

H. Rap Brown Taken to New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS, May 31 (UPI)—Black power militant H. Rap Brown, held in New York for the past seven months on robbery and attempted murder charges, was flown to New Orleans today to face sentencing on a 1968 federal gun violation.

Federal sources in New York City said Brown, 29, shot and captured there Oct. 17, 1971, during a barroom robbery, was flown here early in the morning. New Orleans authorities refused to reveal where he was being held because of "security."

Brown's attorney, William Kunstler, later moved in court

in New York to cite the New York City Corrections Department for contempt of court for turning the suspect over to U.S. marshals.

Kunstler said the department and its officers violated a writ signed by a state Supreme Court justice Tuesday night forbidding Brown's removal to New Orleans. However, the oral motion was dismissed by Justice Abraham Gellinoff on the grounds that his court had no jurisdiction because Brown was no longer in the city.

In New Orleans, U.S. District Court Judge Lansing Mitchell said Brown's case

would come up Thursday. "It won't take me 15 minutes to sentence him," the judge said.

Mitchell said Brown was held under tight security at a place kept secret because he said he feared the news media would "splurge it all over the place."

Kunstler called the removal of Brown, a former member of the FBI's "most wanted" list, "a gross violation of the law. This man has become a piece of baggage between the state and federal courts. A great wrong has been done by this dirty business."

Brown had been recuperat-

ing at Rikers Island prison from wounds received in the New York gunfight. Kunstler repeatedly claimed Brown was too ill to travel.

Brown was sentenced to five years on the federal weapons charge here in 1968. However, an appeals court set it aside because it was imposed in absentia. He had been charged with violating the National Firearms Act by transporting a weapon across state lines while under federal indictment. He specifically was accused of carrying a automatic carbine on a plane flight from New York to New Orleans.