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## Britisher Testifies at Chicago Trial

CHICAGO, Dec. 9 (UPI)—A woman member of Britain's Parliament sang the first bar of "We Shall Overcome" in the riot conspiracy trial today. She testified that when she sang the song in a police paddy wagon during the 1968 Democratic National Convention she was sprayed with a debilitating chemical.

Anne Patricia Kerr, 45, a member of the House of Commons and a member of the British Labor Party, told a U.S. District Court jury and Judge Julius J. Hoffman of her arrest during a melee outside the Conrad Hilton Hotel on Aug. 28, 1968.

Mrs. Kerr was reprimanded repeatedly — but softly — by Hoffman when she embellished her testimony with opinion and personal objections.

Mrs. Kerr testified for the

defense at the trial of seven antiwar militants charged with conspiring to incite riots during the convention.

Mrs. Kerr testified she was in a room at the Hilton, watching the convention and street scenes on television, the evening of Aug. 28. She went down to Michigan Avenue, she said, and saw demonstrators "experiencing some sort of gas."

She found a young woman "coughing and choking," she said, and took her into a hotel bar and bought her a drink. Police ousted occupants of the bar.

On the street, she said, police came up and told her to "move along there or something like that." She said she told officers "I'm just talking to these young people" and then "the policemen picked

me up and threw me into the police wagon."

"That's a fact, my lord," she assured Hoffman.

Mrs. Kerr said she stood on tiptoes and sang through the paddywagon window. In a clear, melodic voice she demonstrated. "Then the policeman on the outside sprayed my face with Mace. I felt as though my face was on fire."

Earlier Jane Myerding, 19, a coed in braids, testified she saw police club demonstrators to the ground and heard an arresting officer call a Negro girl protester "a black bitch" during a melee the same day in Grant Park.

"It looked like they were trying to hack their way through the crowd," Miss Myerding, a Quaker and a student at Temple University in Philadelphia, said. She added that "no one was standing up"

after the charge by about 100 policemen.

The judge, attorneys and defense witness James M. Hunt wrangled earlier in stormy exchanges. The acrimony began when defense attorney William M. Kunstler asked Hoffman's permission to go into an adjacent room to confer with a defense witness.

"If you don't allow me to go in and talk to the witness we will be unprepared," Kunstler said.

"You should have been prepared already," the judge said.

Kunstler shouted, "Your honor is interfering with the defense." The judge shouted back, "You will attend here if you want to remain in this case."

Kunstler threw up his arms and asked, "How can you be so inhumane?" the judge warned, "Be careful. That's a very serious word."