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Innocent, Says Jane -- Attack Trial Set

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CLEVELAND — Actress Jane Fonda pleaded innocent today in Cleveland Municipal Court to a charge of assaulting a policeman during a hassle over her arrest on a charge of pill smuggling. She asked for a jury trial, which was set for Jan. 6. The 32 year old wife of French film director Roger Vadim was released on \$5000 personal bond yesterday on federal charges of fraudulently bringing stimulants and tranquilizers into the United States from Canada and assaulting Edward P. Mastuzak, 32, a customs agent.

Kicks and Screams

She was arrested at Hopkins International Airport in Cleveland yesterday after allegedly kicking and slapping a policeman and screaming: "Get out of here you pig."

"If this can happen to me," Miss Fonda told an audience of about 2000 at Central Michigan University last night, "you can imagine what happens to less visible

people who are trying to do something constructive about this country."

Tour of Colleges

Miss Fonda, on a tour of colleges and universities in the United States and Canada to speak against the war in Indochina, arrived at Hopkins on a flight from Toronto.

During her stay in jail yesterday, Miss Fonda said, she learned one thing:

"I kept thinking that if I were nobody, if nobody knew I was in jail, they (the police) could do anything they wanted with me."

She charged police with "harassment" and blasted conditions at the jail, claiming to have witnessed the beating of a young woman student activist.

'Best People' in Jail

But, Miss Fonda said, "some of the best people in this country are in jail and I feel proud to be with them."

The pill charge was based on a "small quantity" of prescription Dexedrine, Compazine and Valium pills found in Miss Fonda's handbag,

her attorneys said.

But Asst. U.S. Attorney Edward Molnar said 105 vials containing some 2000 other capsules were found in a suitcase and were being analyzed.

Denies Smuggling

"I am not a smuggler," Miss Fonda, daughter of actor Henry Fonda, said in a police station news conference.

She complained she had been held incommunicado at the airport for three hours and "pushed" the policeman only after he blocked her way to a telephone and a restroom.

Miss Fonda has been active in protests against U.S. policy in Vietnam and in behalf of GI rights, American Indian claims, civil rights and the Black Panthers.

She said she had been harassed each time she reentered the United States since becoming an activist.

'Made Up Charge'

"They were determined to charge her for something, so they made up a charge of as-