Grand Jury Here Calls Hoffa, But Testimony Remains Secret

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more than two and a half hours yesterday in the closely guard-ed United States Court House Proceedings Confidential

ed United States court and the prosecutors refused Federal prosecutors refused for the International Brotherhood to discuss Hoffa's testimony be-to discuss Hoffa's

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No Immunity Granted The teamster leader, who appeared to have lost weight during the four years he has already been in prison, spent Monday night in the Federal House of Detention at 427 to prevent newsmen, from see-ing Hoffa and uniformed se-curity guards barred access to the corridor in front of the granding his testimony, and it was now known if he refused to answer any questions by in-woking the Fifth Amendment tion. No Immunity Granted a lawyer in Detroit. Both lawyers declined to dis-cuss the case with newsmen, saying: "We are just not per-mitted to talk about it." United States Attorney Whit-ney North Seymour Jr. sought ney North Seymour Jr. sought ing Hoffa and uniformed se-curity guards barred access to the corridor in front of the grand jury room. After testifying before the grand jury, which was em-panelled last September for 18 months, Hoffa was whisked down a side elevator to a de-tention area on the ground floor, where he conferred with

tion.

Several reputed Mafia mem-bers have been among the de-fendants indicted in the past on charges of conspiring to pay kickbacks to Teamster pension-briefly fund officials to obtain mort-gage loans.

Davis Wenger, a Long Island meta accountant and former auditor area. accountant and former auditor area. of the pension fund, was con-victed last year on a charge kickbacks on a mortgage loan of \$1-million in 1964. Herbert Itkin, a key Govern-ment informer, testified at the conspiracy trial that Wenger P.M.

James R. Hoffa testified be-had admitted splitting kickbacks fore a special grand jury for with Hoffa and that the Team-

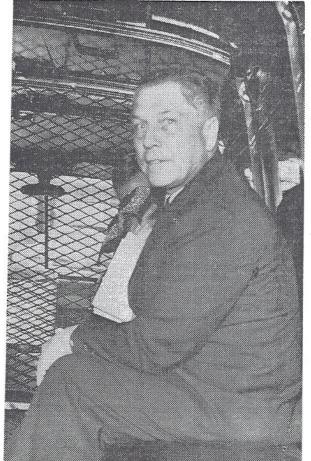
funds had been used to make illegal loans. Hoffa left in the custody of United States marshals who to the Federal prison at Lewis-burg, Pa., where he is serving 13 years for mail fraud and iury tampering

13 years for mail fraud and jury tampering. "I have no comment to make fer in an anteroom with his at all, gentlemen," Hoffa told newsmen after the grand jury session. HOITA emerged from the grand jury room periodically to con-fer in an anteroom with his lawyers, Morris A. Shenker of St. Louis and James P. Hoffa, the union leader's son, who is a lawyer in Detroit. a lawyer in Detroit. Both lawyers declined to dis-

tention area on the ground floor, where he conferred with his lawyers for an hour and helf

The Teamster chief, who wore a dark suit and tie, spoke briefly but amiably to news-men as marshals escorted him toward the yellow-painted metal gate of the detention

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Associated Press ON THE WAY TO COURT: James R. Hoffa, teamsters union head, being taken in custody of U.S. marshals to special Federal grand jury session here yesterday.

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