

'Chicago 7' to Make Fund-Raising Talks

CHICAGO, March 1 (AP)—A legal consultant to the seven former defendants in the Chicago riot conspiracy trial said today they plan extensive speech making, undaunted by a U.S. Appeals Court warning against "seditious" public remarks.

Stuart Ball Jr. said the political activists plan the speeches to raise funds for their appeals, which the defense estimates will cost between \$250,000 and \$500,000. Ball is among attorneys assisting in the appeals.

The seven were freed on bail Saturday when a five-judge Appeals Court panel overturned a ruling by federal Judge Julius J. Hoffman, who denied bond on the grounds that they are "dangerous men."

Granting bond, the court warned that it could be revoked for inflammatory speech, citing a 1956 Supreme Court decision stating that the United States "has the power to restrict seditious speech directed against it, because the government has the duty to prevent revolution."

"Sedition is a word that used to be used to identify crimes, but it went out years ago," Ball said. "The First Amendment is meant to protect speech, even if it undermines the government." He

said he did not believe the citation was irrelevant, but that it was used to point out that the court has the power to revoke bail.

After the seven were released from jail, the police department announced that it was assigning 20 detectives to guard Judge Hoffman's apartment as a precaution. The judge has not commented publicly on the releases.

Most of the defendants were expected to return Monday to the states they listed as their residence when they posted bond. Rennie Davis, Lee Weiner and John Froines told U.S. Commissioner James T. Balog they are residents of Illinois. Abbott (Abbie) Hoffman, David Dellinger and Jerry Rubin said they were from New York, and Thomas Hayden listed California as his home.

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