

Eight Convicted at Civil Rights Sit-in Trial

Six men and two women were convicted Thursday of trespassing and disturbing the peace in a civil rights demonstration April 18 at the Van de Kamp's bakery shop in a supermarket at 2600 S Vermont Ave.

The misdemeanor verdicts were returned by a jury in Municipal Judge Mario L. Clinco's court. The defendants were acquitted of malicious mischief charges.

They were accused of disrupting the market by singing and chanting and emptying the shelves of baked goods, which were put in baskets and left in the market, in protest of the bakery's alleged discrimination against Negroes in its employment policies.

Eight Listed

The defendants are Fleming D. Gray Jr., 32, of 3722 Richardson Dr.; Robert L. Hall, 34, of 127¼ E 55th St.; Charles H. Bratton, 39, of 5121½ S Western Ave.; Woodrow Coleman, 30, of 747 W 10th Pl.; Jay M. Frank, 19, of 5929 Jamieson Ave., Encino; Mrs. Annette M. Becker, 26, of 215 S Carondelet St.; Bruce A. Hartford, 20, of 27030 Westwood Plaza, and Mrs. Marie Goldman, 36, of 2784 Hollyridge Dr. Gray, Hall, Bratton and Coleman are Negroes.

They are to be sentenced Aug. 5 at 1:30 p.m.

Meanwhile, a jury was being picked in the court of Municipal Judge Richard Schauer to try 14 persons on similar charges for a demonstration at the Southwest Realty Board, 4907 S Vermont Ave., protesting the board's alleged exclusion of Negro members.