

## JUDGE CLEARS GURNEY ON ONE OF TWO COUNTS

Trial of Former Senator Goes on  
on Charge of Lying About  
Knowledge of Office Funds

ORLANDO, Fla., Oct. 25 (UPI)—A Federal judge dismissed today one of two charges that former Senator Edward J. Gurney lied to a grand jury, but ordered that the trial continue on the second portion of the indictment.

District Court Judge George C. Young issued a directed verdict of acquittal on the portion of the indictment accusing Mr. Gurney of lying to a grand jury when he said that he did not know before June 7 1972 that Larry Williams was raising funds on his behalf.

In dismissing that portion of the indictment, Judge Young said that the Government had not introduced sufficient evidence on the charge.

The remaining portion of the charge alleges that the former Republican member of the Senate Watergate committee lied to the grand jury when he said that he did not know until the summer of 1973 that the money collected by Mr. Williams was used to pay expenses of his Florida field offices.

The judge ordered the Government Friday to reopen its case to introduce more of the testimony that Mr. Gurney gave to a federal grand jury in Jacksonville in 1974. But he changed his mind today, saying that the defense could introduce additional testimony from the transcript if it felt that was necessary.

Judge Young said that the Government had failed to introduce "clear and convincing evidence" upon which a jury could base a reasonable decision on the first part of the charge.

Mr. Williams, 32 years old, told the court that he told Mr. Gurney at a June 11, 1972, meeting at the Senator's home in Winter Park that the money was being used for field office expenses. The judge said that this portion of Mr. Williams's testimony was sufficient to continue the trial on the second portion of the indictment.

Mr. Gurney was indicted on seven felony counts in July 1974 by the federal grand jury in Jacksonville. A Tampa jury cleared him of five charges last year, but was unable to reach a decision on the remaining two counts, one of which was dropped last month.



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Former Senator Edward J. Gurney  
arriving at court in Orlando, Fla.