

Girl, 15, Guilty In Bus Seat Case

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — A 15-year-old girl who refused to move to the rear of a city bus was found guilty in Juvenile court here last Friday on charges of assault and battery, disorderly conduct and with violating a city ordinance which makes it "unlawful for any passenger to refuse or fail to take those seats assigned to the race which it belongs."

The girl, Claudette Colvin, was declared a ward of the state and placed on probation pending good behavior.

Robert W. Cleere, driver of the bus, told the court that the girl was seated near the front of his

bus with a Negro woman when a group of white persons boarded the bus. Cleere said he asked both the girl and the woman to move to the rear. He said the woman moved but that Miss Colvin remained in her seat. Cleere said he then called police.