

SEGRETTI QUOTED ON FLORIDA SPYING

Jersey Man Says Lawyer
Tried to Recruit Him

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A New Jersey man says that Donald H. Segretti told him last spring of the political espionage and disruption directed against Democratic Presidential candidates in the Florida primary, holding up the tactics as "examples" of what could be done to help re-elect President Nixon.

Eric Joice, 23 years old, of Fair Haven, said in an interview that Mr. Segretti had approached him last April to ask for his help and had cited the Florida activities to illustrate what he meant.

Democrats in Florida complained that bogus campaign literature and misleading press releases were sent out on various candidates' stationery during the primary race, antagonizing voters and disrupting some public appearances.

Deep Dark Fears

Mr. Segretti, a 31-year-old lawyer and college classmate of Dwight L. Chapin, a White House aide, has been accused of crisscrossing the country to recruit undercover agents in an alleged campaign to interfere with Democratic candidates. More than a dozen people have told newsmen that they were approached for that purpose by Mr. Segretti.

Mr. Joice said that Mr. Segretti telephoned him in April and asked to have lunch with him. The next day, the two spent 45 minutes together in a luncheonette, where Mr. Segretti presented himself not as

a Nixon worker, Mr. Joice recalled, but "as a disinterested party almost, a person who had some money who was willing to use it to see that President Nixon got re-elected."

"The whole pitch was not so much for Nixon as anti-Democrats," Mr. Joice said. "You didn't get the impression from him that you were expected to work for the President, just the deep dark fears of what would happen to the country if it fell into the hands of the Democrats."

Mr. Segretti seemed interested in the outcome of the New Jersey primary, according to Mr. Joice, although he never specified what it was he wanted the young man to do. He merely described the Florida effort, without saying that he was personally involved, and left the impression that he wanted similar tactics employed elsewhere, Mr. Joice said.

Never Followed Up

Mr. Joice, who headed the Students for the Re-election of the President at the University of Miami and who is now a paid worker at Monmouth County Republican headquarters, said that he gave Mr. Segretti no sign that he would help him, and as a result, Mr. Segretti never followed up the conversation.

Mr. Joice declined to relate the specifics that he said Mr. Segretti had described in the Florida effort, but he said they were the same as those reported last week in The New York Times involving false campaign literature and the like.

Segretti Moves Cited

Special to The New York Times

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 1 — Donald H. Segretti asked about

joining a local Democratic club here shortly before the California primary last spring and at about the same time apparently volunteered to work in the campaign of Senator George McGovern.

In another development, an Orange County lawyer reported that Mr. Segretti had approached him last spring and asked if he knew any long-haired, "radical-looking" youths who might want to work at the Republican Convention in San Diego and "have some fun." The convention was later shifted to Miami Beach.

Mr. Segretti, who changed his party enrollment to Democratic last April, received a letter during the California primary urging support for Yvonne Braithwaite, a candidate for the party's Congressional nomination.

According to Sanford Weiner, a party worker in the area, the letter also asked the recipient whether he was interested in

receiving information about how to join a Democratic club. A coupon was attached. A check of party records shows that Mr. Segretti returned the coupon requesting the information, Mr. Weiner said today.

The Orange County lawyer, Byron J. Beam, said in an interview that Mr. Segretti was an old college friend. They had lunch together last April, and Mr. Segretti made his request for the long-haired youths, Mr. Beam said.

Mr. Beam was uncertain what Mr. Segretti wanted the youths for, but he remembers his friend mentioning "a few demonstrations" and "other activities that might be planned at the Republican Convention."

The lawyer added: "When I asked him if it had anything to do with Dwight Chapin or Ron Ziegler — we both knew them at school—he looked at me with a big smile on his face and said, 'Let's just say I

have connections in high places.'"

Various publications have linked Mr. Segretti's activities to Mr. Chapin, a close aide to President Nixon. But the White House has denied all knowledge of any campaign of disruption against the Democrats.