

## Hoffa Critical Of Watergate Investigation

### Pittsburgh

Former Teamsters president James R. Hoffa said yesterday that the Watergate case belongs "in front of a grand jury and has nothing to do with legislative practices."

Hoffa criticized the senators holding the hearing, saying they "are able to have a field day for their own purposes as they did with me . . . and I object to people being tricked into believing that what's being said would be permissible in a court."

Hoffa was in federal prison for over four years, convicted of jury tampering while being tried for the misuse of union money. He was freed when President Nixon granted executive clemency.

Hoffa said many of the charges in the Watergate scandal "are based on hearsay evidence."

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