

'Seven' Lose Motion on Agnew Talk

CHICAGO, Nov. 14 (UPI)—The defense in the riot-conspiracy trial asked the judge today to question jurors as to whether they heard a speech Thursday by Vice President Agnew that included criticism of television news coverage of Chicago's 1968 convention week disorders.

U.S. District Court Judge Julius J. Hoffman denied the request. He told defense attorney William Kunstler he assumes the jurors are following his daily instructions not to watch television or read newspapers.

The jury is hearing evidence against seven antiwar demonstration leaders charged with conspiring to incite the riots that swept the city's streets and parks during the convention.

Kunstler demanded that the jurors be asked whether they heard Agnew's speech in Des Moines, Iowa, carried nationwide by the three major television networks.

In the speech, Agnew suggested that TV coverage of the convention week disorders overemphasized police toughness

in dealing with the demonstrators. Kunstler said the Vice President "indicated that TV had misled the public" about the violence that erupted.

"We do not know what the jury sees or hears," Kunstler said. "Only the government knows. It is inconceivable to us that people could be incarcerated so long (seven weeks) without seeing at least some television."

U.S. Attorney Thomas Foran asked the judge to instruct the jury to disregard an outburst by defendant Jerry Rubin which occurred Thursday as the jurors were being led from the courtroom.

Rubin rose and, pointing to prosecution witness Irwin Bock, shouted: "Why don't you arrest this lying police spy?"

Rubin spoke up after Bock, a police undercover agent, had testified he made a false, signed statement to a defense attorney. Today Bock indicated he gave the false statements to prevent the defense from learning he was a police agent.

Defendants in the trial, which began Sept. 24, are Robin, 31; David T. Dellinger, 34; Thomas C. Hayden, 30; Rennie Davis, 29; Abbie Hoffman, 31; Lee Weiner, 31; and John R. Froines, 31.