

# Defense Tries Comedy at Trial of '7'

CHICAGO, Dec. 11 (UPI) — Folk singer Phil Ochs told a federal court jury today that Yippie leaders Abbie Hoffman and Jerry Rubin came to Chicago in 1968 "to theatrically

sort of spook" the Democratic National Convention.

He said they wanted to "act out fantasies in the street" as a means of "dealing with what seemed to be an absurd world." In planning for the Youth International Party's "Festival of Life," Ochs said, Hoffman and Rubin repeatedly said they wanted to avoid violence.

Ochs, who with Rubin and Hoffman founded the Yippie organization, testified at the trial of his two colleagues and five other antiwar demonstrators on charges of conspiring to incite the riots that erupted during convention week.

Chief defense attorney William M. Kunstler and Ochs turned the session into a comedy — with quips directed at U.S. District Court Judge Julius J. Hoffman and Chicago police.

Discussing a pig named Pegasus which the Yippies "nominated" for the presidency just before the convention opened, Ochs told of difficulty in finding a pig.

"None of the farmers referred you to the police station, did they?" Kunstler asked.

The prosecution objected to the obvious hint that police

are "pigs," and the judge ordered the question stricken.

Defendant David Dellinger's daughter, Natasha, 20, scuffled with a U.S. marshal who removed her from the courtroom after she apparently laughed too loudly at testimony. All the defendants jumped up shouting, "They've got Dave's daughter."

After she was permitted to re-enter the room, Dellinger sat at the defense table weeping into his handkerchief.

Earlier the defense showed its movie version of the violent clashes between demonstrators and police and National Guardsmen during the 1968 Democratic Convention.

The jury watched films of tear gas rolling across a bridge jammed with demonstrators and of police clubbing marchers to the ground and spraying them with Mace. The prosecution earlier showed another film of the same events.