

Chicago 'Weatherman' Indictment Dismissed

CHICAGO, Jan. 3 (UPI)—U.S. District Court Judge Julius J. Hoffman today dismissed a four-year-old indictment against 12 members of the "Weatherman" faction of

the Students for a Democratic Society charged with leading the riotous "Days of Rage" through Chicago streets in 1969.

Hoffman acted on a government request which noted that a recent Supreme Court decision barring electronic surveillance without a court order would have hampered prosecution of the case.

Hoffman, who became acquainted with Weatherman actions during the 1969-70 "Chicago Seven" trial, said that in view of the high court's ruling, "the government's motion cannot be resisted."

The indictment charged that the defendants crossed state lines, "traveled, made speeches, published articles and made specific plans" for the disturbances at the SDS offices in Chicago.

Indicted were Mark Rudd, 25, Maplewood, N.J.; Bernadine Dohrn, 30, New York; Michael Spiegel, New York; Jeffrey Jones, 25, Sylmar, Calif.; William Ayers, 28, Chicago; Kathy Boudin, New York; Howard Machtinger, 26, New York; Terry Robbins, 25, New York; Linda Sue Evans, Fort Dodge, Iowa; Judy Clark, 24, Chicago; John Jacobs, 25, Detroit, and Lawrence Weiss, 25, Detroit.

Navy Denies Fund Waste On Buoys

The Navy yesterday termed erroneous a charge it had wasted \$16 million on unusable submarine emergency radio buoys.

The charge was made Wednesday by Rep. Les Aspin (D-Wis.), who said he suspected "collusion" between the Navy and the manufacturer, Collins Radio Co. of Dallas.

The Navy said the buoys failed to fit only one class of submarine, the nuclear-powered attack vessel SSN-688. Spokesmen said the Navy decided to design a new, smaller buoy for that class because it was cheaper to do so than drill holes in it at a cost of \$375,000 per vessel to install the larger equipment.