

# Jury Chosen in Watergate Trial

Washington

A jury of eight women and four men was selected yesterday to hear the trial of the seven men accused of conspiring to steal political secrets from high-ranking Democrats.

The 12 jurors, ten of them black and two white, were sworn in at 5:15 p.m. EST, just one hour after the final selection process began.

Later six alternate jurors were chosen in case one of the regulars drops out during the long trial. With jury selection complete, testimony was expected to begin today.

The swift selection of a jury — after two days of screening nearly 250 prospective jury members — came as a surprise.

Earlier in the day, Judge John J. Sirica, chief judge of the U.S. District Court here, set out to interview nearly 100 individual prospective

## Lockheed's Loans

Palmdale

Lockheed Aircraft Corp. said it expects to fully repay federally guaranteed bank loans by the end of 1975, within the time period specified by the government deal.

The announcement by the financially troubled aerospace company was made by its chairman, Daniel F.

Haughton, at a news conference Monday at the Lockheed plant here, where final assembly work is done on the company's L-1011 Tri-Star jetliner.

Haughton announced that Lockheed is planning to build a long-range version of the plane starting this summer, and that additional investment of about \$60 mil-

lion would be required for it.

Terms of the federal guarantee and Lockheed's bank loans require permission before Lockheed undertakes any new L-1011 models.

Haughton said informal conversations have already been held with the firm's bankers and the government on financing the extended range version. *Associated Press*

jurors to determine if massive pre-trial publicity in the case would color their judgment.

But Sirica gave up after talking to only half a dozen persons, evidently unhappy with the amount of time this procedure would take. He then returned to the courtroom and asked prospective

jurors about three dozen questions, many of them suggested by defense attorneys.

Twelve persons were then selected at random and ushered to the jury box, after which lawyers from both sides — without further questioning — were allowed up to 30 peremptory charges

to dismiss any of the 12.

The defense challenged ten jurors and the government two. Each was replaced by another person chosen at random until both sides told Sirica they were satisfied.

But one defense attorney, Gerald Aloh, told newsmen the defense had objected

strenuously to the judge's decision not to permit questioning of individual jurors in open court.

"If there is a conviction, this certainly will be on of the grounds for an appeal," he said.

The defendants are accused of conspiring to join political secrets from high-ranking Democrats. Five of them also are charged with breaking into Democratic party headquarters at the plush Watergate hotel-office building complex here last June 17 to steal documents and install electronic listening equipment.

On trial are two former White House aides, G. Gordon Liddy and E. Howard Hunt Jr., and the five men arrested at the Watergate.

They are James W. McCord, who was security coordinator for President Nixon's re-election campaign at the time, Bernard L. Barker, Frank Sturges, Eugenio R. Martinez and Vergilio R. Gonzalez.

Liddy was counsel to the finance arm of the Nixon campaign at the time of the Watergate raid and was fired shortly after when he refused to talk to the FBI — an agency for which he once worked.

Several of the defendants have worked for the Central Intelligence Agency in the past and have been linked with activities directed against Cuban Premier Fidel Castro's government.

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