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Saypol, Prosecutor of Rosenbergs, Indicted on Bribery Charge

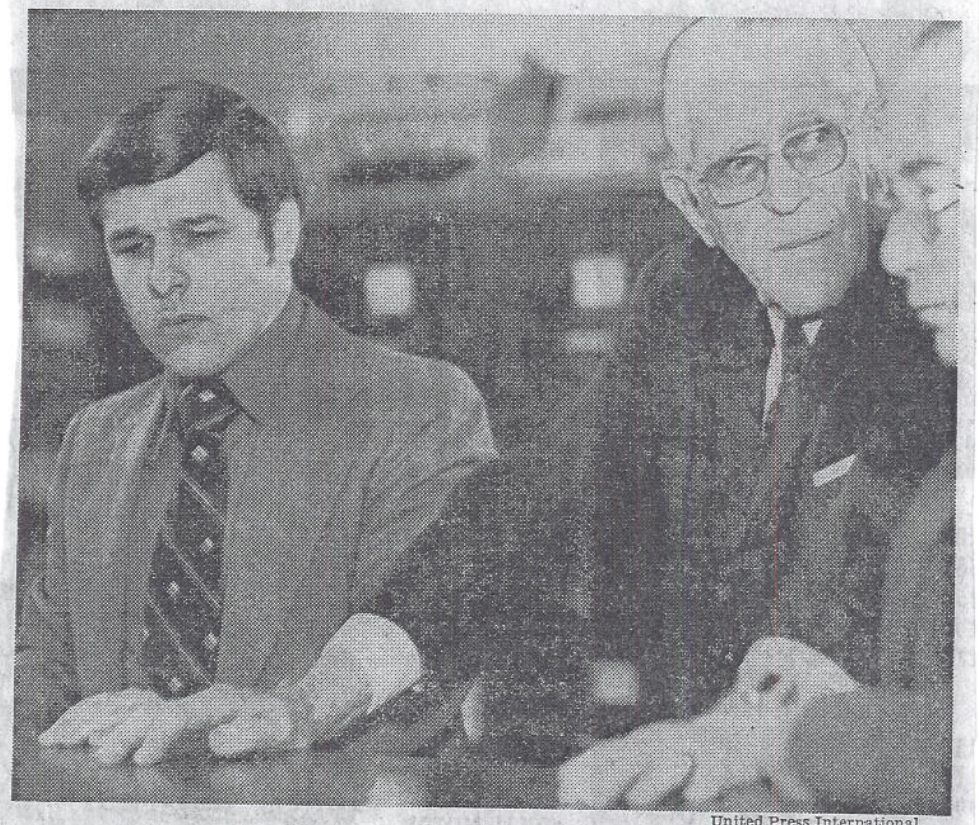
NEW YORK—Two New York judges, one of them the prosecutor in the Rosenberg atomic spy case 25 years ago, were indicted yesterday by a special anti-corruption grand jury.

The indictment accused Supreme Court Justice Irving Saypol, 70, of prevailing upon Judge Samuel DiFalco of Surrogate Court to let Saypol's son act as both an appraiser and seller of certain estate property. Saypol's son, Roger, allegedly realized a $20,000 commission in the sale of the property.

Saypol faces felony charges of perjury and bribery. He was elected to the court in 1951, the same year that as a federal prosecutor he obtained the conviction of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg. They were charged with passing atomic secrets to the Soviet Union and were executed in 1953.

DiFalco faces misdemeanor charges of conpiracy and misconduct.

The charges against Saypol carry maximum possible penalties upon conviction totaling 28 years in prison. Those against DiFalco are punishable by 90 days for conspiracy, a year for misconduct and fines totaling $1,500.



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Justice Saypol, center, is booked after indictment for bribery, perjury.