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Partin Ordered To Pay \$15,000 To Ex-Member

WASHINGTON (AP) — The National Labor Relations Board has ordered Edward G. Partin, a Baton Rouge Teamsters Union leader, to pay more than \$15,000 to a black-listed former union member.

The NLRB said Partin, still under indictment charging embezzlement of union money, blacklisted union member Calvin G. Clary and got him fired for raising questions about Partin's handling of union funds.

CLARY HAS been trying to collect from Partin, whose testimony helped imprison Teamsters President James R. Hoffa, since the board first ruled against Partin four years ago.

Clary was part of a faction in a Baton Rouge Teamsters local which tried to oust Partin as business agent on grounds of mishandling of funds and mistreating union members.

The NLRB in its summary judgment order yesterday, said Partin had ignored previous orders to pay Clary, including a U.S. Court of Appeals decision upholding the back-pay order.

The board ordered Partin to pay Clary \$13,555 plus interest for loss of pay, \$403 interest for medical expenses Clary would have been entitled to as a union member, and \$1,125 in payments

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to the Teamsters' pension fund for Clary.

THE EMBEZZLEMENT charges have been pending against Partin since 1962, two years before he showed up as star federal witness in Hoffa's 1964 jury tampering trial.

Hoffa was convicted and is serving an eight-year sentence at the Lewisburg, Pa., federal penitentiary.

A federal judge in Baton Rouge earlier this month refused to dismiss the embezzlement charges against Partin and accused the Justice Department of making a deal to pay off Partin for his testimony against Hoffa.

Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, D-N.Y., was attorney general at the time of Hoffa's trial.

"ARE THE interests of justice to be served by granting of lifetime immunity to someone because of the wishes of a previous attorney general?" asked U.S. Dist. Judge E. Gordon West at the Baton Rouge hearing, Friday, May 3.

Justice Department attorney Michael Epstein denied at the hearing that Partin had been given immunity, but asked that the embezzlement charges be dismissed "in the interests of justice" because Partin helped in the Hoffa trial.

"If that isn't a payoff, I don't know what it is," West said in refusing to dismiss the 26-count indictment accusing Partin of embezzlement and falsifying union records.

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