

Cities Ban Rock 'n' Roll Result of Boston Riot

HAVEN, Conn., May 7 (AP). — Five northeastern cities cracked down on rock 'n' roll music today as a result of a riot that followed a jam session in Boston last Saturday night.

New York disc jockey Allen Freed, who calls himself the father of rock 'n' roll, replied that it was the "world's most popular music." He said he would go all the way to the U. S. Supreme Court, if necessary, to win the freedom to present rock 'n' roll.

The raucous, undulating rhythms that teen-agers call "cod" were banned in Boston and New Haven, Conn. Performances were cancelled in Troy, N. Y., and Newark, N. J. The

mayor of Providence, R. I., said he would allow Freed to hold a rock 'n' roll "concert" there, but under severe restrictions.

Anti-rock 'n' roll legislation was introduced in the Massachusetts Legislature.

A New Haven judge turned a deaf ear on Freed's appeal for an injunction to prevent the mayor from enforcing a ban on rock 'n' roll.

In Boston, Dist. Atty. Garrett H. Byrne followed up a city ban on rock 'n' roll with an announcement that he would seek an indictment against Freed on charges of inciting a riot.

Byrne said he would present his evidence to a grand jury as a result of the beating, stabbing or robbing of 15 persons in a melee that followed Freed's "big beat" show at the Boston Arena last Saturday.

Massachusetts State Senator William D. Fleming, a Worcester Democrat, introduced a measure in the State Legislature to bar rock 'n' roll from all state owned buildings, such as the arena.

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