

City Sued for Police 'Zebra' Raid

Two young black couples sued the city for a total of \$2,640,000 yesterday, claiming a 50-man "Zebra" raid on a Fillmore district apartment violated their civil rights.

Their lawyer, Melvin Kennedy, accused the police of "degrading treatment" of residents awakened last May 1 by police carrying submachine guns. Kennedy charged that police broke

down many doors at 844 Grove street in the raid.

The 4:30 a.m. raid picked up two of the four defendants now on trial for the Zebra slayings, J. C. X. Simon and Larry C. Green.

Kennedy filed the suit in U.S. District Court, after the city rejected a claim for damages, on behalf of Andre Macedon, 21 a student and accounting firm employee; his wife Mabel, 22, a clerk

with the federal government; James Eskridge, 22, then a soldier stationed at Letterman Army Hospital and now an operating room technician; and his wife, Monica, 22, a secretary.

Defendants are Chief of Inspectors Charles Barca, Mayor Joseph Alioto, Police Chief Donald Scott, Captain of Inspectors Mortimer McInerney and 124 "John Does," all San Francisco po-

licemen.

A spokesman for the San Francisco Police Department said it would have no comment on a pending legal matter.

Each plaintiff asked \$60,000 damages for "emotional distress," plus \$600,000 in punitive damages "for the purpose of deterring such unlawful and egregious conduct."