

McKay Pleads Not Guilty To Discrimination Charge

Morley McKay, Dresden restaurant operator, pleaded not guilty this morning, when he appeared before Magistrate Ivan B. Craig in Chatham, on a charge of breach of the Fair Accommodations Practices Act. McKay will appear for trial Wednesday, December 1.

It will be the first time a charge under the recently legislated act will have been heard, not only in Kent, but in the province of Ontario. McKay's appearance in court this morning was one of the events which will lead to the climax of a situation which has faced Dresden people, both white and colored, for several years.

McKay is charged with refus-

ing restaurant service to Bramley Armstrong, a Toronto Negro, at Kay's restaurant "because of his color."

Labor Minister Daley ordered the charge laid after Armstrong complained that he was refused service in Kay's restaurant on October 29.

Earlier, on September 28, Judge William Schwenger heard evidence on two complaints of discrimination against McKay and a second man, Matthew Emerson. At that time Labor Minister Daley declined to prosecute but warned that the next act of discrimination would be prosecuted.

The incident on which McKay now appears occurred eight days after Mr. Daley's decision was made public. The act provides for a fine up to \$100 upon conviction.