

6 Demonstrators Arrested

Costume Day on Capitol Hill

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**Murray Pennock is led
from Cannon Building.**

Six young men and women were arrested and an NBC technician was injured slightly by a firecracker yesterday as anti-war demonstrators protested the House Committee on Un-American Activities subcommittee hearing on the Chicago disorders.

The demonstration began shortly before the hearing resumed in the Cannon House Office Building at 10 a.m. Several of the arrests followed immediately.

Abbie Hoffman, a Yippie leader, was arrested and charged with defacing the American flag. His wife, Anita, was arrested and first charged with disorderly conduct as she allegedly impeded the arrest, Capitol Police said. Hoffman wore a red, white and blue-striped shirt with stars on it. He said it was commercially made.

Capitol Police Lt. James Trollinger said Hoffman's wife was arrested as she attempted to tear the shirt and pass it to others to "remove the evidence." The incident occurred outside the Cannon Building.

Hoffman and his wife were arraigned before Judge Charles W. Halleck of the Court of General Sessions.

Hoffman, 31, appeared in court naked from the waist up. He pleaded not guilty. Halleck set a trial date of Nov. 20 and agreed to order work-release for Hoffman. This means he will be allowed to leave jail each morning to testify before the Committee and return each night.

By the time the 26-year-old Mrs. Hoffman was arraigned, the U.S. attorney's office had raised the charge to assault on a policeman, a felony. After a hearing, Judge Halleck dismissed the charge.

A second arrest was made in connection with the incident involving the Hoffmans. Police said they arrested Bradley J. Fox, 21, of New York, and charged him with tampering with an auto. The allegation: he let air out of a tire on the patrol wagon in which Hoffman had been placed.



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Police arrest Yippie Abbie Hoffman on a charge of defacing the American flag.

Most of the demonstrators protesting the investigation gathered on the Mall at Maryland Avenue and 3d Street sw. to protest the Committee's investigation of the disorders that occurred during the Democratic National Convention.

They also were protesting the fact they could not attend the hearing, which was held in a room that could not accommodate them. About 150 persons, mostly young, sat or stood on the grass and listen-

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ed to a number of speeches denouncing the Committee and the American "system."

It was a colorful, deliberately Halloweenish scene, at least in part. There were young men and women in sheets and nightgowns and a variety of other costumes, though mainly it was simply a scene of beards, mustaches and long hair.

"That hearing is so closed you can't get in even if you've got a subpoena," complained Dennis Livingston, 29, one of the organizers of the protest.

The protesters, about 200 strong by that time, walked in scattered groups to the Cannon Building and assembled on the steps on the New Jersey Avenue side.

Jerry Rubin, the Yippie leader came out of the hearing room and talked to interviewers. He is short, with long hair, a beard and mustache. His face was painted red and green and orange. His chest was painted a vivid red and his arms and bare feet also were painted. He wore a red, gold and blue shawl and black silk pajama pants.

Someone asked him what he thought of Russia. Rubin became excited. "Russia? Man, I don't dig Russia. I mean I think Russia is as bad as the United States. I think Russia is conservative and reactionary."

Capitol Police ordered the group to clear the steps and the street, and, after a little singing and chanting, the group began to move slowly. Suddenly, a firecracker exploded. It grazed the arm of the NBC man, burning him slightly. The demonstrators were forced down Independence Avenue to the Mall area. Judy Exler, 18, was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct. She had obscenities written on her hat, Lt. Trollinger said.

Joel Berkman, listed at 3914 Virginia st., Chevy Chase, was charged with disorderly conduct for allegedly shouting obscenities, Trollinger said. Daniel B. Canine, listed at 417 Windsor st., Silver Spring, was charged with disorderly conduct, but the case was not pressed, authorities said.

At the hearing, the subcommittee's first hostile witness, 30-year-old Robert Greenblatt of New York, walked out after

answering a few preliminary questions.

Greenblatt, who identified himself in a lawsuit on file in District Court here as a founder and national coordinator of the National Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam, said he could not testify further until he knew the "whereabouts and personal well-being" of his friend Hoffman.

Subcommittee Chairman Richard H. Ichord (D-Mo.) announced no action in Greenblatt's case, but said he expected him back in the hearing room today.

A former Chicago policeman, Robert L. Pierson, testified that he infiltrated the "Headhunters" motorcycle gang to gain access to Rubin, Hoffman and other Yippie leaders during the Convention.

Pierson quoted Rubin as talking of "killing" policemen and overthrowing the U.S. Government. Rubin told newsmen the charges were false.