

Hoffa Lawyers Lose Bid for Full Records

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CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (AP)—U.S. Dist. Court Judge Frank Wilson told attorneys for Teamsters Union President James R. Hoffa today that he won't allow a "general rummaging through the government files and government investigative procedures."

Lawyers for the Teamsters president and three men convicted with him of jury tampering in 1964 renewed their day-old request for all government files in the case. They are seeking a new trial.

Wilson said he wanted the defendants to have "every bit or relevant information." But he said he did not want to allow indiscriminate search of government files.

"I HAVE MADE pertinent matters part of the record and will continue to do so," Wilson said.

Hoffa's chief counsel, Morris Shenker, accusing the government of presenting "half truths and no truths," said it was "impossible to get the whole thing together" without a complete disclosure of all files. He argued that the defendants are more able to determine what is pertinent than is the judge.

Defense attorneys made the request as the hearing, ordered by the U.S. Supreme Court, entered its fifth day. They claim Hoffa and the others were convicted with the aid of evidence obtained through illegal eavesdropping.

Defense lawyers have paraded a score of witnesses, mostly FBI agents and employes, who have admitted to widespread eavesdropping on the telephone conversations of Hoffa, his three co-defendants and other Teamster officials.

THE DEFENSE, armed with over 350 pages of conversations of Teamster phone calls recorded by the FBI, has tried repeatedly to elicit testimony from FBI personnel that the information was

used in the 1964 trial here.

But witnesses have consistently denied any knowledge that the information was used against Hoffa.

Shenker says the government has not turned over all the information it should have.

The government was ordered before the hearing to provide the defense with all "overheard" conversations it had compiled involving the defendants. Judge Wilson said the defense would then have to show evidence obtained illegally was actually used by the government in the trial.

THE GOVERNMENT earlier gave the defense 258 transcripts of conversations it recorded of radio-telephone conversations of Teamsters in Detroit. It also admitted bugging a private phone of a Las

Vegas hotel executive and Hoffa associate.

Government attorneys say none of the information the FBI obtained either in Las Vegas or Detroit was used in the trial.

The jury-tampering case grew out of a 1962 conspiracy trial in Nashville in which a mistrial was declared. Convicted with Hoffa were Ewing King and Thomas Ewing Parks of Nashville and Larry Campbell of Detroit.

King, Campbell and Parks have completed reduced three-year sentences. Hoffa has served 30 months of an eight-year term imposed by Judge Wilson.

King was excused from yesterday's hearing after he waived his right to be present. He complained of severe head pains he said were the result of an illness he contracted while in prison.