

ANATOMY OF A JURY

One week after Judge Matt Byrne dismissed all charges against Daniel Ellsberg and Anthony Russo in the Pentagon Papers trial because of the government's misconduct, Dr. Roger Gould, a psychiatrist of note in Santa Monica, Calif., invited the jury to discuss their feelings, attitudes and viewpoints.

The jurors, who sat for five months listening to countless witnesses in a most complex case, were understandably frustrated when the judge declared a mistrial, preventing them from arriving at a decision.

Of the 18 jurors (12 members and 6 alternates), 10 jurors and 5 alternates agreed to appear at the University of California in Los Angeles and voice their opinions. Each was

paid \$50 a day and was video-recorded.

For 5½ hours they discussed the Pentagon Papers trial and the characters therein. The result is a fascinating film which is being offered to the networks and may well have been already purchased.

Of the 15 jurors who took part in the post-mortem, all sadly stated that they were "disillusioned in the government" largely because they had learned in the course of the trial that the government had lied to the American people about the war in Vietnam. Most of them said they would have voted to acquit Ellsberg and Russo on all charges. Three jurors thought they might have found Ellsberg guilty on theft charges. All agreed that Russo was only "a passerby in the case."

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In any event had the Pentagon Papers trial gone to a jury, that jury would have been hung as regards Ellsberg, and Russo would have been acquitted on all counts.

All the jurors were convinced that Matt Byrne was "a great judge." All said they would have been carefully guided by his instructions in charging them on the law and its interpretation. Many of them were relying on him to clarify the case.

Most of the jurors said they had become extremely fond of Leonard Boudin, defense counsel. And while most respected the government prosecutor, they were put off by his cold personality. All said that what they had learned from the trial was to pay more attention "to what the government is doing" and to play larger roles as American citizens.



JUROR CORKEY NEAL CONGRATULATES ANTHONY RUSSO AS DANIEL ELLSBERG AND HIS WIFE PATRICIA LOOK ON, FOLLOWING DISMISSAL OF CHARGES AGAINST THE TWO MEN.