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## 2 IN CAPITAL WIN SUITS ON ARREST

\$4,500 Awarded to Each in  
May Day Protest Case

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WASHINGTON, Oct. 3 — A Federal district judge awarded \$4,500 today to each of two persons he found had been falsely arrested during the May Day protests here last year.

Judge Gerhard A. Gesell ruled that the District of Columbia must pay Peter Roberts and Dennis Lieberman \$500 each in punitive damages and \$3,000 each in compensatory damages, as well as \$1,000 each for legal fees.

Chester C. Shore, the plaintiffs' attorney, described the decision as "a very fair verdict." The ruling was the first decision on this issue since the arrest of more than 12,000 persons here during antiwar demonstrations in May, 1971.

Mr. Shore said that both Mr. Roberts and Mr. Lieberman were employed by the Department of Labor's Manpower Administration on May 3, 1971, when they were arrested on their way to work.

The two men, both in their

mid-20's, were held for 12 hours at a football stadium and then confined for five hours at the Washington Coliseum, Mr.

Shore said. Disorderly conduct charges against his clients were later dropped he said.

As part of the court's order, the corporation counsel's office agreed to erase the arrest records of both men.

A number of other false arrest suits are pending, as well as a class action suit filed by the American Civil Liberties Union. Virtually all the charges arising out of the May Day arrests have been dropped, with fewer than 200 convictions so far.