

## Ehrlichman Jury, Alternates Picked

Washington

A jury of six men and six women was chosen yesterday in the trial of former White House aide John Ehrlichman and three others charged with plotting the illegal search of a psychiatrist's office.

After two days of questioning the final jury was chosen from a panel of 150.

A lawyer from the Watergate special prosecution force, William H. Merrill, will make the first opening statement today, estimated to last slightly more than one hour.

One of Ehrlichman's lawyers will follow with his opening statement, which is expected to last 30 to 45 minutes.

That will be followed by the opening presentation of the attorneys for Bernard L. Barker, 57, and Eugenio R. Martinez, 52, and for G. Gordon Liddy, 43.

All are charged with conspiring to violate the civil rights of Dr. Lewis J. Fielding in 1971 while looking for his files on Pentagon papers figure Daniel Ellsberg.

After the 12 jurors and six alternates were chosen, U.S. District Judge Gerhard Gesell sent them home to gather their belongings to return later in the evening for a long, sequestered stay.

The trial is expected to last four to five weeks.

The jurors will be housed at first in residential quarters on the seventh floor of the federal courthouse, about three blocks from the capitol.

After a week, when summer vacation begins, they will be moved to dormitories at the exclusive Mt. Vernon College for Girls.

They will be allowed weekend and Fourth of July visits with their families.

The jurors range in age from 26 to 60. The jury includes an economist, an electric company meter reader, a housewife and a

man and woman who are both unemployed. There are five black men and four black woman on the jury.

Initially six men were indicted for conspiracy in the Fielding break-in, but one defendant, Felipe De Diego, was dismissed by Gesell and another, Charles Colson, pleaded guilty to another charge that resulted in dismissal of the conspiracy case against him.

Ehrlichman was in overall charge of the White House investigative unit known as the plumbers.

The charge is that he authorized Liddy, Barker and Martinez to conduct the break-in which took place on the September 3-4 Labor Day weekend in 1971.

Ehrlichman is charged alone among the four with three counts of lying to a grand jury and one of lying to an FBI agent. The maximum penalty on conviction is 30 years in prison and \$50,000 in fines.

The former domestic adviser to President Nixon is also a defendant with H. R. Haldeman, John N. Mitchell and three others in the Watergate coverup case, scheduled to be tried in September.

After the jury had left the courtroom, Gesell rejected a motion by the special prosecutor that they be allowed to call for unindicted co-conspirators in the case as court, rather than prosecution witnesses. The maneuver would have enabled the prosecution to call the witnesses without vouching for their credibility.

He also refused to let Ehrlichman introduce certain of his papers that he got by subpoena by White House files saying "they contain many irrelevancies."