## MARGEE WXPOSE

## Photographer Suspended for Talking to

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ST. PAUL, Minn., April 15, A photographer for the Associated Press testified today that e had given information 12, 1973 about how mnya per that e had given information on one occasion to FBI agents sons we a ta roadblock outside Wound-village. ed Knee during the village's 71-day occupation.

in the AP's Minneapolis were about 350 to 400 persons bureau, testified at an evidentiary hearing which has intertiary hearing which has interrupted the trial of two American Indian Movement leaders in St. Paul. He said he had responded to questions about how many people were inside Wounded Knee and had given details of statements made at the leaves he leaves he leaves he leaves with the leaves they asked numbers.

"And I believe there was the usual conversation 'did you see any guns?" Mone said.

Mark Lane, defense attorney for two AIM leaders, asked Mone, "You felt it was a studied question?"

"Oh sure," answered Mone. a press conference by Indian leaders.

After his testimony, None was suspended from duty by had answered the question, he wes Gallagher, president and probably would have estimated general manager of the AP,

partial newsman. It is against Associated Press policy for any AP man to be involved in any news story.

The message also said — and any way in any news story.
Under the circumstances,
Mone has been suspended
from all further duties with the Associated Press."

Mone testified that an FBI sons were inside the besieged

"I'm quite sure I discussed an estimate," Mone said, add-James Mone, a photographer ing he believed he said there

"And I believe there was the

"I believe they asked numbers and I may have given them a figure." Mone said that if he about 60 weapons.

general manager of the AP, who issued this statement:

"It is apparent from his own testimony in court today that AP photographer Jim Mone acted improperly as an impartial newsman. It is against had observed 200 to 300 weap-associated Press policy for ons. including rifles with

Mone conceded telling agents this — that he Mone was increasingly concerned about the increased percentage of non-Indians inside the village. Mone said he told agents he had observed that Means and other AIM leaders were having increasing difficulties in becontrolling non-Indians.

Mone testified that he re-layed to agents other state-ments about use of liquor and drugs in the village, which Indian leaders had made at a fi press conference. Mone said S he had added personal observations about problems of control in the village.

The special hearing before U.S. District Judge Fred Nichol is about defense charges of an illegal wiretap at the main roadblock where Mone said to-day he had talked from time to time with FBI agents during the occupation which began Feb. 27 and last until May 8.

Th trial of Rusell Means and Dennis Banks has been in Si S recess since March 15, with the jury absent. Means and Banks

changed in 10-count indict- | ca ments in the takeover. The charges include larceny, burglary, assault on federal offi-

The special hearing entered its fifth week today. The hearing followed a defense motion that the charges be disthat the charges be dismissed, alleging that the government had placed an illegal wiretap on the one telephone in the village.

The government, however, claims a special monitor telephone at the main federal roadblock had not been used to overhear conversations. The government claims its infor-mation from the village had been learned from persons leaving Wounded Knee.

Mone testified he gave the

information to one agent, who asked him to repeat it to another, which Mone said he did.

Mone testified that when Mone testified that when the agents became intensely interested in his account, he cautioned them, "Now I don't want my name used." He explained: "My reaction was that, 'now you've opened your mouth and you'll get stuck in court.' My employers don't particularly like to have us testify." testify."