

'China Bee's' No-Jail Record Remains Intact

Margaret (China Bee) Parker, who has been arrested on several occasions over the last 30 years but has never served time, managed again today to keep her record clean.

Mrs. Parker, 61, of 225 N. Washington St., was found innocent on a charge of operating a house of prostitution by Magistrate John Whitney.

She was arrested June 11 during a roundup of alleged prostitutes after a three-month investigation by a police undercover agent working as a cab driver.

James St. Cerny, the undercover agent, testified that he took Mrs. Parker and two other women from the Washington street address to a restaurant April 15. He said he asked her if he could bring customers to her "place of business," but she said she would not accept such customers because she ran a "tight house."

WHITNEY REFUSED to allow the state to place into evidence 11 pictures taken in the house during the raid and a sack of equipment said to have been found there.

There were no men in the

house at the time of the arrest, police said.

The state had alleged that she allowed the house to be used for prostitution the afternoon of April 15.

Mrs. Parker's police record here dates to 1940, when she was first charged with being keeper of a house of prostitution. She has been fined several times since then, but there is no record of her ever serving time. Once she was put on probation.

In 1965 she was fined \$50 for keeping a house of prostitution when her defense attorney told the judge that she was an "upstanding citizen now" and to fine her more might force her to return to her trade to come up with the money.

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