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**GURNEY TRIAL TOLD
OF \$500,000 PAYOFF**

TAMPA, Fla., May 6 (AP)—Larry Williams testified today that as a fund-raiser for Senator Edward J. Gurney he collected \$500,000 from Florida builders for influence on Federal housing projects.

Another payoff, Williams said in the bribery conspiracy trial of Mr. Gurney and four others, took the form of a free \$56,000 condominium at Vero beach, which the former Republican Senator agreed to accept but eventually bought.

In August, 1971, Mr. Williams told Senator Gurney of the offer from the late John Dye, an Orlando architect-builder, after explaining that it was a payoff for housing favors, Mr. Williams said.

Mr. Gurney said he was looking for a second home, Mr.

Williams said, but was "concerned about election time and a reporter finding out how he owned a condominium on the ocean, and Dye was in F.H.A. projects."

Mr. Williams said the plan was to put the apartment in the name of Earl M. Crittenden, a Gurney political ally who was the Senator's 1968 campaign chairman. Mr. Crittenden agreed, but later said he could not because it would pose a tax problem, Mr. Williams said.