

LEICESTER MAN FOUND GUILTY OF 'NASTY ASSAULT'

Photographer Punched On Jaw At Jordan Meeting

A 29-YEAR-OLD Leicester man, Raymond Hill, was found guilty at Birmingham stipendiary's court yesterday of assaulting a press photographer after a meeting attended by Colin Jordan in Birmingham on November 10. He had denied the charge.

Hill, a freelance salesman, 175, Loughborough Road, Leicester, was found guilty of assaulting Mr. Peter Bernard Robinson, Queen's Road, Yardley, and causing him bodily harm, and of committing a disorderly act. The stipendiary imposed a six-month prison sentence, suspended for two years.

A cross summons against Mr. Robinson, alleging that he assaulted Hill, was dismissed.

The stipendiary, who described the attack on Mr. Robinson as "a nasty assault", said he was satisfied that Mr. Robinson was only carrying out his duties.

He said: "Hill and others may have resented it but Hill had no right to attempt to damage Mr. Robinson's camera, much less to assault him."

Grabbed

Mr. Robinson, in evidence, said he was a Press photographer employed by the *Birmingham Post*. On Sunday November 10 he was outside the Imperial Hotel, waiting to photograph Mr. Colin Jordan, who was attending a meeting there.

He took two photographs outside the hotel and then followed the group into New Street, where he took two further shots.

He was about to go back to his office when Hill approached him grabbed his camera and threw it down on the pavement.

He said Hill then grabbed him by the lapels and punched him on the jaw.

Hill hit several more blows and Mr. Robinson said he started to hit back but his blows were "not very effective."

Mr. Robinson said that after police officers had separated them, he was taken to hospital where he was found to have a bruised jaw. One tooth was broken and others were splintered.

Cross-examined by Mr. H. J. Moon, for Hill, Mr. Robinson denied that he was being a "thorough nuisance" to the people at the scene.

He said he was not aware that Hill did not want to be photographed and added: "I wasn't photographing Mr. Hill. I was there to photograph Mr. Jordan."

Police Sergeant H. Dale said he saw Hill strike a number of blows. The two men had got hold of each other and were struggling.

Punch

Later, when told he would be charged with assault, Hill said: "The flash was getting in my eyes and I didn't like it. I didn't mean to hurt him."

Hill, in evidence, said he was not a supporter of Colin Jordan but had gone to the meeting at the invitation of a friend who was a "keen student of politics". The meeting had aroused his curiosity.

When they left the hotel after the meeting, photographs were taken and he covered his face with his hand. Later, in New Street, the photographer was taking more photographs, and he

thought a full faced photograph had been taken of him.

Hill said: "I snatched his camera. I shouldn't have done that and I am sorry I did."

He said the photographer swore at him and swung a punch at him which landed on his forehead.

There was a scuffle which lasted only a matter of seconds and they were separated by the police.

Hill said: "If Mr. Robinson received injuries, all I can say is that my whole intention was to expose the film in the camera. I had no intention of injuring him and if I did, it was inadvertent."

Mr. John Grand-Scrutton, 75, High Street, Whetstone, said he had met a man connected with Jordan's party who told him about the meeting.

He got a ticket and some literature and asked Hill to go with him. He was ill at the time of the meeting and was unable to go, so he asked Hill to go alone and paid his fare to Birmingham.

After Hill had been found guilty, it was stated that he had been sentenced to two years imprisonment in 1962, for causing grievous bodily harm.

UNIVERSITY CAROLS

Nearly £37 was collected at a carol service at Digby Hall, Leicester University. The money will be divided between Oxfam and Leicester Children's Aid Society.



Mr. Preston Mr. Morrison

TWO MORE SUBSIDIARY DIRECTORS

LADIES PRIDE Outerwear has appointed two more directors to the recently formed manufacturing subsidiary, Ladies Pride (Leicester) Ltd. They are Mr. John A. Preston aged 31, 47, Brookfield Street, Syston, and Mr. John V. Morrison (37), Rose Cottage, Peckleton Common.

Mr. Preston was for three years at Loughborough College of Art and three years at the Royal College of Art, South Kensington.

For the past three years he has been a director of Rudkin, Laundon and Co. Ltd., with responsibilities for production, design and sales.

Mr. Morrison was educated at King's School, Macclesfield, and joined Ladies Pride Outerwear (Sales) Ltd. in September 1959. Since then he has been a sales representative covering the Midlands and East Anglian areas.

Father Of Two Refused Bail

A 22-YEAR-OLD father of two was refused bail by Leicester City magistrates yesterday and remanded in custody for seven