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Judge Again Sentences Clay To 5 Years and \$10,000 Fine

HOUSTON, July 24 (AP)—A Federal judge resented Casius Clay today to the same five years in prison and \$10,000 fine he assessed in June of 1967 after Clay's conviction on a charge of refusing induction into the armed forces.

There had been speculation that Judge Joe Ingraham might reduce his original sentence, but he imposed the same one in United States District Court without comment.

The chief lawyer for the former world heavyweight boxing champion, Charles Morgan Jr. of Atlanta, filed a notice of appeal to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit in New Orleans.

Clay will remain free on \$5,000 bond posted at the time of his first appeal two years ago.

Before the sentencing, Judge Ingraham asked Clay if he had any comment.

"No, sir," Clay said. "Except I am sticking to my religious beliefs. I know this is a country that preaches religious freedom."

Clay had sought exemption

from the draft as a Black Muslim minister and as a conscientious objector.

Clay's plea that his conviction be set aside was rejected July 14 by Judge Ingraham, who ordered him to appear for resentencing.

Clay's attorneys contended that illegally obtained wiretapped conversations involving Clay had tainted the conviction.

During a hearing last month before Judge Ingraham, four such conversations were admitted into evidence.

Judge Ingraham refused to admit a fifth summary. He said it had been obtained legally and that revealing it publicly would endanger national security.

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