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Hoffa Hearing Is Set Tuesday

Teamster Leader Brought to Chattanooga

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (AP)—Handcuffed, grim-faced and accompanied by U.S. marshals, Teamsters Union President James R. Hoffa arrived here Thursday to renew his battle for freedom from his 1964 jury-tampering conviction.

Hoffa, who is serving an eight-year term in the federal reformatory at Lewisburg, Pa., seeks to prove that the federal government obtained his conviction through the use of wiretapping. He said nothing as he was escorted into a Hamilton County Jail cell.

His newest challenge to the jury-tampering conviction comes as a result of a U.S. Supreme Court order requiring that records of federal eavesdropping be turned over to defendants. Hoffa's conviction here followed his 1962 federal trial in Nashville in which a jury trying him on a conspiracy charge could not reach a verdict.

Officials say Hoffa's case is one of about 50 affected by the Supreme Court order. His hearing is scheduled Tuesday.

The Supreme Court directed U.S. Dist. Court Judge Frank W. Wilson, the 1964 trial judge, to determine if the eavesdropping violated Hoffa's rights and tainted his trial.

The Department of Justice admits conversations of Hoffa and Larry Campbell, a Detroit Teamster, were overheard from listening posts in Detroit and Las Vegas. Campbell and Thomas King and Ewing Parks of Nashville were convicted with Hoffa.

The federal agents told Wilson earlier, "Our inquiry has produced no information lending any support whatever to the claim that electronic eavesdropping affected the petitioners' conviction."

JUDGE TO DECIDE

But the Supreme Court said the trial judge would have to make that decision.

In a preliminary conference Thursday, Wilson agreed the

government must prove that all its records and tapes of Hoffa's and the codefendants' conversations have been delivered to defense attorneys.

Judge Wilson earlier rejected two motions for a new trial for Hoffa and the three other men. One motion charged that government agents used bugging devices at the Chattanooga hotel where Hoffa stayed during his trial.

The Supreme Court order grew out of another case in which wiretapping was alleged.

At the conference Thursday morning, Hoffa's lawyers argued that "the government has adroitly refused to be honest with the court" on the wiretapping question. They demand-

ed that the Justice Department turn over a series of records from Federal Bureau of Investigation files which they called "the June file."

The government attorneys, saying they never heard of any such file, charged that Hoffa's lawyers were "going on a gigantic fishing expedition" in an attempt to overturn the labor leader's conviction.

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