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**Segretti
Sentenced
To 6 Months**

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District Judge Gerhard A. Gesell sentenced political saboteur Donald H. Segretti to six months in prison yesterday. He rejected an arrangement concurred in by the government under which Segretti would have remained free pending further prosecutions growing out of the Watergate scandal.

Instead, Gesell ordered that Segretti put his affairs in order within a week and begin serving his sentence after that period.

Segretti, who has said that he was hired by high White House aides and financed by Nixon campaign funds, had pleaded guilty to misdemeanor charges of acts of political sabotage against Democratic presidential candidates.

Segretti, who is cooperating with prosecutors in further investigation of his and other related activities, will report to a minimum-security federal prison. He probably will serve his sentence in Lompoc, Calif., his lawyer said.

Appearing to choke back tears as he stood before U. S. District Judge Gerhard A. Gesell, Segretti said he "really regretted" becoming involved in the dirty tricks of the campaign and described his recent life as a nightmare.

Segretti is the third person in Watergate or related matters to receive a final sentence. George A. Hearing, involved with Segretti in the Florida primary activities to which he pleaded guilty, was sentenced to a year in jail, and G. Gordon Liddy — reported planner of the Democratic headquarters break-in—is serving a sentence of up to 20 years.

Other persons connected with the scandal either have been provisionally sentenced, or are free until cases in which they are potential witnesses are brought to trial.

Attorney Victor Sherman,
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who represents Segretti, had asked that his client be allowed to remain free under those same arrangements. Prosecutor Richard Davis had agreed with that plan as well, pointing to an earlier agreement that the government would accept that arrangement.

However, Judge Gesell said that plan was not binding on him and denied the motion for a delay in sentencing.

He called the delay "inappropriate," describing Segretti—a lawyer—as "a member of the bar who was paid to commit illegal acts."

Sherman, in pleading for mercy for his client, pointed to Segretti's "previous support of this country," including his Army record. He served two years in Vietnam.

He mentioned the White House's offer of a job to Segretti when he came out of the service, and Segretti's reaction that "it seemed like a fantastic idea."

"Little by little, he slid into this activity for which he was indicted," Sherman said.

Sherman said Segretti had \$5 to his name, and \$10,000 in debts, and that the greatest punishment is Segretti's having to continue to live with his crime.

Sherman suggested that Segretti be allowed to "do some kind of civilian or public service to counterbalance what he did."

Segretti himself, when asked by the judge if he had any comment, said he felt his acts in this case "were out of character with myself . . . I would like to become a useful citizen."

Gesell sentenced Segretti to a maximum of three years —one year on each count—



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... expresses regrets

and ordered him to serve total of six months of time in jail. After get out of jail, he will be on probation for three years.

Segretti pleaded guilty one count of conspiracy, two counts of illegally tributing political literature. One piece of literature a letter on Sen. Edm Muskie's political station accusing two of his opponents of sexual misconduct and the other concerned tribulation of cards at a rida rally for Alabama (George Wallace that said you like Hitler, you'll Wallace Vote Muskie."

In an interview with porters outside the courthouse, Segretti was asked he would enter politics again when he got out of jail.

"No, I think I'm presently retired . . . I find distasteful," Segretti said. He added that he in politics, one needs the "hide rhinoceros and the stand of a buffalo . . . I had ther."