

Defense Ends Case In Trial of Partin

BUTTE, Mont. (AP) — The defense rested its case and the prosecution disposed of rebuttal in a time-saving procedure yesterday during the government's conspiracy trial of 46-year-old Edward Grady Partin, a Teamsters Union official in Baton Rouge.

U.S. District Court Judge W. D. Murray ordered the jury to convene again Tuesday, when five lawyers involved in the case will present arguments and the jury will receive court's instructions.

Partin has been charged with four counts of criminal conspiracy in violation of the Sherman Antitrust Act.

During morning testimony, final defense witnesses again attempted to discredit prosecution testimony and two affidavits signed in 1969 by government witnesses were presented as evidence.

THE AFFIDAVITS were signed by ex-Teamsters strongarm Wade McClanahan and Barnes D. Samuels, a Teamsters member.

In his affidavit, McClanahan, one of the government's key witnesses, said a Baton Rouge concrete businessman had tried to bribe him into testifying against Partin in an antitrust suit. The businessman, Wallace Heck, had filed the suit against Partin and others. The suit is being held up pending the outcome of the present trial.

The other testimonial, signed by Samuels, mentions Thomas McFerrin, an employe and agent of the Louisiana Labor Management

Commission of Inquiry.

Samuels states in the document that McFerrin was the go between in dealings between the commission and Teamsters men whom the commission wanted to testify in Heck's suit against Partin.

Samuels swore that McFerrin told him he would go to jail if he did not do what the commission wanted and, at one point, said McFerrin had tried to get the 6-4, 240-pound McClanahan kidnaped to Louisiana from Texas, where he fled after some trouble in Baton Rouge.

In the first two weeks of the three-week-old trial prosecution attorneys called 40 witnesses in an attempt to prove Partin had conspired from 1966-69 with convicted conspirator Ted F. Dunham Jr. in an attempt to gain control of the concrete business in Baton Rouge.

Partin's defense called 27 witnesses to the stand in 2½ days before resting—other witnesses, as well as Partin himself, had been expected to testify, however.

Ex-Yale Secretary To Become President

SWANNANOVA, N. C. (AP) — Dr. Reuben A. Holden, secretary of Yale University since 1953, will become the president of Warren Wilson College on Aug. 1.

The liberal arts college has an enrollment of 400 men and women.