

ALL-MALE PANEL**Marcello Case
Jury Is Picked**

LAREDO, Tex. (AP)—An all-male jury was selected today to hear the trial of New Orleans area rackets figure Carlos Marcello, charged with throwing a punch at an FBI agent.

The trial came to Laredo on a change of venue from Marcello's domain. Marcello, 58, could receive his first prison term in three decades

if convicted of hitting FBI agent Patrick Collins Jr., on Sept. 30, 1966, at New Orleans International Airport.

U.S. DIST. Judge Ben C. Connally questioned a 47-person venire on various subjects but tried to find out whether the potential jurors had heard

news reports regarding Marcello.

ONLY ONE person from the venire said he had read national magazine articles about Marcello.

Marcello pleaded not guilty. He spoke seldom to his attorneys and wore a well-tailored suit and no rings.

A **CONVICTION** would carry a maximum penalty of three years in jail and a \$3,000 fine.

The beefy Marcello, son of a family of Sicilian fishermen, came to the United States in 1910, and has done time behind bars twice. He served a four-year jail term for a 1929 bank holdup and in 1938 spent a year in federal prison on a narcotics conviction.

Since then, he has been found innocent in other trials on various charges and beat an attempt by the governor to have him deported.

The trial came to Laredo on a change of venue and a strange twist of legal events.

Marcello's lawyers asked for the change, then protested with vigor when it was granted. They said they weren't serious in asking for the new trial site.

HIS ATTORNEY apparently made the request for the change as a matter of form, hoping thereby to lay the groundwork for an appeal.

The airport incident, which made national news in words and pictures, came as Marcello and his brother, Joseph walked from an airplane after testimony before the Queens County, New York, federal grand jury.

Irritated by the presence of

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newsmen, Marcello, according to testimony Collins gave at an arraignment, told Collins: "I'm the boss around here. Do you want some trouble?"

Collins said he replied that he could handle anything Marcello could dish out. Then, Collins said, Marcello swung a roundhouse left that grazed the FBI agent's face.