

N. DALE ANDERSON GETS PRISON TERM

5-Year Sentence Is Imposed on Former Executive of Baltimore County

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BALTIMORE, May 1 — N. Dale Anderson, who succeeded Spiro T. Agnew as Baltimore County Executive, was sentenced to five years in prison today.

Mr. Anderson, who was convicted March 20 on 32 counts of extortion, conspiracy, and tax evasion, at first refused to resign as County Executive but finally did leave office on April 19.

Federal District Judge Joseph H. Young imposed the five-year sentence on the one count of conspiracy, and imposed a concurrent five-year term for the 31 other counts.

The sentence includes a pro-



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N. Dale Anderson talks to reporters after being sentenced in Baltimore.

vision allowing parole "at any time." No fine was imposed despite a request from Barnet D. Skolnik, chief federal prosecutor in the case.

The charges against Mr. Anderson involved the same alleged system of kickbacks to public officials from engineers and architects that was outlined in a 40-page criminal information filed with the court in the Agnew case.

Agnew Fined \$10,000

Mr. Agnew, who served as Governor of Maryland after leaving the County Executive's post, resigned as Vice President last Oct. 10 and pleaded no contest of falsifying his Federal income tax return. He was fined \$10,000 and was placed on probation for three years.

Mr. Anderson, who stood grimly through the 24-minute sentencing, denied his guilt again today. He was allowed to remain free pending an appeal that his attorneys said they would file with the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.

Mr. Anderson had been found guilty of extorting more than \$38,000 from engineers and architects who received nonbid county contracts from the beginning of his administration in 1967 through 1972, and of evading almost \$60,000 in income taxes between 1969 and 1972.

He is still liable for payment of back taxes plus penalties and interest. The Internal Revenue Service has not yet determined the total liability.

Mr. Anderson repeated in court today his assertion that he had been convicted upon the testimony of witnesses who had perjured themselves.

'The Greatest Humiliation'

"Now I suffer the greatest humiliation of all," he said, his voice breaking.

Mr. Skolnik urged that a "severe and substantial" sentence be imposed, declaring that Mr. Anderson, "having perverted local government for many years, tried to pervert justice" by lying at the trial.

William E. Fornoff, formerly Mr. Anderson's administrative officer, was the chief witness against him, testifying that he had collected cash kickbacks and passed them all on. Mr. Fornoff was given a two-year suspended sentence and fined \$5,000 by Judge Young two weeks ago.

Baltimore County, where Mr. Anderson held office for 15 years, is a large suburban area outside the city of Baltimore.

George Beall, United States Attorney for Maryland, has notified Joseph Alton, County Executive of Anne Arundel County, also in the Baltimore metropolitan area, that he, too, is under investigation in the widening investigation of political corruption in Maryland.

Gov. Marvin Mandel is not now being investigated, Mr. Beall said today.