

# Magee Again Spits on

Ruchell Magee went through a familiar routine today at his pre-trial hearings on charges of murder, conspiracy, kidnaping and assault that grew out of the 1970 Marin Courthouse shoot-out.

He walked out of the courtroom, after spitting on his attorney, Robert Carrow, of Novato.

Magee left the courtroom or was ejected every day hearings were held last week, and also spat on Carrow one day.

This time his histrionics came immediately after Superior Judge Morton Colvin ruled that he was not entitled to a hearing on the constitutionality of the indictment against him.

## Magee's Argument

Magee had maintained the Marin County grand jury was not properly representative of all classes.

Colvin did, however, grant Magee a hearing on the question of whether he is competent to act as his own co-counsel. Magee didn't like that, either.

"I want to waive the hearing," he said — defying a court order that he address the bench only through his attorney. "I'm not going to participate in that."

Colvin admonished him again to speak through his attorney, and after a whispered consultation Carrow

said he would discuss the matter of the hearing with Magee later.

## Motion Denied

The judge also turned down a motion attacking the adequacy of physical facilities at San Quentin for consultation between convicts

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and their clients.

Magee, a prisoner there, had complained that he and his attorney could be overheard.

But Colvin said he paid a personal visit last Friday to the two consultation rooms used by Magee and found it impossible to hear what was

said inside without making one's self visible through a plexiglass window.

The judge denied a motion that Magee be unshackled during interviews with his attorney at the prison. At present, however, Magee is not shackled during courtroom appearances.