

Jury may soon decide fate of two FBI men

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WASHINGTON — Chief U.S. District Judge William Bryant planned to instruct a jury Wednesday so it could begin deliberations in the trial of two top FBI officials. They allegedly broke the law in approving break-ins in 1972 and 1973 to hunt for fugitive members of the Weather Underground.

W. Mark Felt, 67, and Edward S. Miller, 56, the bureau's former No. 2 and No. 3 men, are charged with conspiring to commit civil rights violations by approving break-ins — known as "black bag jobs" — at the New York and New Jersey homes of five friends and relatives of the fugitive radicals.

The precedent-setting trial included testimony from Richard Nixon, John Mitchell and Richard Kleindienst.

If convicted, Felt and Miller face a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

John W. Nields Jr., the government's chief prosecutor, alleging the break-ins violated Fourth Amendment protections against unreasonable searches, charged FBI officials kept the practice secret because they knew "from the top of their heads to the bottom of their socks they were doing something wrong."

Nixon testified at the trial that he gave authority to the FBI to conduct break-ins in national security cases.

Foreign-taught docs feared inferior

American students in foreign med schools deny reports

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EL PASO — An upcoming U.S. government report is expected to charge that an increasing number of students rejected by American medical schools turn to substandard Caribbean and Mexican institutions and eventually return to the U.S. to become licensed physicians.

But a Texas Tech Regional Academic Health Center official in El Paso said recently such studies should not have impugned the educational programs provided at many reputable foreign medical schools.

Maria Elena Flood, Health Center administrator for personnel and academic affairs, said, "We should not make statements that blanket all foreign medical schools along with those that are, shall we say, 'fly-by-night.'"

The congressional study found that one school was established in Cincinnati by a man whose son failed to qualify for an American school. After two years of legal hassles in Ohio, the school was moved to the Caribbean.

American students at the University of Juarez School of Medicine, across the Rio Grande from El Paso, say classes south of the border are harder than in comparable institutions in the U.S. They deny their school is inferior in any way to American facilities.

Catherine Warner, 28, received a bachelor's degree from the University of California at Davis and her master's degree in psychology from Purdue University.

"I am familiar with the standards at American schools, and I can tell you that I've worked harder here at Juarez than at either California or Purdue," she said.

There are more than 100 foreign students — most of them Americans — at the University of Juarez Medical School. The

"We should not make statements that blanket all foreign medical schools along with those that are, shall we say, 'fly-by-night.'"

Association of American Medical Colleges estimates 1,000 Americans are studying in similar foreign schools.

"There is widespread fear among the nation's doctors that these people become second-class physicians," said Dr. August Swanson, the AAMC's director of academic affairs. He said state medical boards are partly to blame, because their examinations for would-be physicians fail to weed out poorly trained candidates.

Swanson said American-trained doctors who take the state tests routinely outscore students who complete their studies south of the border.

But in El Paso, Dr. William Scragg, acting associate dean at the Texas Tech facility, said U.S. residency programs require a foreign-educated physician to pass an exam "that many American physicians could not pass today."

He said the tests effectively eliminate poorly educated physicians from U.S. training programs.

The issue of poorly trained doctors was raised in Congress by a General Accounting Office study that noted the number of understaffed, under-equipped foreign medical schools catering to Americans had increased over the past decade.

The study raised doubts about the quality of training by newly opened schools on the tiny islands of Dominica, Grenada and Montserrat and in Mexico and the Dominican Republic.

Swanson said only a few of the schools provide American-style training in which students become part of a medical practice treating the sick.

"The first real medical training these people from the Caribbean and Mexico get is when they do their internships in American hospitals," Swanson said.

But Flood said a distinction should be made between "phony" medical schools and those which provide a real education.

There are some Caribbean and Mexican schools that provide quality medical education, she said.

The Texas Tech health center traditionally provides graduate training to American-born physicians who attend foreign medical schools.

Last year about 30 percent of the center's 65 residents were educated at foreign medical schools.

These doctors, Flood said, were mostly Texas residents. Many of these physicians were educated in medical schools in Guadalajara, Monterey and Juarez.

