

Convention Protesters Assail Judge

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Defense lawyers in the riot conspiracy case against yippies and other protesters at the Democratic National Convention charged yesterday that Chicago's top Federal judge prejudiced their case by meddling with the grand jury that indicted them and eight city policemen.

In pretrial motions aimed at dismissing the indictment against eight protest leaders, the lawyers said Chief Judge William J. Campbell showed by his published statements that he was too "intimate" with the grand jury that investigated the Chicago Convention disturbances.

The motion to inspect grand jury records and hold a hearing on Judge Campbell's "contact with the grand jury" was among a dozen pleadings filed on behalf of Youth International Party leaders Abbie Hoffman and Jerry Rubin, Tom Hayden and Rennie Davis of the Students for a Democratic Society and four others accused of plotting to cross state lines with intent to foment civil strife.

Other motions attacked the 1969 Federal anti-riot law as a violation of First Amendment rights and a usurpation of

state criminal authority, sought the disqualification of the scheduled trial judge, Julius J. Hoffman, and claimed prejudicial publicity had been engendered by Government prosecutors and the House Un-American Activities Committee, which held hearings on alleged subversion in Chicago.

Defense counsel cited Judge Campbell's role in the controversy that followed release in December of the report by Chicago attorney Daniel Walker as evidence that the Judge crossed the line that should separate him from secret grand jury operations.

Walker, reporting for the Presidential Violence Commission, angered the Judge with his criticism of the Chicago police. He said Walker broke an agreement to submit a rough draft of the report so he could censor "any information that might interfere with the grand jury" before submitting copies to the jurors.

Under Federal law, said the defense lawyers, once he empaneled the grand jury "Judge Campbell should not have been in the position to even know what might interfere with their inquiry."

After postponing indictments of police officers on brutality charges, the grand jury on March 20 indicted eight policemen and eight protesters—the protesters for riot conspiracy.

Trial has been set for Sept. 24 but the defense asked postponement until July, 1970, to clear the air of alleged harmful publicity.