

## Abbie Hoffman's Wife Says He Felt

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Abbie Hoffman's wife, Anita, said of her husband yesterday that "he must have felt trapped" and "I think he felt that he could not expect justice any more in the courts or out of them because he had been framed for this drug bust."

The wife of the 37-year-old writer, one-time leader of the Yippies and antiwar efforts and defendant in the "Chicago Seven" conspiracy trial, said in an interview that Mr. Hoffman thought the prosecution "seemed to be very serious to put him away for life."

She said she had not seen him since the end of February—although "we love each other very much"—and had no idea he would fail to show up in State Supreme Court Tuesday when \$10,000 cash bail was forfeited. "God forbid that he should have been in an accident," she added.

Mayer Vishner, co-head of the Abbie Hoffman and Friends Defense Fund that raised the cash, said that "I hope he has not been hit by a truck," and that there were a lot of people who resented Mr. Hoffman as

"so flagrantly free and freaky."

Mr. Vishner said Mr. Hoffman had been "arrested literally close to 40 times, that means literally hundreds of court appearances, beginning in the late fifties when he was sent South by S.N.C.C. (the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee) and arrested in a small town in Alabama for running a stop light in a town that didn't have a stop light."

He had "always welcomed an opportunity to prove something" in the court cases, Mr. Vishner asserted. "I believed him when he said he had been framed and he was not selling cocaine to anyone," Mr. Vishner went on, "and if he was, he might welcome the opportunity to talk about how cocaine is not harmful."

Mr. Hoffman had been arrested last Aug. 28 in a room in the Diplomat Hotel with two young women. Both were co-defendants with him on an indictment filed last Sept. 10, charging him with sale of nearly three pounds of cocaine to two undercover narcotics policemen. If convicted, he could face a minimum sentence of

15 years and a maximum of life in prison.

He had appeared in court eight times, the last time on Feb. 25; he did not appear March 15, when his lawyer, Gerald B. Lefcourt, was given 10 days to locate him. On March 25, a bench warrant was issued, but it was stayed until last Tuesday, when it was ordered executed and bail forfeited.

Mr. Lefcourt said he had last spoken to Mr. Hoffman on about March 5, after the erstwhile Yippie had taped a television interview with Dick Cavett. Mr. Hoffman was "very concerned" about the charge,

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but gave no indication that he would not appear, the lawyer said.

Special Prosecutor Frank J. Rogers said that state bail provisions permitted Mr. Hoffman to travel anywhere. He has an article in the May issue of Harper's Magazine, headlined "Steal This Author, in which the master of the rip-off learns that anything he can do, big business can do better."

Lewis H. Lapham, managing editor, said Mr. Hoffman had brought in the "fun piece" early in February. The editors liked it, but asked him to revise it. He went off to Mexico, and returned with the rewritten

piece, receiving a check for about \$1,000, Mr. Lapham said.

The article describes Mr. Hoffman's misadventures with writers and publishers on his book entitled "Steal This Book," and winds up with his report that he had "produced a 400-page work on how-to-do-it crim in America," — "I called it the Book-of-the-Month Club Selection because of course it never could be."

Mr. Calloway told the police that his second statement was the correct one, but Mr. Hense seized on the difference in an effort to buttress his contention that the concessions had been forced from Mr. Calloway.