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Jurors in Agnew Case Are Mosaic of Maryland Life

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BALTIMORE, Sept. 26—Last December, Federal District Judge C. Stanley Blair impaneled a special grand jury in Baltimore and directed it to seek out corruption in government in the state of Maryland.

Tomorrow this special grand jury is scheduled to begin hearing evidence on allegations that judge Blair's mentor and political sponsor, Spiro T. Agnew, took kickbacks from consulting engineers, contractors and, real estate developers when he was a state and local official in Maryland.

Judge Blair is no longer directing the jury's operation. He withdrew on Aug. 15 after it was announced that Vice President Agnew was one of the targets of the inquiry.

The grand jury investigating the Vice President is one of four Federal grand juries making inquiries in Baltimore. A second special grand jury is investigating organized crime and gambling, and a third is investigating narcotics. A regular Federal grand jury handles routine Federal investigations.

22-Member Panel

The Agnew grand jury has 22 members—13 men and 9 women.

Edward S. Northrop, the chief Federal District Court Judge in Baltimore, has ordered newsmen not to publish the names of members of the panel.

The jurors, who were selected by computer, range in age from

29 to 68 years. Three are over 60, seven are between 50 and 60, seven between 40 and 50, and four between 30 and 40.

All members of the Agnew grand jury are married, but one man, a 47-year-old truck driver for the Model Cities program, is separated from his wife.

Three of the women are housewives. One, who is 48 years old, is married to a Frederick, Md., plumber. One is 44 and married to a trucker in Baltimore, and the third is 50. Her husband is a national beer salesman at Bel Air.

Varied Occupations

The other women on the panel are:

A 34-year-old sewing machine operator whose husband is a Baltimore City fireman.

A 40-year-old library clerk at the University of Maryland whose husband is in the carpet business at College Park.

A 29-year-old assistant resident manager whose husband is listed as a supervisor in Silver Spring.

A computer systems analyst at the National Library of Medicine in Bethesda. She is 34. Her husband is listed as being self-employed.

A Washington claims examiner, who is 52. She and her electrician husband live at Hyattsville.

A 50-year-old cashier at a Wheaton supermarket. She and her husband, who is a taxi driver, live in Silver Spring.

In addition to the truck

driver who is separated from his wife, the men on the grand jury are:

A 47-year-old microbiologist from Frederick who works at the Edgewood Arsenal. He is the jury foreman.

A 40-year-old man from Rockville who is a staff specialist at Automation Industries in Silver Spring.

A program analyst at the Social Security Administration in Baltimore. He is 38. His wife is a social insurance specialist.

The head kiln burner at the Lehigh Portland Garment Works at Union Bridge. He is 45. His wife is a textile worker.

A 50-year-old electrician who lives in Baltimore.

A 57-year-old Greenbelt resident who works in plant maintenance at Upper Marlboro.

Foreman and Fireman

A construction foreman for Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone company. He is 63 and lives in Leonardtown.

A 60-year-old fireman and guard at the Martin-Marietta Company in Baltimore.

A 59-year-old dockhand at Curtis Bay Towing Company in Baltimore.

A 36-year-old employe of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company in Washington. His wife is a medical assistant. They live at Clinton.

A 68-year-old Westminster resident who works at the Palmer Petroleum Products Company.

A city of Baltimore laborer. He is 57.

Federal Grand juries in Mary-

land are chosen from lists of registered voters. Each year, computers pick every hundredth name from about 1,800,000 voters to make up a jury list of 18,000.

Members of both grand juries and trial juries are chosen from this list, with court officials selecting from the top down. Since the voter lists are fed into the computers at random, most panels reflect a cross-section of the state.

Grand jury members are paid \$20 a day and expenses for the days they are in session. Since being impaneled the Agnew grand jury has met on Thursdays.

One Official Indicted

The grand jury has indicted only one official so far in its investigation of Maryland corruption — Baltimore County Executive N. Dale Anderson.

Sixteen of the 22 members of the jury must vote an indictment.

United States Attorney George Beall has said that he expects the grand jury to indict other public officials.

Judge Blair was State Secretary of State while Mr. Agnew was Governor and was appointed a Federal judge in 1971. He disqualified himself from directing the Agnew grand jury last month after Mr. Beall announced that the investigation included the Vice President.

A judge from outside Maryland is expected to preside if the grand jury makes a report on Mr. Agnew.