

# Ex-Senator Gurney Faces New Trial on Two Charges

## Washington

Former Senator Edward M. Gurney of Florida will be tried again on charges of lying to a grand jury and conspiring to extort money from contractors, a U.S. Justice Department spokesman said yesterday.

A jury deadlocked on the two criminal charges after a six-month trial last August in Florida. Gurney was acquitted of five other charges.

The Justice Department re-

vealed the retrial decision and said a trial date had been tentatively set for January 5.

Jurors deadlocked in August on charges that Gurney conspired to extort a \$400,000 slush fund from contractors and a charge that he lied to a grand jury when he denied knowing about illegal fund-raising activities.

Gurney, a Republican, chose not to seek re-election after being indicted in 1974.

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