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Gregory ^{KIX}_{AD} Acquitted in Prayer Case

Washington
Comedian Dick Gregory and seven others were acquitted yesterday of illegal entry and unlawful assembly charges for praying at the White House before the Cambodian bombing halt.

Superior Court Judge Charles Halleck said the White House was a public place and the group had stopped only briefly to kneel and pray without obstructing traffic.

"We were praying for peace and they arrested us," Gregory said. "You better believe if we had been praying for Richard Nixon's health they wouldn't have touched us."

Five uniformed White House guards who made the arrest were present in the courtroom but they were not called by the government's attorney, Donald Abrams. Halleck has been hearing 185 cases stemming from several arrests made at the White House of pacifists and anti-war demonstrators who staged pray-ins before the bombing halt August 15.

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