

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.

Put On Indefinite Probation

Negro Girl Found Guilty Of Segregation Violation

A 15-year-old Negro girl was indicted 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."



- 1.) What is the name of the young woman who serves as the focus of this article?
- 2.) Imagine you are the author of this article. What are two to three questions that you would ask the young woman concerning her arrest?
- 3.) What is your opinion of the absurd charges (assault and battery, disorderly conduct and violating a city ordinance) levied against the young woman in the article? How were these charges a reflection of the deeply seeded racist feelings that existed in the South during the 1950's and 60's?
- 4.) Why do you think we don't know as much about this girl as we do about Rosa Parks?
1. What woman appears in the picture?
2. What did she refuse to do that led to the situation shown in this photograph?
3. Should the woman have been arrested? Explain
4. What event did her actions lead to?
5. According to this document, what methods did African Americans use to deal with the inequality they faced in Montgomery, Alabama? Were they successful? Explain