

6 Convicted In Morgan Melee

Six of nine men arrested after a demonstration at Morgan State College May 15 were found guilty of disorderly conduct yesterday in Southwestern Municipal Court.

Two others were acquitted of the same charge after Judge Jerome G. Robinson said that "the state failed to meet its burden of proof" during the hearing which lasted more than four hours.

The ninth defendant, Cecil E. Flamer, 23, was initially ordered on probation without a verdict. Judge Robinson changed the verdict to a finding of innocent when he learned that Mr. Flamer is to enter active duty with the Army Reserve next week.

Larry Gibson, lawyer for the defendants, seven of whom attend Morgan State College, said he would appeal the finding of guilty.

Moved On Crowd

The nine were arrested when police moved on a crowd of demonstrators at the intersection of Cold Spring lane and Hillen road. Students had gathered there to protest the shooting of two Jackson (Miss.) State College students.

Rocks were thrown at police, who fired canisters of tear gas onto the campus. The melee broke out at about 6.30 P.M. and continued until about 8 P.M.

At issue in yesterday's hearing was whether police had told the demonstrators through loudspeakers to clear the intersection before moving to make arrests. Police said they had repeatedly ordered the group to disperse, while witnesses maintained that no such order was heard.

Stopped At Intersection

Two of the men who were freed were drivers of vehicles stopped at the intersection after police said they had ordered the intersection cleared. Judge Robinson dismissed charges against the men after determining that the state had not clearly shown the cars had been stopped there intentionally.

The hearing was marked by occasionally sharp exchanges between judge, defendants and Saul Jeblon, assistant state's attorney.

"What's the State trying to do?" Judge Robinson asked Mr. Jeblon after testimony showed that one of the vehicle drivers might have intentionally stalled his car. "This man seems to be

as culpable as anyone, and he goes free because the state doesn't testify."

"Can I have my picture back, please, or are you going to hide it from me?" Mr. Jeblon asked Mr. Gibson at one point, referring to a picture taken by the police department which the state introduced as evidence.

Claims Mace Used

One of the defendants claimed that he was Maced by police as he was being led away. Judge Robinson told him to bring the question up "in the proper forum."

Found guilty of disorderly conduct were:

- JOSEPH C. PIERSON, 20, of the 3300 block Springhill road, who was fined \$10 and court costs.
- RONALD K. BARRETT, 22, a Morgan dormitory resident, who was fined \$25 and costs.

MELVIN BUTLER, JR., 30, of the 3500 block Cadillac avenue, who was fined \$25 and costs.

GLENN C. GRAINGER, 21, of the 600 block Hillview road, who was fined \$75 and costs.

WILBERT SIMMS, 20, of the 200 block West Saratoga street, who was fined \$25 and costs.

GEORGE F. STOKES, 21, a Morgan dormitory resident, who was fined \$25 and costs.

Those acquitted were:

EARL COLES JR., 22, a Morgan dormitory resident.

JOHN W. CARTER, 26, of the 2400 block Loyola northway, whose occupation was listed as an insurance salesman.

CECIL E. FLAMER, 23, of the 1600 block Cold Spring lane, an accountant who is entering the active Army Reserve.

Mr. Butler was acquitted of an additional charge of resisting arrest.

Spectators included about 40 Morgan State College students and a half dozen faculty mem-