

## Capitol Uproar

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# Bearded Hippie Upsets Probe

WASHINGTON (AP) — Peace protesters, led by a bushy-haired Yippie in guerilla garb, taunted a House subcommittee on un-American activities Tuesday as it opened hearings on Chicago's bloody August anti-war demonstrations.

Police grabbed bearded Yippie leader Jerry Rubin by the arms and hustled him out of the House office building after he tried to enter the hearing room wearing a leather bandolier ribbed with brass-jacketed bullets.

Rubin, readmitted after shedding the live ammunition, carried a toy M16 rifle into the hearing and made child-like signs of shame at the subcommittee. Fellow Yippie Abbie Hoffman stood in the audience to ask if he could go to the bathroom.

Rubin and Hoffman were leaders of the antiwar protests

during the Democratic National Convention.

The first witness, committee staff member James L. Gallagher, said the demonstrations paralleled "the policies of Hanoi, Peking and Moscow."

Rubin, subpoenaed to testify Thursday, wore love beads, bells and a black beret along with his bandolier. He came barefoot and bare-chested, his body painted with red and orange peace symbols.

The subcommittee chairman, Rep. Richard Ichord, D-Mo., hammered his gavel again and again to try to silence interruptions by attorneys for the protest leaders. He warned them they could be cited for contempt of Congress for disrupting the hearings.

Ichord said the subcommittee would probe the extent of Communist involvement in the bloody street clashes between

protesters and police during the convention in Chicago five weeks ago. He ruled out any inquiry into whether police overreacted in trying to put down the demonstrations.

Nearly 20 police stood around the walls of the hearing room. Hoffman bobbed up to point at one officer and shout at Ichord, "That man has a loaded revolver. We were disarmed coming into your hearing and your team wasn't."

Police had seized a bullwhip from Hoffman when he arrived. Two guards had rushed Rubin from the building when they found the bandolier was studded with live bullets. There were no arrests and the demonstrators did not resist police.

Rubin called the hearings "a little Chicago" and said, "This is not an attempt to find the truth. This is an attempt to smear."