

Outbursts Over Seating Erupt At Trial of Chicago Protesters

CHICAGO, Oct. 9 (UPI)—A defendant in the Chicago conspiracy trial jumped to his feet in protest today when U.S. marshals removed his wife from the press section of the courtroom.

"I protest you taking my wife out of here," Black Panther leader Bobby Seale told U.S. District Court Judge Julius J. Hoffman and the marshals. "She has a right to be here. And I also protest you barring black people from this building..."

The outburst came after marshals ushered a number of black persons, including Seale's wife, into the press section of the courtroom. Seale and seven other war protest leaders are on trial on charges of conspiring to incite riots during the 1968 Democratic National Convention.

Hoffman instructed his clerk to have the marshals determine whether the Negroes

were, in fact, reporters. The marshals promptly cleared the blacks out of the press section.

After Seale's protest, prosecutors told Hoffman that in the confusion Mrs Seale had erroneously been asked to leave. They asked Hoffman to make arrangements that she have a courtroom seat, and the judge agreed.

Robert Pierson, an undercover police agent, testified under cross-examination that he threw rocks at fellow policemen and was in turn beaten by police clubs while he masqueraded as a member of a motorcycle gang during the convention disorders.

He said he had been ordered to infiltrate protesters ranks but had not been ordered to battle with police.

Under cross-examination by defense lawyers, Pierson also testified he became friendly with a girl member of a motorcycle gang named "Sunny"

during the week of the convention riots.

The policeman said he spent considerable time with "Sunny" in a North Side apartment belonging to a member of the state's attorney's staff. Other persons were with them when they were in the apartment, he said.

Hoffman denied defense motions that he instruct the jurors they had the right to take notes on testimony and to question witnesses if they wished.