

JOEL BAKER AND CANCELLA MAY FACE TRIAL NEXT WEEK, SAYS PROSECUTOR SPENCER

Assailant of Wayne Coy Refuses to Testify at Legislative Quiz; Ousted Official Battles With Questioners.

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pany official had told the Committee that Joel Baker had been paid that amount for his services and dismissed the canceled checks.

Baker repeated several times that he had not seen Cancilla between the time he left him in the State House on March 1, before the Coy attack, and the hearing yesterday afternoon.

"And I can say I was surprised to see him then," Baker added.

'I Didn't Want to Come'

When Baker started one of his long statements, Senator Charles Bedwell made an impatient gesture and Baker stopped.

"If you want me to stop—" he said.

"Mr. Baker, you realize we can't be here forever," Senator Bedwell said.

"No, I didn't even want to come," Baker answered.

Asked if he was angry at Wayne Coy, Baker said:

"No, because Coy doesn't even know what goes on in his own department."

At this point, Baker went into a sweeping criticism of the State Welfare Department. He called it the "weakest" State department. In the middle of his denunciations, however, he halted, became apologetic, swept his arm around the room and said in a conciliatory voice:

May Please Self-Defense

"I hope nothing I say is derogatory to anyone in the room, but the fact remains that the State Welfare Department is the 'weakest' in the state."

Cancilla indicated in statements yesterday that he might plead self-defense.

"Coy hit me first," Cancilla said. "When I face Coy, he will admit it. He is arrogant and overbearing."

Witnesses of the assault have testified that Mr. Coy had turned away as if to leave Cancilla when the attorney struck him.

When Cancilla was convicted of assaulting an Indianapolis Times reporter several months ago he also pleaded self-defense.

After boasting that "I'm going to talk—I'll tell plenty about Wayne Coy," Cancilla refused to testify before the Committee. He said he was standing on his constitutional rights and that he refused to incriminate himself.

Be at That Hearing'

"Boys, if you want to have some fun, just be at that hearing this afternoon. I'll tell plenty about Coy," Cancilla told newspapermen earlier at the jail. "I'm not going to let them question me. I'm going to argue with them."

Cancilla also told reporters that Joel Baker lost his job unjustly and if he doesn't get it back somebody's going to get hurt." He also said he would "raise hell" about Prosecutor Spencer raising his apartment and office.

Prosecutor Spencer and Oscar Hagemeyer, chief deputy who has conducted the County's investigation, are to be in charge of the State's case during the trials. Mr. Spencer said today that Joel Baker and Cancilla will be tried together unless they request separate trials.

Mr. Jacobs is to represent Cancilla and William Clay Bachelor is to represent Joel Baker, it was announced today.

Cox Declines Comment

Thomas Neal, new Marion County Welfare Director, was sworn in yesterday afternoon. He said the next board meeting probably would be the regular session on April 1.

Expiration dates of Marion County Welfare Board members' terms are: Judge L. Ert Slack, president, March 30, 1937; the Rev. Linn Tripp, April 1, 1938; Mrs. Marie Woolling April 1.

Hoped to Amend Bill

The witness said that although he "knew" he could not kill the original Senate Welfare Bill, he hoped he could amend it.

He denied that he took the original Senate Welfare Bill from Downey's pocket.

"I don't know where the bill is."

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