

OFFICER APOLOGIZES

Slapping Incident Draws Judge's Ire

After striking a woman on the jaw outside of the courtroom of Recorder's Judge Joseph A. Gillis, a police sergeant, Raymond A. Sikora, was cited for contempt of court and sentenced to five days in jail. The sentence was suspended after he apologized to the judge.

There was no redress to Miss Gloria Sailor, 22, 2118 Meade, the object of the policeman's wrath, after she had been freed by Judge Gillis on charges of accosting and soliciting.

According to Miss Sailor, Sgt. Sikora rushed after her as she stepped outside the courtroom and struck her on the jaw leaving a wide welt.

Several spectators in the hall are said to have attempted to restrain the officer who struggled with Recorder's court detail policemen.

An all-out brawl was prevented as spectators also restrained Miss Sailor's unidentified male companion who tried to attack Sgt. Sikora.

Sgt. Sikora was ordered back into the courtroom by Judge Gillis. He refused to give civil answers to any of the judge's questions, repeatedly shrugged his shoulders and kept his hands in his pockets throughout the proceedings.

After Judge Gillis admonished Sikora to stand up straight in the courtroom and the officer refused, saying "those are just my mannerisms," Sikora was cited on contempt of court charges and given a five-day jail sentence.

Given a second chance two hours later, Sikora apologized to the court and the order was rescinded.

In a similar but unrelated case, a 41-year-old Eastside woman was treated in Receiving hospital for a contusion of the scalp after she asserted she was struck with a blackjack by a police officer.

Miss Rosalie Ely, of 694 Hendrie, accused Patrol-

man James Wright, of the vice bureau, of striking her after her arrest for accosting and soliciting in a bar at 1244 Randolph.

Wright said he identified himself as a police officer and requested Miss Ely to leave with him, but she refused to go and several patrons attempted to interfere on her behalf.

Wright said he drew his blackjack to defend himself against a hostile crowd when he attempted to force Miss Ely to leave the bar.

On arrival at the vice bureau, Miss Ely complained she had been hit with a blackjack, and requested hospitalization.

She was taken by Patrolman Wright to Receiving hospital where Dr. L. A. Aalaway of the hospital staff treated her for a small contusion of the scalp.

First Federal Asked To Face Committee

No let-up in the demonstrations against First Federal Savings and Loan Association has been pledged by the local branch NAACP.

Picketing has been stepped up at the association's downtown headquarters while the branch's Housing Committee, headed by Abraham Ulmer, lays plans for other phases of the campaign.

In the meantime, an inquiry into the various aspects of the grievances against First Federal has been opened by a Citizens Committee, which was named last week.

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