

Yippie Denies Urging Violence

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CHICAGO, Dec. 31—Yippie leader Abbie Hoffman predicted in court today that federal troops and National Guardsmen will be used to protect the 1972 Republican National Convention "even if all of us are in prison."

Hoffman, on trial as a ring-leader of the disorders that rocked the 1968 Democratic convention, said the country has become so tense that government officials are easily frightened into overreacting to expected provocations.

He made his prediction as he attempted to show Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard G. Schultz during a second day of cross-examination today that his statements about impending violence before the 1968 convention were mere predictions and not directives to the thousands of young dissidents that had gathered in Chicago.

"Did you intend to create a state in which the city had to

bring in the Army and the National Guard to protect the safety of the delegates and make it look as though the convention had to be held under military conditions?" Schultz asked Hoffman.

"No," Hoffman said. "You can do that now with a yo-yo in this country. You can see that from this courtroom — police all around . . . That was not a plan. I was aware that it would happen because I knew this country."

Hoffman said Chicago and Democratic Party officials had brought troops "to protect them from their own bad fantasies."

His statements that troops would be needed in 1968, he said, "were more as a prediction, and that is my prediction in 1972, even if, all of us are in prison, that it will happen again at the Republican convention."

In the third month of the trial of the Chicago Seven on charges of conspiring to incite

riot during the 1968 convention, the court was told today of possible illegal activities by a jury member, an appearance on the witness stand by Mayor Richard Daley was delayed, and the courtroom frequently broke into laughter at exchanges between the Yippie leader and Judge Julius J. Hoffman.

U.S. Attorney Thomas Foran presented affidavits from two campus policemen at Northern Illinois University stating that on Dec. 18, after a speech by defendant Rennie Davis, a girl in the audience stated that her mother was a jury member and said her mother had told her that "the government has given no proof that would convict the Chicago Seven." Judge Hoffman accepted the affidavits as part of the case file, pending possible requests for further action later.

Daley, who had been subpoenaed as a defense witness, is expected to testify Friday or early next week.

Hoffman and Judge Hoffman, who sternly attempted to keep his courtroom proper, clashed repeatedly.

When the defendant jovially raised a water cup to Schultz the judge warned, "No antics, Mr. Witness. No toasting the prosecutor."

When Hoffman asked if the court would recess because he felt weak after a recent bout with bronchitis, Judge Hoffman answered, "Yes. The answer to that is simply yes. You see, Mr. Witness, when you ask me a question that calls for a yes or no answer, I answer it with just a yes or a no."

Throughout the day, Lee Weiner, another defendant, occupied himself at the defense table by autographing poster-sized cards showed a photograph of Weiner and a woman named Sharon, who had also autographed them, nude in a coital embrace. "Make a New Year's revolution, kids!" the card said. "I'll bring you closer together."