

Tax Trial Opens for Watergate 'Bagman'

New York

Anthony Ulasewicz, who convulsed watchers of the 1973 Senate Watergate hearings with colorful accounts of his adventures as a "bagman" in the Watergate scandal, went on trial yesterday.

It was the rotund Ulasewicz who told the Senate Watergate committee — in language that often sounded like a spoof of a Grade B spy movie — how he wandered around making payoffs of \$200,000 in hush money to the Watergate "plumbers."

He also said he was paid at the rate of \$22,000 a year plus \$1000 a month in expenses in 1971. The government says he reported \$16,506 on his income tax return.

He also told the committee that in 1972 he was paid at a rate of \$24,000 a year plus \$1000 a month for expenses, but the government says he only reported \$5000.

If convicted of the tax-evasion charges, Ulasewicz could get up to

six years in jail and a \$10,000 fine.

An eight-man, four-woman jury was seated late in the afternoon and two were chosen to be alternates. After the jury was selected, Judge Edward Neahr adjourned the trial until 9:30 a.m. today for opening statements by the two sides.

U.S. Attorney David Trager said several Watergate figures would be called as government witnesses, including John Dean, John Ehrlichman, Herbert Kalmbach, James McCord and possibly John Caulfield.

Defense attorney John Sutter said he would call Ulasewicz and G. Gordon Liddy.

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