To practice medicine in the United States, a physician has been graduated from medical school — foreign or domestic — and must have completed a one-to-seven-year training program.

Physicians enrolled in clinical programs are known as residents. The Tech center also trains foreign-born physicians with the expectation that they will return to their home countries, Flood said.

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Democratic senator now in minority

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WASHINGTON — Sen. Lloyd M. Bentsen, D-Texas, acknowledged Wednesday he is part of the nation's newest minority and promised to work with president-elect Ronald Reagan to solve the nation's problems.

"He is a Republican and I am a Democrat, but far more important, we are both Americans," Bentsen said.

"We are not going to get the job done with partisan backbiting."

Council urges federal action

Campus sex harassment target

United Press International
WASHINGTON — A presidential advisory council is calling on the federal government, which already does lots of similar things, to get involved in protecting students from sexual harassment on campus.

A report entitled "Sexual Harassment of Students," issued by the National Advisory Council on Women's Educational Programs, says sexual harassment on campus is illegal and that the problem is serious enough to compel federal involvement.

An example of sexual harassment on campus: A professor makes a deal with a student: "Sleep with me," says the professor, "and you won't need to worry about a good grade in this course."

This is an extreme example, but

probers for the council say it does happen.

As part of the study, the council requested information from sexual harassment victims and others who knew of incidents.

A few institutions reported on their procedures for handling the problems.

The Congress-created council set out over a year ago to examine ways in which Uncle Sam can and should assist in protecting students from being sexually harassed by faculty, staff or other employees of educational institutions.

The report sorted the sexual harassment reports into five categories of activities perceived by victims. These ranged from generalized sexist remarks or behavior to sexual

crimes and misdemeanors.

"Victims usually feel isolated and try to cope with even severe sexual harassment on their own," said Susan Margaret Vance, council chairman.

"Only a few institutions have adequate mechanisms for dealing with this increasingly visible problem."

"Clearly, action by colleges and universities is required as well as by the federal government, which is responsible for enforcing legislation prohibiting sex discrimination in education," she said.

Here are the steps the council has recommended the federal government take to protect students from sexual harassment:

—That the Office of Civil Rights in the U.S. Department of Education immediately issue and widely distribute a policy to specifically establish sexual harassment as a sex-based discrimination in violation of Title IX, and that other Federal agencies with

Title IX enforcement responsibilities adopt those guidelines.

—That the president issue an executive order directing all agencies administering sex discrimination laws or provisions to promulgate explicit prohibitions of sexual harassment under those jurisdictions.

—That federal enforcement agencies develop and make available to colleges, universities, and advocate groups technical assistance packages meant to increase awareness and reduce tolerance for harassment on campus.

—That federal grant programs with equal educational opportunities priorities encourage and support search to further understand and combat sexual harassment, and that the results of that research be distributed.

Copies of the report are in the National Advisory Council on Women's Educational Programs, 1832 M Street, NW, Suite 500, Washington, D.C. 20036.

Worker charged with killing boss

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NEW ORLEANS — An angry postal worker shot his female supervisor to death with an automatic rifle and then wounded a security guard in a brief gun battle while fleeing, New Orleans police said Tuesday. The gunman was arrested minutes later in a hospital emergency room.

A postal worker in a federal building near the Louisiana Superdome said a man entered the second-floor office Tuesday and shot Adrienne Wharton, 34, six times. Curtis Collins, 34, was charged with murder and attempted murder.

"Nothing was said. He didn't shoot wildly," said the worker, who refused to give her name. "He knocked her down, did what he had

to do and walked out. When I tried to stop him, he opened fire."

Guard Robert Jones, 31, was hospitalized today with a minor wound to the forehead.

The worker said Wharton worked for the postal service for 15 years and the gunman was a new employee. A few days later Wharton gave Collins a letter primand, and he responded by slashing the tires on her car. Police said Collins was arrested within minutes of the shooting and sought treatment for gun wounds at a hospital 12 miles away. The gunman was apparently fleeing a car with bullet holes.

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