

Defense attorneys also attacked Cruz' testimony, as well as Reno's line of questioning, pointing out that Cruz "repeatedly volunteered" information that he had not been asked for. James Brosnahan, counsel for Mrs. Aguilar, charged that "the direct examination is being done without any semblance of foundation." William Walker, attorney for Father Tony Clark, similarly held that while Carroll requires that defense establish just grounds for their defenses prior to proceeding, Reno is permitted to justify his attack as he goes.

In the afternoon, there was continued dispute about the government's efforts to introduce hearsay evidence into the trial in the absence of refugees who could testify personally. However, in an apparent scramble to rectify its earlier inefficiency in locating the refugees, the government returned to court Tuesday with new developments. In the morning, prosecutor Donald M. Reno announced that he had Miguel Angel Mejia in custody, one of the refugees whose statements the government had sought to introduce as hearsay.

Reno also produced a document taken from Riverside church in New York indicating that two other refugee/witnesses were in Sanctuary there. However, apparently at a loss as to how get the refugees out of the church, Reno turned to Judge Carroll for advice asking, "Does the Court want us to issue a warrant?" This prompted objections from defense attorneys who charged that it would be highly improper for Carroll to advise Reno on how to prosecute the case. Carroll sustained the objection, admonishing the government to determine its own strategy in prosecuting the case.

The battle around hearsay evidence continued as Sanctuary attorneys objected to Reno's attempt to introduce "double hearsay" evidence in which Cruz testified about a conversation held by two other persons and related to him by yet a third person. Defense counsel also took exception to testimony by Cruz pertaining to a conversation held by the Rev. David Meyer with Mrs. Aguilar in Cruz' presence. Sanctuary attorneys charged that because attorney-client meetings are protected

under the sixth amendment, and because both Cruz and the government knew that Rev. Meyer is also an attorney, evidence drawn from that conversation should never have been introduced into the trial.

Wednesday

In Sanctuary trial proceedings Wednesday, the prosecution continued to plod through its lengthy version of the 10 month undercover investigation of the Sanctuary movement. With the exception of about an hour during the morning session, U.S. Attorney Donald M. Reno once again examined the government's star witness, Jesus Cruz, for the entire day.