

HOFFA REBUFFED IN BID FOR PAROLE

Board Gives No Reason for Denying New Plea—Plans Another Review Next June
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WASHINGTON, Aug. 20 — The United States Parole Board denied a parole today to James R. Hoffa, the former president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, and said it would review his case again next June.

No reason was given for the decision. The board had granted a special hearing at the urging of Hoffa's son, who is a teamster lawyer in Detroit.

James P. Hoffa, the son, asked the board to consider "new and substantial information" after his father resigned as president of the union last month and severed other links with the union.

A hint that the board might not have been satisfied that Hoffa, 58 years old, had relinquished all ties with the teamsters was contained in the board's statement. It noted that at next June's hearing, "Hoffa's entire record will be reviewed, including his relationship if any with the teamsters union."

The statement, which was issued over the name of George F. Reed, chairman of the Parole Board, said Hoffa's entire file was reviewed today by the eight-man board after it heard a presentation by the son.

The younger Hoffa was said to have pointed out that his

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father had paid the \$20,000 fines imposed as a result of his two convictions, for jury tampering and pension fund fraud. He was sentenced to consecutive prison terms of eight and five years. He entered the prison at Lewisburg, Pa., on March 3, 1967, to begin serving the 13-year term.

According to the statement, no other persons appeared before the board and no new testimony was introduced by the Department of Justice.

The Parole Board denied Hoffa's parole request on March 31 but said it would review it again in June, 1972. However, on July 7 the board decided to reconsider his case after a series of steps had been taken that appeared to assure that, if released, Hoffa would not immediately resume a position of power in the two-million-member union.

Resigned All Posts

In June, Hoffa resigned as president of the union and became president emeritus, under an arrangement that reportedly would have paid him \$75,000 a year. After observers pointed out that he had retained the powerful offices of chairman and director of the Central Conference of Teamsters, president of the Detroit Joint Council 43

and president of the Michigan Conference of Teamsters, he also resigned these positions.

His son reportedly wrote a letter to the board during this period, saying his father intended to be a lecturer or teacher if paroled. Today the younger Hoffa told reporters outside the hearing room that the lecturing and teaching plans were "a possibility."

James P. Hoffa also held a series of meetings in recent weeks with Will R. Wilson, the Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Criminal Division. Early in June, William Loeb, publisher of The Manchester Union Leader in Manchester, N.H., visited Attorney General John N. Mitchell. Mr. Loeb, who once obtained a \$2-million loan from the teamster pension fund, has been a champion of the senior Hoffa's pleas for release.

The board's decision to grant another hearing had thus led to speculation that it might release Hoffa. Two votes on the board are required to grant a hearing, but a majority vote is necessary to grant a parole. The vote today was not disclosed.

The Parole Board denied his first petition on Oct. 2, 1969. After rejecting his second request on March 31, it granted the third hearing today. The statement said that if Hoffa were not paroled, he would be freed on mandatory release no later than Nov. 28, 1975.

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Son Calls Denial of Parole For Hoffa Discrimination

DETROIT, Aug. 21 (AP)—The latest denial of parole to James R. Hoffa was the result of "arbitrary and unfair" discrimination by the United States Parole Board, Hoffa's son said Saturday.

"It definitely discriminated against my father because his name is Hoffa," said James P. Hoffa, a Detroit attorney, adding that the board, in denying his father's third bid for parole yesterday, had not used the same criteria it did in other parole cases.

Hoffa, former Teamsters Union president, has served nearly four and one-half years of a combined 13-year sentence for jury tampering and mail fraud convictions.



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HIS FATHER'S LAWYER: James P. Hoffa, son of the former president of the teamsters' union, arriving for a Washington hearing on his father's attempt to win a parole. The U.S. Parole Board denied the bid, though.