

8 Arrested in Disruption Of Antiwar Activists' Trial

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PENSACOLA, Fla. July 6 (AP)—Six of eight antiwar activists accused of plotting to disrupt the 1972 Republican National Convention and two of their sympathizers were ordered arrested today after shouts from a spectator halted a pretrial hearing in the case. Seven of the eight are members of the Vietnam Veterans Against the War.

U.S. District Court Judge Winston Arnow found the six defendants in contempt of court and placed them on probation for the length of their trial. The trial is to begin in Gainesville July 31.

Cited for contempt were Scott Camil, William J. Patter-

son, Alton C. Foss, Donald V. Perdue, Stanley Michaelson and John Kniffen.

Frank Hall, 23, of Gainesville, who was in the audience, was cited for contempt but given a suspended sentence. The eighth man, Walter Klim, 21, of Milwaukee, a VVAW organizer, was warned by Arnow but not cited. Klim was also in the audience.

Arnow also banned spectators from the courtroom and reprimanded John MacDonnell, 18, a newsman with radio station WBSR in Pensacola, for shouting during the confusion when the eight were arrested and brought before the Judge.

The incident started as prosecutor Guy Goodwin was try-

ing to get Brian Adams, a VVAW organizer, to name the group's decision makers. A spectator shouted "No!" from the back of the courtroom.

Arnow ordered the person who shouted to come forward and when no one moved toward the bench two U.S. marshals pointed out Klim as the culprit.

Klim denied he was responsible.

Two other men stepped forward to support Klim's claim and said Hall was responsible for the interruption.

When Hall went before the Judge the six "Gainesville Eight" defendants accused the marshals of having lied.

Arnow immediately ordered the eight men arrested.