

Panther Chief Bound, Gagged During Trial

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CHICAGO, Oct. 29 (UPI)—A U.S. district judge, wearied by violent outbursts, screams and epithets at the trial of the "Chicago Eight," ordered Black Panther leader Bobby Seale gagged and shackled to a chair in the courtroom today.

Judge Julius J. Hoffman also warned Seale's seven co-defendants he was ready to revoke their bail and order them jailed if they persisted in defying the court.

Seale was warned Tuesday

and again today that he would be silenced and restrained if he persisted in upbraiding prosecutors and the judge and struggling with U.S. marshals in his insistence of acting as his own attorney.

Seale turned this morning's session into pandemonium, screaming "rotten, racist pig" at a prosecutor and wrestling with U.S. marshals who tried to restrain him.

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As the afternoon session opened, Seale burst out, "I still demand my right to cross-examine the witness" Hoffman said, "Mr. Marshal, take that man out and deal with him as he should be dealt with."

Seale, shouting, "All power to the people," was taken to the lockup. When he returned to the courtroom, his hands were shackled and a white cotton gag was knotted around his head.

He was placed on a metal chair and his hands and legs were shackled to it with handcuffs and leg irons.

Seale and seven other men are on trial before Hoffman charged with conspiring to incite riots during the Democratic National Convention in 1968.

Seal's denunciations of the trial and of Hoffman have become a regular feature of the proceeding. Hoffman, in his repeated warnings, has cited precedents for shackling and gagging defendants who will not obey the court.

The other defendants showed their backing of Seale by refusing the order to rise when Hoffman entered the courtroom. The judge made no immediate further mention of jailing them, however.

After the shackled Seale was seated, Hoffman said he had tried to be patient "and on all occasions have been greeted with a torrent of viciousness and invective."

He said he would order Seale unchained if the Black Panther would indicate by a nod of his head that he would agree to be "respectful to the court." Instead, Seale began a

muffled harangue through the gag and rattled his handcuffs.

In the morning session, Seale struggled at least four times with burly marshals.

Once the marshals pinioned Seale back into his chair with such force that both the defendant and the chair toppled into the press section.

While three marshals pinioned Seale in his seat—one using a hammerlock hold—Hoffman said he would consider immediately whether to revoke the bail of the seven defendants who are presently free.

The warning came after David Dellinger, chairman of the New Mobilization Commit-

tee to End the War in Vietnam announced during the turmoil: "Let the record show that all the defendants support Bobby Seale in his efforts to defend himself."

Hoffman said that if this were so, "I submit they are bad risks for bail."

"I will not retain on bail men who defy the orders of this court," the judge said. "If they prefer to sleep in the county jail, then so be it."

In an angry objection, defense attorney William Kunstler told the judge: "If the cost of their defending Mr. Seale's right to defend himself is the cost of their bail, then it will be the cost of their bail."

The judge also berated Kunstler for asserting that Hoffman was intimidating the defendants and their lawyers, the Associated Press reported.

"I will not listen to this invective," the judge said, "I've been called a racist, a fascist, and I didn't think I'd live to sit in a courtroom where a judge was criticized for having George Washington's picture on a wall."

[This was in reference to Seale's remark that "George

Washington was a slave owner."]

The eight men are being tried on charges of conspiring to incite the riots that swept Chicago during the 1968 Democratic Convention. Seale is already jailed on a Connecticut murder charge.

Seale repeatedly has insisted he has fired all his lawyers except Charles Garry, who is recovering from an illness in San Francisco, and has demanded the right to cross-examine prosecution witnesses. The judge, contending that Seale has ample legal representation in Kunstler and attorney Leonard Weinglass, has denied Seale's requests.

Seale's first outburst of the day came after Kunstler protested that marshals were searching members of the defense legal staff. When Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard Schultz told the judge that a pre-session, courtroom speech by Seale indicated the need for courtroom security, Seale jumped from his seat and charged Schultz.

"You rotten, racist pig," Seale screamed. "You liar, you liar, you're a liar. Tricky Dick Schultz, like his boss Dick Nixon is a liar."



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Dr. Benjamin Spock, at front center, whose conviction on charges of conspiracy to encourage draft evasion was recently overturned, talks at news conference in Chicago. At left is Dr. Howard Levy, recently released from prison after a two-year sentence for refusing to train

Green Beret medics, and at right is Dr. Quentin Young of the Medical Committee for Human Rights. Standing are five of eight defendants in the Chicago riot conspiracy trial. They are, from left, Jerry Rubin, David Dellinger, John Froines, Rennie Davis and Abbie Hoffman.