

SOCIALISTS FAIL TO BAR THE F.B.I.

Group Is Told Informers
Have Right to Attend
St. Louis Convention

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 27—Associate Justice Thurgood Marshall of the United States Supreme Court denied today an appeal by the Young Socialist Alliance to bar the Federal Bureau of Investigation from attending and monitoring its convention in St. Louis.

The alliance, which is the youth organization of the Socialist Workers party, begins its political convention tomorrow. It had sought to bar undercover F.B.I. agents from attending and had won such an order in Federal District Court in New York City. The United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit overturned the ruling, however.

Today Justice Marshall upheld the Court of Appeals in a six-page opinion after closed hearings in his chambers.

After the ruling lawyers for the alliance took the matter to Associate Justice Lewis F. Powell Jr., but he declined to hear the case.

"While the applicants' allegations evoke an unsavory picture of deceit and political sabotage [on the part of the F.B.I.], the facts as characterized by the Court of Appeals suggest a less sinister view of the Government's planned activities," Justice Marshall wrote.

The Only Method

He noted that anyone under age 29 could attend, that the Government had planned no electronic surveillance or disruptive activity and "that the only investigating method would be the use of informants who would attend the meetings just as any other member of the public would be permitted to do."

He added, however, that the dangers inherent in undercover "investigation are even more pronounced when the investigated activity threatens to dampen the exercise of First Amendment rights."

The First Amendment states that citizens have the right "peaceably to assemble," and

the rights to freedom of the press, freedom of speech and freedom of religion.

Justice Marshall wrote, "The Government has stated that it has not authorized any disruptive activity at the convention. In addition, the Government has represented that it has no intention of transmitting any information obtained at the convention to nongovernmental entities such as schools or employers. I shall hold the Government to both representations as a condition of this order."

The Appellate Court had ruled that the planned surveillance could be carried out "on condition that the Federal Bureau of Investigation refrain from transmitting the names of persons attending the convention to the Civil Service Commission pending further order."

Socialists Reveal Candidates

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ST. LOUIS, Dec. 27—The Socialist Workers party announced here today that Peter Camejo of Boston and New York and Willie Mae Reid of Chicago would be its candidates for President and Vice President, respectively, in the 1976 national election.

The party's youth wing, the Young Socialist Alliance, will begin its five-day national convention at the Jefferson Hotel here tomorrow. Mr. Camejo, 35 years old, called for a "bill of rights for working people." He said, "The Constitution protects the Rockefeller billions by law. We feel the right to a job should be protected by law also."

He called for public works projects to provide full employment, automatic cost-of-living increases, nationalization of failing businesses to protect workers' jobs and a "100 percent income tax" on all personal income over \$25,000 a year.

Miss Reid, also 35, has been a community organizer in Chicago's West Side. She was one of the founders of the Women's Abortion Action Coalition in Chicago and has announced that she will run for Mayor next year against Richard J. Daley.

Both Mr. Camejo and Miss Reid reaffirmed the party's support for busing to bring about school integration in Boston. The party is a major organizer of the National Student Conference Against Racism, to be held in Boston on Feb. 14 and 15.

In a reference to the alliance's suit to prevent surveillance of the convention by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Mr. Camejo asked at a news conference, "Would any F.B.I. agents here stand?" No one budged in the crowd of 25.