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*Jurors Are Praised*

*By N.Y. Trial Judge*

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(UPI)—U.S. District Court Judge Lee P. Gagliardi, who had questioned prospective jurors for the 12-member panel at unusual closed-door hearings, told them after the verdicts were rendered:

"I can't express in words to you the appreciation I have for your willingness and particularly your attention in everything." He went on:

"It is not my province to comment on the verdict. You are 12 of the finest citizens it has been my privilege to associate with. You have been here a long time and I am not going to impose on you any more.

"Jury duty is the highest function in civil service any citizen can perform and you have exemplified the highest standards of that service."