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Columnist Jack Anderson, center, his assistant, Les Whitten, left, and Reed J. Irvine at the witness table.

Columnist Accuses A Critic

A critic of the news media was accused of perjury yesterday after telling a congressional subcommittee he wasn't using government facilities for his media critic work.

Columnist Jack Anderson leveled the charge against Reed J. Irvine, a \$37,000-a-year Federal Reserve Board economist and chairman of Accuracy In Media, at a House Banking subcommittee hearing.

The hearing was prompted by Anderson's published accusation that Irvine, in conducting some of his AIM work, has used the board's facilities and his knowledge as an employee of the bank-regulating agency. Irvine told the House panel: "I do AIM work on my own time, not using government facilities or materials."

Anderson, seated at the witness table next to him, responded: "Mr. Irvine has committed perjury here today."

Subcommittee Chairman Wright Patman (D-Tex.) said Anderson's published charges "take on added significance because of other recent revelations of attempts by the Federal Reserve to manipulate public opinion." He accused Federal Reserve Board Chairman Arthur F. Burns of waging a lobbying campaign last year to kill a bill aimed at forcing an audit of the board.