

Nixon Campaign Aide Sentenced

Washington

Herbert L. (Bart) Porter Jr., who lied about Watergate out of loyalty to President Nixon and to his friends, was sentenced to 30 days in prison yesterday.

"I realize the seriousness of it," he told U.S. Dis-

trict Judge William B. Bryant just before sentencing. "I've learned a hard lesson. I'm absolutely positive in my heart—all the way down to my toes — that I will never get into trouble again."

Porter, who was scheduling director for the Committee for the Re-election of the President, pleaded guilty January 28 to a single count to making "false, fictitious and fraudulent statements" to the FBI about the bugging scandal, a charge similar to perjury.

He could have been imprisoned for as much as five years and fined \$10,000, but Bryant imposed sentence of five to 15 months, suspended all but 30 days of it and ordered Porter placed on unsupervised probation for one year following his release.

Porter, who served briefly in the White House as an aide to the director of communications, was the fourth former White House aide to be sentenced to prison.

Porter's lawyer, Charles Murray, pleaded for leniency. He stressed that Porter was intensely loyal to Mr. Nixon, whom he described as a "friend of the family" for many years, and that Porter had been "betrayed by his friends" in the Nixon campaign organization who asked him to lie.

"He knew nothing of the Watergate break-in," Murray said. "He knew nothing of the so-called coverup. In fact, he was its first victim."

Asked by reporters later if he had heard from Mr. Nixon recently, Porter replied: "No."

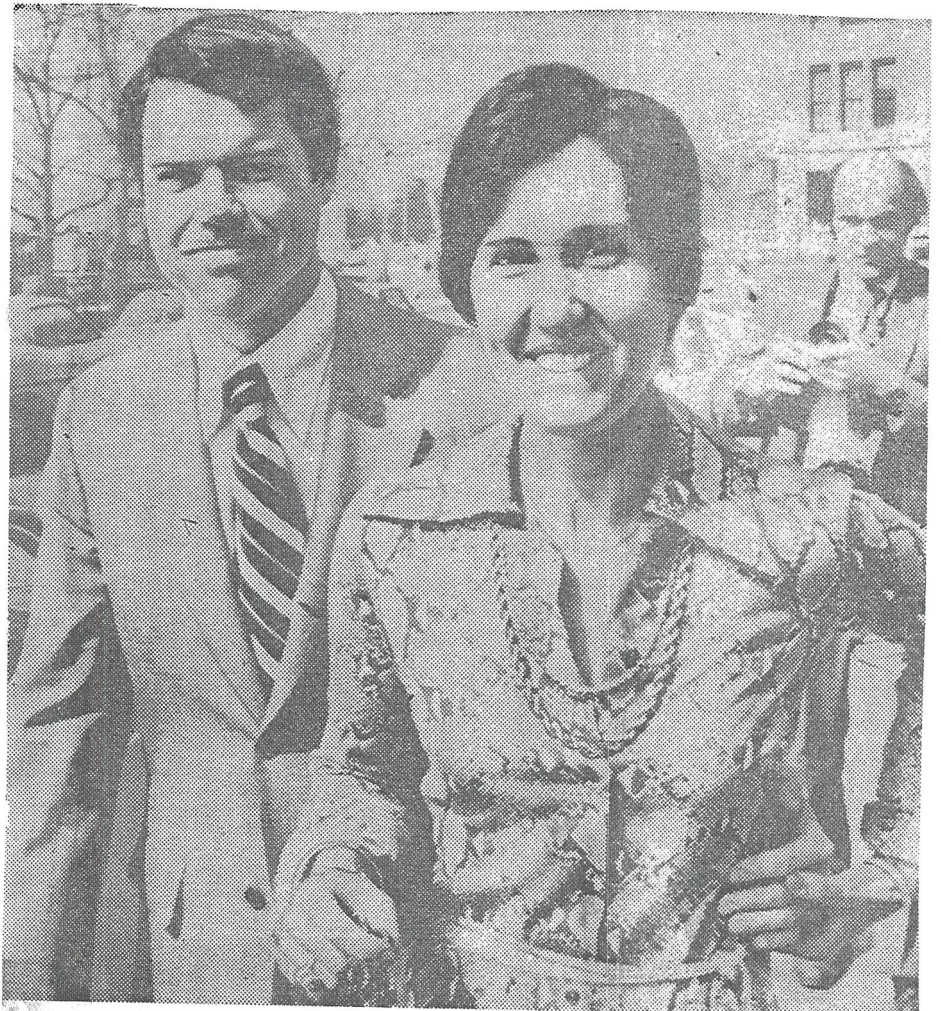
Porter, who will be 36 on

Saturday, testified at the nationally televised Senate Watergate hearings last summer that he had given the same phony story to the FBI, to the Watergate grand jury and on the witness stand at the original bugging conspiracy trial — all at the request of Jeb Magruder, his superior on the campaign committee.

The story Magruder concocted and asked Porter to corroborate was that \$100,000 in Nixon campaign funds had been given to G. Gordon Liddy, another campaign committee official, to glean intelligence about potential violent demonstrations against speakers campaigning on Mr. Nixon's behalf across the country.

In fact, part of that money — and other funds — was used by Liddy to finance intelligence operations against Democratic foes — including the bugging of Democratic party headquarters at the Watergate. Liddy is now in prison.

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HERBERT PORTER AND HIS WIFE, CAROL, LEAVING THE DISTRICT COURT
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