

NEGRO GIRL CONVICTED

She Is Held Guilty of Refusing to Move to Back of Bus

MONTGOMERY, Ala., March 18 (UP)—A 15-year-old Negro high school girl was convicted today of refusing to move to the back of a city bus. She also was found guilty of having assaulted policemen who removed her from the vehicle.

The girl, Claudette Colvin, was placed on probation for an unspecified time by Juvenile Court Judge Wiley Hill Jr. Her attorneys said they would take an appeal.

Witnesses for the state testified the girl had become "hysterical" and "scratched and kicked and screamed" when the police removed her from the bus.

Attorneys for the girl asked for dismissal of the charges on the ground they were unconstitutional. They cited the Thirteenth, Fourteenth and Fifteenth

Amendments. Fred Gray asked that the stigma of conviction not be placed against the youngster since she had gone through an "ordeal" in being arrested, handcuffed and jailed.

Solicitor William Thetford told the court that whether the laws were right or wrong, they must be obeyed.