## .S. Dropped Charges to Hide Spy Network,

Yippie leader Abbie Hoff- New York on Friday, after was a leader of the collective unconstitutional eavesdropwork of illegal spying" with ments. wiretaps. The indictments had The indictments, returned \$20,000 fine. resulted from Hoffman's role May 13, 1971, charged Hoff- had asked Smith on Thursday

man said the government U.S. District Judge John that organized the massive andropped two indictments Lewis Smith Jr. granted the tiwar demonstrations here ear- sives" without a judge's prior against him because it feared Justice Department's request lier that month. Upon convicexposing its "pervasive net- for dismissal of the indict- tion, the charges carry up to the case of Lawrence F. Pla-10 years in prison and a

U.S. Attorney Harold Titus in the 1971 Mayday demon- man with interstate travel to dismiss the indictments. organize and participate in a Titus said he was acting as the Hoffman made the state- riot, and obstructing a police- result of a Supreme Court rul- dropped on Friday. ment at a news conference in man during a riot. Hoffman ing on June 19 which declared Judge Smith had stayed pro-

approval. That ruling came in mondon, a White Panther accused in a bomb conspiracy.

Charges against Plamondon and two other White Panther party leaders also were

## **Hoffman Claims**

ceedings in Hoffman's case on | The high court left the gov-Dec. 8, pending Supreme ernment the alternative of Court action.

second sought by the govern- dozen other indictments rement since the court's 8-0 rul- main which were brought as ing. On July 6, charges were the result of similar wiretaps. dropped against another May The Justice Department has Day organizer, Bradford Lyt- indicated it would jeopardize tle, a Quaker, who had been the national security to make charged with assaulting a po- the wiretap information availlice officer with a bullhorn.

making public evidence from Friday's dismissal was the its illegal wiretaps. About a able.