

Former Iberville Sheriff Again Indicted by Jury

A former sheriff of Iberville Parish today was indicted again in connection with labor troubles in the Baton Rouge area.

Six other persons were included in the indictment.

Jessel M. Ourso today was indicted by a federal grand jury here on charges of conspiring to violate an antiracketeering act in connection with a pipeline construction job in Iberville.

URSO WAS indicted June 2 by a federal grand jury here, also in connection with labor troubles in the Baton Rouge area. Also indicted at that time were state Rep. Robert L. Freeman, an attorney from Plaquemine; Jimmy Morales, a member of Local 5 of the Teamsters Union in Baton Rouge, and Lionel E. Priest, a former employe of Natural Gas Construction Co. of Houston, and Ford, Bacon and Davis Construction Co. of Monroe.

Included in today's indictment were Ourso's brother, Carroll; Joseph H. Green, a former captain of State Police Troop A in Baton Rouge; Stanley Jackson, a former sergeant of Troop A; Raymond Doyle; Junior Daigle, and Morales, who was indicted earlier with Ourso.

According to Daniel J. Markey Jr., assistant U.S. attorney, the indictment involves alleged extortion of money and jobs from Lipsey, Inc., a Texas firm building a pipeline for Dow Chemical Co., in Iberville Parish.

THE INDICTMENT, returned before Judge James A. Comiskey, charged that between September and December, 1966, the defendants conspired to obstruct commerce

and the movement in commerce of materials used in the pipeline construction.

About \$175 a week was paid to the former sheriff by Lipsey Inc., of Texas, allegedly for rental of a bus which was never used or delivered, said the true bill, and wages allegedly were paid to Carroll Ourso as a steward on the project although he never worked in any capacity.

Wages also were paid to Doyle at the rate of 50 cents an hour above the maximum laborer's scale for 12 hours a day, seven days a week although he never worked in

any capacity, says the indictment.

THE TRUE bill also charged that \$200 a week was paid by the contractor to Jackson for rental fees for a tractor, and about \$100 a week allegedly was paid to a certain H. Maruonneaux when the payments actually were for Green.

The grand jurors charged that all of the payments made by Lipsey were due to "the unlawful use of fear and intimidation" by the defendants and in that they threatened Lipsey with labor disputes, work stoppages and other labor troubles.