

Jail Term For Magee's Lawyer

Ruchell Magee's court-appointed attorney, Robert Carrow, was sentenced to ten days in jail and fined \$1000 yesterday for two contempt citations he received during the long trial.

Magee's four-month-long trial for the kidnap and murder of Marin county Judge Harold Haley ended in a mistrial when the jury could not agree on a verdict.

The day following the proceedings, Superior Court Judge Morton R. Colvin held a hearing on the contempt charges.

He noted that on February 22 the attorney had stated: "Your honor, I submit this trial is becoming a joke."

"This goes beyond the bounds of advocacy," said Colvin. "This was a willful, deliberate and calculated act to disrupt the orderly judicial process."

The second count was based on Carrow's twice informing the jury of the penalty for kidnaping for extortion during his final arguments.

At the contempt hearing Carrow apologized for his actions.

Carrow's attorney, former Marin county Municipal Court Judge Alvin H. Goldstein Jr., told the court yesterday his client's remarks were made in the passion of the proceedings. He said he thought an apology should be sufficient.

But Colvin disagreed, saying: "If the remarks had been directed toward me, I would readily accept the apology. But Mr. Carrow disrupted the orderly administration of justice."

Carrow, a former mayor of Novato, was given five days in jail and a \$500 fine on each count with the jail terms to run consecutively.

The sentence was stayed for ten days pending an appeal.

"We are going to appeal immediately," said Goldstein. "It's a heavy price to pay for what amounted to effective advocacy."