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**Connally Is Granted
Two Milk Fund Trials**

Washington

A federal judge granted separate trials yesterday for former Treasury Secretary John B. Connally on charges of bribery and perjury in the milk fund case and scheduled the first of them to begin in Washington March 19.

Connally, who was indicted last July on five counts in the biggest remaining Watergate-related case, had asked for separate trials to be held outside the District of Columbia.

In the second and final day of pre-trial arguments on Connally's case, U.S. District Judge George L. Hart Jr.:

- Ordered that Connally be tried first on a two-count charge that he accepted a bribe of \$10,000 in milk cooperative funds in exchange for his assistance in obtaining a 1971 increase in the federal price support for raw milk.

- Ordered a second trial on one count that Connally conspired to obstruct justice and two counts that he lied to a Watergate grand jury and the Senate Watergate committee about the \$10,000.

- Denied Connally's request for a change of venue

on grounds of "saturation" publicity.

- Set a conference for January 16 on whether the jury will be sequestered for the trials. Connally opposes sequestering the jurors.

United Press

Precious Cargo Trailer Stolen--

London

Thieves stole a 33-foot trailer and its cargo of gold and jeweler's metal from an east London warehouse during the weekend, police said Sunday night.

Police estimated the value of the load at \$319,000 but said it could run as high as \$480,000.

Associated Press

Bank Bombed

Buenos Aires

A branch of the First National City Bank and two General Motors Showrooms were damaged by bomb explosions here early yesterday, police said. There were no casualties.

Reuters