Black activist rips flag again

Richard Bradley climbed up a flagpole in front of San Francisco City Hall for the second time in as many days yesterday to tear down a Confederate flag in a demonstration.

When he got to the ground, after ripping the flag to shreds and throwing the pieces to the ground, he was arrested and charged with malicious mischief. He was arrested on the same charge Sunday after he climbed the same flagpole and tore apart another Confederate flag. Bradley belongs to the Spartacist League and the Labor Black League for Social Defense, two organizations that consider the Confederate flag a symbol of racism. The groups have vowed to continue tearing down the flag, if the city insists on replacing it.

The flag is part of an 18-foot display in front of City Hall that is designed to depict flags that played important roles in the history of the United States, according to Tom McKey, director of the city’s Recreation and Parks Department. McKey said he will continue to fly the Confederate flag until or unless the Board of Supervisors ordains it down.