a defendant.

are accused of plotting to disrupt the 1972 Republican National Convention with "fire teams" armed with high-powered rifles and homemade explosives.

While the newsletter warned the VVAW members to carry radios, gas masks and motorcycle helmets — as well as the homemade bologos and ammonia balloons — it repeatedly stated "This is purely a defensive measure.

"The Florida VVAW will take defensive action against any provocateurs whether they are police or vets," the newsletter stated. "We will not allow provocateurs to endanger the safety and well being of the people who have come to Miami with the intent of exercising their constitutional right and duty of participating in the shaping of this country."

## Guide

Poe, who was Camil's close friend until Friday when he was unmasked as an informer, testified under cross examination that he presided over a VVAW meeting where the newsletter was discussed as a guide to convention plans.

"Wasn't it clear to you that the only plan for Miami was the plan that appeared as government exhibit four (the newsletter)?" asked Defense Attorney Morton Stavis.

"Yes, sir, I believe it was," Poe answered.