

Hoffa and Wolfson Are Rebuffed In Parole Appeals to U.S. Panel

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WASHINGTON, Oct. 2—The Government denied applications for parole today from James R. Hoffa, president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, and Louis E. Wolfson, the multimillionaire industrialist.

George J. Reed, chairman of the United States Board of Parole, announced the decisions without indicating why paroles had been denied.

He said merely that the full eight-member board had acted "after reviewing the records of each individual at the institutions where they were confined." He said all members had voted on each case.

A spokesman said the board, in line with usual practice, would not disclose its reasons or the division, if any, in the voting.

Hoffa is serving an eight-year term for jury tampering. He entered the Federal penitentiary at Lewisburg, Pa., March 7, 1967, and was to be eligible for parole Nov. 6.

Wolfson, whose association with Abe Fortas led to the Supreme Court Justice's resignation last May, entered the

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Federal prison camp at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., last April 25 to start serving a one-year term for conspiring to violate Federal securities laws.

He became eligible for parole last Aug. 24, but the board deferred action at that time.

While the case against Wolfson was pending in 1966, Justice Fortas accepted a fee of \$20,000 a year from Wolfson's family foundation to perform advisory services for the foundation. The Justice returned the fee 11 months later, he said later, because he decided he could not continue the relationship.

The parole board said it would again consider parole for Hoffa in March of 1971.

The denial of Wolfson's application will not be reconsidered. The board noted in that connection that with time off for good behavior he would be freed next Feb. 23.

Wolfson, who was fined \$100,000 in addition to the prison term in the stock conspiracy case, is also facing an 18-month sentence for perjury and obstruction of justice. His conviction in that case is under appeal.

The Hoffa case aroused new interest recently with the appointment of Clark R. Mollenhoff, Washington investigative reporter for The Des Moines

Register and Tribune, as assistant counsel to President Nixon.

In a recently published book, "Tentacles of Power—The Story of Jimmy Hoffa," he said that the teamster president presided over a hoodlum empire.

Mr. Mollenhoff, while known as an opponent of parole for Hoffa, has not been identified publicly as the source of any influence on the parole board.

Hoffa is also facing four five-year sentences from a July, 1964, conviction on charges of looting teamster pension funds.

While the sentences may be served concurrently, they may not be started until the present sentence is completed. Execution of the sentences has been stayed by an appeal.

The parole board ordinarily does not free prisoners who may soon be returned to custody to begin another sentence.