

Jury Charges Labeled Untrue By Gremillion

Attorney General Jack P. F. Gremillion, describing a five-count perjury indictment against him as "vicious prosecution," has denied he lied to a grand jury about his relationship with Louisiana Loan and Thrift.

A federal grand jury handed down the five-count indictment yesterday. It charged that Gremillion lied under oath when he testified voluntarily before another grand jury on Jan. 21, 1969.

Referring to U.S. Attorney Gerald Gallinghouse, Gremillion said, "He is trying to indict everybody for his own personal benefit. Soon he will indict me for breathing federal air."

GREMILLION SAID he will sue for "malicious prosecution and malicious persecution."

Proudly displaying his reelection campaign bumper stickers, Gremillion said he will continue to fight the federal government and he will fight the indictments.

Yesterday's indictments charged the attorney general made untrue statements when he said:

1—He did not own stock in LL&T.

2—He did not have an "economic interest" in LL&T.

3—He did not grant a proxy for his shares of LL&T stock for a stockholders meeting of July 11, 1967.

4—A \$700 check, dated April 15, 1967, and allegedly noted "dividend No. 1" from LL&T, was a campaign contribution.

THE FIFTH count was an overall indictment merely charging Gremillion with perjury without stating anything specific.

The indictment was returned to Federal District Judge Herbert W. Christenberry and has been allotted to Federal District Judge Fred J. Cassibry.

Gremillion was allowed to sign a \$1,000 recognizance bond before the U.S. Commissioner in Baton Rouge.

The attorney general and four other men were indicted Feb. 14, 1969, on charges of fraud and conspiracy in connection with the operations of the firm, which is now being reorganized under the Federal Bankruptcy Act. A long series of technical motions has delayed trials on the charges.

IT WAS the same federal grand jury which handed down the first series of indictments to which Gremillion is charged with lying.

Those indicted last year with the attorney general are Charles Ritchey, former LL&T president; Joseph Kavanaugh, a Baton Rouge attorney; State Rep. Salvador Anzelmo of New Orleans and Ernest A. Bartlett Jr., of Fort Smith, Ark., former chairman of LL&T and an organizer of Arkansas Loan and Thrift, the parent firm.

Hearing Is Set On Subpoena Of Life Writer

A three-judge federal panel will hear arguments Friday on Life Magazine writer David L. Chandler's latest efforts to avoid testifying before a legislative committee investigating the magazine's organized crime charges.

Set for hearing at 9 a.m. are:

1. A motion by the committee asking that a temporary restraining order nullifying a subpoena for Chandler's appearance July 14 be dissolved.

2. A motion by Chandler asking that a restraining order be issued to block the committee from taking a deposition from him under the federal rules of civil procedure.

Cicero C. Sessions, Chandler's attorney, contends the deposition is an attempt to evade the restraining order.

The judicial panel is composed of Judge John Minor Wisdom of the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals and District Judges Fred J. Cassibry and Lansing L. Mitchell.