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## H. Rap Brown Asks Defense Role in Trial

NEW YORK, Nov. 22 (AP) — H. Rap Brown told a judge today that he wants to act as co-counsel with his defense lawyer in his trial with three other former militants on charges of attempted murder of policemen.

"My participation with the aid of my counsel will not cause disruption," Brown promised. "I desire an orderly trial in a peaceful atmosphere."

Brown's statement was contained in papers filed in Manhattan Supreme Court.

The motion was one of five filed by Brown's lawyer, William Kunstler. Argument on the motions is scheduled for Monday morning.

Kunstler also asked Justice George M. Carney to exclude from trial testimony any word by Patrolman Ralph Manna, the policeman whose shooting of Brown brought about Brown's capture.

Brown said he asked to act as co-counsel because, "I have been forced to trial with counsel who have not had adequate time properly to prepare my defense."

Brown and Levi Valentine, Samuel Petty and Arthur Young were charged with 24 counts of attempted murder, assault, robbery and weapons violations that stem from a shoot-out with police after a hold up at Red Carpet Lounge on Oct. 17, 1971, in which Brown was wounded.