

Six Negroes Who Carried Guns In California Capitol Are Jailed

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Aug. 10 (AP)—Six young Negroes who entered the California Assembly chamber last May armed with loaded guns have been sent to jail for up to three months.

All had pleaded guilty to an almost-never-used section of the law forbidding disruption of the Legislature during a session.

They were part of a larger band of militant members of the Black Panther Party for Self Defense who caused a stir in the Capitol May 2 when they walked around carrying loaded rifles, shotguns and pistols.

Their presence, they said, was to protest a bill that would ban the carrying of loaded weapons in public places. The bill has since become law, and the demonstration led to a tightening of Capitol security.

Attorneys for the six said that party members no longer carried guns in public. They also said that the six, who had been surrounded by newsmen and television cameras during their foray, had entered the chamber by mistake, thinking it was the public gallery.

Municipal Court Judge Oscar Kistle sent three defendants to jail for 10 days and put them on two years probation. They were Albert Commo, 21 years old, and Mikel Hall, 18, of Oakland, and Emery Douglas, 23, of San Francisco.

Bobby George Seale, 30, chairman of the organization, and Warren Tucker, 19, of Richmond, were sentenced to 90 days in jail and three years probation. John Bethea, 18, of Oakland, received 30 days and two years probation.