

Panther Chief Seale Depressed

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BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Dec. 14—The lawyer for Bobby G. Seale told a federal judge today that the Black Panther national chairman wants to see his own psychiatrist and that the need is urgent.

Attorney Charles R. Garry said Seale "is in a depressed state because of the conduct of prison officials" where he is being held pending his murder-kidnaping-conspiracy trial.

Garry's request to U.S. District Judge Robert C. Zampano came during a hearing on a suit in which Seale and co-defendant Ericka Huggins claim their constitutional rights as persons presumed innocent are being violated by jail officials.

This is an immediate problem," Garry said, explaining that state jail officials had denied Seale's request to see a San Francisco psychiatrist

who's a personal friend of the 34-year-old Panther leader.

Zampano asked if the request for a personal psychiatrist created a problem. He was told by Correction Department lawyer Stephen J. O'Neill that department policy did not allow it. O'Neill, citing a recent decision by a U.S. District judge in Hartford, said prisoners are entitled to adequate medical care, but not to their own physicians.