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**FORMER GURNEY AIDE
TELLS OF FUND USE**

TAMPA, May 5, Fla., (AP)—Payoff money from Florida builders for Federal housing favors was used to pay expenses of former Senator Edward J. Gurney and his staff, Larry Williams testified today.

Mr. Williams, a Gurney fundraiser, took the stand for the sixth straight day as the chief prosecution witness in the bribery conspiracy trial of Mr. Gurney and four other persons. His testimony centered on a company he formed in 1972, called Zuma & Associates.

"The purpose was to channel Federal Housing Administration money from various sponsors around the state in cash and make disbursements, rather than operate strictly in cash," Mr. Williams said.

He said that Zuma had paid travel and entertainment expenses for Mr. Gurney and two former aides, James Groot and Joseph Bastien, both co-defendants in the Federal trial.

Mr. Gurney, Mr. Groot, Mr. Bastien and two former F.H.A. officials, K. Wayne Swiger and

Ralph Koontz, are charged with conspiring to build an illegal \$233,000 slush fund from builder contributions by promising Mr. Gurney's influence in the awarding of FHA contracts.

Mr. Williams, who began his fund-raising activities in January 1971, says he collected more than \$352,000 in builder shake-downs—a total that increases daily as prosecutors wade through a long list of contrac-

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