

TESTIMONY ENDS IN INDIANS' TRIAL

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Jury to Get Wounded Knee
Case Week From Today

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ST. PAUL, Sept. 4—Testimony ended today in the Wounded Knee Indian trial, which began Jan. 7.

After 150 witnesses and more than four million words of testimony, the case is scheduled to go to the jury a week from tomorrow.

Federal District Judge Fred J. Nichol of Sioux Falls, S. D., said he and prosecutors and defense attorneys would work until next Tuesday putting together a document to explain the laws to the jurors who will decide if Russell C. Means and Dennis J. Banks committed crimes when they led an Indian takeover of Wounded Knee, S. D., last year.

The attorneys are scheduled to argue the evidence on Tuesday and Wednesday. The judge will explain the law on Thursday, and the jury will get the case that afternoon or that night.

"The victory party will be on Friday," said one of the defendants, Mr. Means, a 35-year-old Sioux.

Testimony ended on a high note for the defense. A witness, Mrs. Gayleen Moves Camp, testified that her husband said the Government had promised to buy him a house "wherever he wanted," find him a job, pay him \$200 a week and drop five assault charges pending against him if he would agree to testify against Mr. Means and Mr. Banks.

Testimony by Husband

Her husband, Louis Moves Camp, testified last month that the two defendants had directed the rifle fights between the Indians occupying Wounded Knee and the United States marshals and agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation who surrounded the town.

Assistant United States Attorney R. D. Hurd, of Sioux Falls, the chief prosecutor, acknowledged that the Government had promised to "relocate" Mr. Moves Camp, but denied that it was in exchange for his testimony.

The Government, he testified, routinely agrees to create new identities for witnesses who could be in danger because of their testimony, and to furnish them with money "to get a new start."

Other witnesses called to discredit Mr. Moves Camp, in addition, to his wife, included his mother.

Several witnesses testified that Mr. Moves Camp was in California during most of the time that the insurgents held Wounded Knee, and others said he spent only the first two weeks of the 71-day occupation in the village.

Mr. Moves Camp's wife testified that her husband told her he was in Wounded Knee "for only about a week."

During his testimony against Mr. Means and Mr. Banks, Mr. Moves Camp said that he was in Wounded Knee for the entire time, and that the two defendants had led the break-in into homes and stores in Wounded Knee and organized the sniper squads that shot at the Government officers.

Mr. Means and Mr. Banks have stated that they and other members of the American Indian Movement were invited into the Pine Ridge Reservation of the Oglala Sioux in southwestern South Dakota to lead demonstrations against the tribal government.