

U. S. JUDGE REFUSES TO ACQUIT GURNEY

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TAMPA, Fla., June 20—Federal Judge Ben Krentzman denied today all defense motions for a directed verdict of acquittal at the trial of former Senator Edward J. Gurney and three co-defendants. Defense lawyer will open their cases on Monday.

Dismissing defense arguments that the Government's 17-week-old case had produced insufficient evidence, Judge Krentzman ruled in Distr Court that he would let the trial jury decide whether or not the defendants are guilty. The jurors were not in court today.

Mr. Gurney, a Florida Republican who was a member of the Senate Watergate committee, has been on trial since Feb. 24 on charges of conspiracy, bribery, unlawful compensation and making false declarations in connection with an allegedly illegal campaign fundraising operation.

Also on trial are Mr. Gurney's former aide in Winter Park, Fla., Joseph Basit Bastien; the former director of the Tampa office of the Federal Housing Administration, K. Wayne Swiger; and the former assistant to the Florida area director of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Ralph M. Koontz.