

# Marshal Law For Sirica?

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There were two deputy U.S. marshals on duty from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m. at Watergate Judge John J. Sirica's house last Sunday night, and it was a lucky thing for the household they were.

A neighbor called the D.C. Police to protest a disorderly party in progress.

When the police arrived, a marshal met them at the door and sent them away. It was just one of Sirica's children, 17-year-old Patricia, celebrating her high school graduation with about 70 of her friends. They were not being overly noisy, the marshal insisted.

Since Sirica does not normally have the protection of the U.S. marshals, their presence over the weekend prompted questions.

Sirica himself was not home. He was out of town on business.

A Justice Department official first denied that marshals had been guarding Sirica's house. But after further checking, he confirmed that Sirica had requested the marshals to be on duty because "he was concerned about the safety of his family."

It was "a pattern of informal, ad hoc protection established for Sirica back in 1970" during a particularly lurid murder trial when he was the presiding judge, the spokesman said.

"We're still responsive to his requests."

## Colson's Plea

Charles W. (Chuck) Colson says his prayer group helped him arrive at the decision to "testify for the country and for Jesus Christ" by pleading guilty last week to a charge of obstructing justice in the Ellsberg trial.

In addition, another small army of Christian volunteers has rallied behind him to help his cause in any way they can.

At least 50 people worked diligently last month in his behalf when Colson's lawyers filed a motion that dealt with pre-trial publicity.

The group, including several members of the Fellowship Foundation, which sponsors the national prayer breakfasts, literally snipped and pasted their way through a ton of newsprint to compile 40 black-bound volumes of Watergate-related clippings to support Colson's lawyer's contention that he would never be able to get a fair trial unless it were moved outside Washington.

## House-Hunting

Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and his wife, Nancy, still house-hunting in the Georgetown area early last week, found themselves in competition with Rock Hudson and Carol Burnett.

The two stars, coming to town at the end of June for a production of "I Do, I Do" at the Kennedy Center, each decided to rent houses instead of going to a hotel.

There aren't that many elegant, furnished rental houses with swimming pools on the market at the moment.

Miss Burnett and Hudson both wanted the same house, owned by Ann Brinkley, the former wife of NBC TV commentator David Brinkley.

At week's end, they still hadn't decided which star was going to take that place and which was going to go elsewhere.

The Kissingers kept on looking.