

Oral Arguments To Be Heard In February

Chicago 7 Appeal Scheduled

CHICAGO (AP) — Oral arguments on the appeal of the controversial Chicago 7 conspiracy trial are set for February—two years after five men were convicted of inciting rioting at the time of the Democratic National Convention in 1968.

But defense lawyer Leonard I. Weinglass of Newark, N.J., does not expect a reunion of the defendants when the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals hears on Feb. 5 and 6 arguments on the conviction of the five defendants and the contempt sentences levied against all seven defendants, both defense lawyers and a defendant who was severed from the trial.

"I'll be there with Mr. Kunstler," Weinglass said. "But we don't expect the other defendants. Maybe one might show up."

William M. Kunstler of New York City, the other defense lawyer, was sentenced to four years and 13 days for contempt.

"That doesn't rule out the possibility of a reunion," Weinglass said. "But it won't be there."

"We will argue the appeal in February and I'm ready to go

to jail in the spring," he said. "But I expect whichever side loses in Chicago will appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court."

Weinglass was sentenced to 20 months and 5 days for contempt by Judge Julius J. Hoffman at the conclusion of the U.S. District Court trial which

began Sept. 24, 1969 and ended Feb. 18, 1970.

The five defendants convicted of inciting rioting were sentenced to five years in prison and fined \$5,000. Two other defendants were acquitted of all charges.

Judge Hoffman, however,

sentenced all seven defendants to prison terms for contempt. The sentences ranged from 2 months to 2½ years.

Weinglass said he expected the government would ask that the contempt charges against the five defendants be sent down for retrial in a different court.