

A Try to Block FBI Surveillance

Washington

The Young Socialist Alliance asked Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall yesterday for an order blocking FBI surveillance of its national convention, opening tomorrow in St. Louis.

Marshall will hear arguments of attorneys at a closed hearing in his chambers at 11 a.m. today, a court spokesman said. A decision is expected shortly thereafter.

The alliance, a youth affil-

iate of the Socialist Workers party, appealed to Marshall after losing in the U.S. Court of Appeals in New York.

A federal judge had granted an order blocking surveillance, but the circuit court overturned this decision on Tuesday.

The appeal justices said the FBI "proposes to do only what — indeed, apparently less than — it has done without serious adverse effect before."

They said an injunction

against the surveillance threatened to reveal the identity of government informers.

The FBI has contended that although the Young Socialist Alliance renounces violence, a minority within the group advocates violent means.

Leonard Boudin, attorney for the socialist group, said the alliance sought the court order after learning the FBI intended to attend the convention.

He said government attor-

neys had advised the district judge in New York that the FBI intended to have informers posing as participants in the convention.

"How can we inculcate respect for the Constitution and the democratic process when it is polluted by FBI agents posing as fellow discussants?" Boudin asked.

Solicitor General Robert H. Bork is scheduled to reply for the government at informal hearing today.

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