

**N.Y. Court Intervenes****FBI Presence Barred  
At Socialists' Meeting**

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NEW YORK, Dec. 16 — The federal court judge here from conducting surveillance of a Dec. 28 national convention of the Young Socialist Alliance, a youth branch of the Socialist Workers' Party.

U.S. District Court Judge Thomas Griesa said the YSA's "Rhetoric of revolution" has failed to justify FBI surveillance, and he ordered federal agents and any of their informants to stay away from the upcoming convention.

"You've been looking at this group for 35 years and you haven't produced one single solitary crime or incitement to violence in the U.S. by anyone in this organization," Griesa said in a bench opinion.

A longer, written opinion by Griesa is expected to be issued on Tuesday.

Leonard Boudin, a lawyer for the Socialist group, said the ruling represented "the first time in American history that a federal court has pro-

hibited FBI surveillance of any organization"

The government had admitted that it routinely monitors Socialists' conventions because such groups have advocated the violent overthrow of the U.S. government.

The YSA said it accidentally learned of the FBI's surveillance plans when a hotel convention official told Socialist officials that government agents had inquired about which rooms the group has reserved. On Oct. 25, the YSA filed a motion for a preliminary injunction prohibiting FBI surveillance.

YSA attorney Herbert Jordan argued that the presence of FBI agents would inhibit attendance at the convention, and therefore would be a violation of the First Amendment.

Griesa's order is part of a broader civil liberties suit filed by the YSA and the Socialist Workers' Party, seeking injunctions against "illegal surveillance and harassment."