

STENNIS ATTACKER ADMITS TO GUILT

Youth Alters Plea, Because
of 'Too Much Evidence'

WASHINGTON, Oct. 8 (AP)

—A Washington teen-ager on trial in the shooting of Senator John C. Stennis changed his plea to guilty today.

United States District Judge Joseph Waddy accepted the plea from 19-year-old Tyrone I. Marshall as the jury trial entered its second week.

Before accepting the plea, Judge Waddy asked the youth why he was taking the action.

"The reason why is because they got too much evidence against me," said Marshall.

"At the trial last week, all those people got onto the stand and I was listening to what they was saying," he said.

The judge deferred sentencing. He said that he could sentence Marshall to life imprisonment on the charge of attempting to kill a member of Congress, or could sentence him under the more lenient Youth Corrections Act.

The Government alleged that Marshall used a pistol belonging to a co-defendant to shoot and rob Senator Stennis in front of his Washington home on the night of Jan. 30.

Marshall's lawyer, R. Kenneth Mundy, said the decision to change the plea came after a meeting between the youth and his father. He said Marshall's father, a Department of Sanitation employe, agreed that a guilty plea was in the best interests of his son.

'Deadly' Testimony

The lawyer said the impending testimony of the co-defendant was a major factor in changing the plea. He asserted that the testimony of 19-year-old Derrick Holloway of Washington "would have been deadly against this defendant."

Holloway refused to testify last week on the ground that it would incriminate him. He was cited for contempt.

Late last week Holloway indicated that he wished to purge himself of contempt by testifying under broadened Government immunity.

Holloway, who is awaiting separate trial, is the alleged driver of the getaway car used by Marshall and Marshall's 22-year-old brother, John.

John Marshall pleaded guilty earlier.

"I am satisfied in my own mind that with the testimony of Derrick Holloway, the defendant's chances to overcome the Government's evidence would be virtually nil," said Mr. Mundy.

Marshall's plea ended the trial after the Government called 16 witnesses, including the 72-year-old Mr. Stennis, Democrat of Mississippi, who is chairman of the Armed Services Committee.

Phi Beta Kappa Key

Mr. Stennis testified that he had been shot after giving his assailants the only valuable items he was carrying: a gold pocket watch, a Phi Beta Kappa key and 30 cents.

In the absence of the jury, Mr. Stennis identified Marshall as one of his assailants.

Other Government witnesses included several of Marshall's neighborhood friends, who testified that he had boasted to them of the shooting and offered to show the watch.