

Former Kent State Student Pleads Guilty to First Degree Riot Charge

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RAVENNA, Ohio Dec. 1 — Larry Shub, former Kent State University student charged in connection with the May 1970 campus disorders, today pleaded guilty to first degree riot.

Shub, 20, of Cleveland Heights, now a student at Ohio University, was freed under \$4,000 bond while Judge Edwin W. Jones considered a defense motion that Shub be put on probation. Judge Jones also must decide whether to consider the first-degree riot charge a misdemeanor or a felony.

Shub's guilty plea came on the first day of his trial in the Portage County courthouse here and apparently forgoes his being tried on other

charges of arson and second-degree riot. Special Prosecutor John Hayward said these charges probably will be dropped.

Shub was the third of 23 defendants in the KSU troubles of last year which peaked when Ohio National Guardsmen fatally shot four students.

In other developments, lawyers for 10 other defendants said they were filing affidavits in the Ohio Supreme Court claiming prejudice by Judge Albert L. Caras and asking that he be disqualified.

The defense filed a similar action against Jones, who voluntarily removed himself from the 10 cases though disavowing the charge. Caras was to have replaced Jones in those cases.

Meanwhile, Ohio Attorney General William Brown, indi-

cated today the state was prepared to continue the prosecutions although it suffered two setbacks in the first pair of trials.

On Tuesday, the state withdrew its charges of first-degree riot and arson against Peter Bliet, 23, of Rochester, N.Y., claiming it had insufficient evidence.

At the same time, a jury deadlocked on three felony charges against Jerry Rupe, 23, of Cleveland, but convicted him of the misdemeanor of interfering with a fireman.

Brown also will have to decide whether the state will retry Rupe on the felony charges, which include arson, assaulting a fireman, and first-degree riot in connection with the burning of the KSU Reserve Officers Training Corps building May 2, 1970.