

U.S. SUMS UP CASE AGAINST GURNEY

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Ex-Senator Is Called Aware

'All Along' of Conspiracy
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TAMPA, Fla., July 22—Contending that former Senator Edward J. Gurney "knew all along what was going on," a Federal prosecutor argued before a trial jury today that Mr. Gurney was part of an illegal conspiracy to raise secret campaign funds.

The prosecutor, Harvey E. Schlesinger, said in his closing argument at the trial of Mr. Gurney and three co-defendants that the conspiracy was motivated by a "pure and simple" desire by Mr. Gurney to maintain his political power through re-election to the Senate.

Mr. Gurney, 61 years old, a Florida Republican who was gate committee, served one term in the Senate after having been elected in 1968. Last year, having been indicted on seven charges of conspiracy, bribery, unlawful compensation and making false statements to a grand jury, he did not seek

Mr. Schlesinger, 35, an assistant United States attorney from Jacksonville who heads a five-man prosecution team in District Court here, spoke for four hours to the jury. He will continue his summation tomorrow.

Mr. Schlesinger conceded that it was hard to prove exactly what Mr. Gurney knew about the activities of Larry E. Williams, a fund-raiser from Orlando, because "you can't look into a person's mind." But, he argued, "in order to convict someone of a conspiracy, they don't have to know all the details of the conspiracy."

A Meeting Is Described

Mr. Schlesinger said the fund-raising conspiracy was conceived at a meeting on Jan. 19, 1971, attended by Mr. Gurney at his home in Winter Park, Fla. Thereafter, however, Mr. Gurney adopted a policy of "deniability" by deliberately insulating himself from the fund-raising activities, the prosecutor argued.

Pointing to a chart that purportedly detailed the cash flow of Mr. Williams' fund-raising between 1971 and 1973, Mr. Schlesinger said the Government had shown in the five-month-old trial that about \$400,000 had been raised from builders by promising them favored treatment by Federal housing agencies.

"Some people believe that the only way the system works is to curry favor with politicians," Mr. Schlesinger said. "I submit that involves corruption."

The case is expected to go to the jury late this week.