

Illinois Ex-Governor Convicted Of Accepting A Bribe

CHICAGO (AP)—Federal Judge Otto Kerner was convicted Monday of accepting a bribe from race track interests while he was governor of Illinois.

He is the first active judge of a U.S. Court of Appeals to be indicted and convicted of a criminal charge.

He and his longtime associate, Theodore J. Isaacs, a lawyer, were convicted of conspiracy, fraud, bribery and income tax evasion. Kerner also was convicted of perjury and making false statements to a federal agent.

Judge Robert L. Taylor of U.S. District Court set no date for sentencing. Kerner and Isaacs were free on their own recognizance.

The seven women and five men jurors who heard the evidence of 71 witnesses in the seven-week trial began deliberations Saturday afternoon.

They spent 16 hours in the jury room before their verdict was returned at 12:45 p.m. EST Monday.

James R. Thompson, U.S. district attorney who prosecuted the trial, told newsmen he favored prison sentences for Kerner, 64, and Isaacs, 62.

"When the time for sentencing comes . . . it's not conceivable that I would agree to probation," Thompson told newsmen.

Kerner's lawyer said he would ask Judge Taylor for "a judgment of acquittal" and if that was denied, he would move for a new trial.

In a statement Kerner declared, "This battle is even more important than life itself because it involves my reputation and honor, which are dearer than life itself, and I intend to continue this battle."

Isaacs made no statement. Kerner, author of the 1968 presidential commission report on violence, faces a maximum sentence of 83 years in prison and \$93,000 in fines. Isaacs could be sentenced to 73 years in prison and fined \$73,000.

Kerner and Isaacs were accused of accepting racing stock worth \$300,000 for the cut-rate price of \$50,000. The government

said the stock was made available to them to insure that certain racing groups received favorable race meeting dates from the members of the Illinois racing boards who were appointed by Kerner.

The government also charged the defendants concealed ownership of the stock through complicated financial transactions and they improperly filed tax returns in 1966 and 1967 when they revealed their profits.

Kerner was charged with lying to a federal grand jury by deny-

ing he ever discussed racing dates with racing board members.

He was convicted of all 17 counts charged and Isaacs was convicted of the 15 counts against him.

Kerner, governor of Illinois from 1961 to 1968, was impassive in the courtroom. His two adopted children, Tony and Helena, both in their early 20s, sat in the first row as they had throughout the trial.

Kerner spent 3 1/2 days on the witness stand denying charges against him. The defense con-

ceded that Kerner and Isaacs had obtained the stock and made a profit from it in a six-year period. But Kerner contended the stock was not a bribe, that he never committed an act to influence racing dates in Illinois and that he properly paid taxes on his stock profits.

Kerner, a former U.S. attorney and a major general in the National Guard, was appointed in 1968 by the late President Lyndon Johnson to the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. It was the same court where his father,

Otto Kerner Sr., served after a term as Illinois attorney general.

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News Reporting Becoming Difficult

NEW YORK (AP)—Censorship, harassment of reporters and "a spreading cloak of secrecy" made news reporting more difficult in 1972 than any time since World War II, West Gallagher, president of The Associated Press, said today.

"Tight control of the news in many areas by the U.S. government, coupled with attacks on the press, were echoed abroad by increasing censorship in foreign states," Gallagher said in his annual report to AP members.

"Three of these states were closely associated with the United States—South Vietnam, South Korea and the Philippines. But Latin America, too, came under increasing dictatorial control with resulting censorship and secrecy."

Gallagher said that in the United States pressure on the press came from "government, politicians, self-appointed watchdog groups and assorted commentators who kept up a barrage of often partisan criticism."

"In one form or another," he said, "the din was bound to erode further the public's faith in the media."

He noted the Supreme Court's decision rejecting newsmen's First Amendment rights to withhold sources from grand juries.

Abroad, Gallagher said, there were tough censorship measures by military regimes in Brazil, Peru and Argentina.

"Chile, while avowing press freedom," monitored correspondent's outgoing copy and occasionally threatened vague 'sanctions' against AP correspondents whose

factual dispatches irritated the regime," he said.

Gallagher said there was "pervasive censorship" in the Philippines. Egypt, he said, "maintained close surveillance of outgoing copy though dispatches were not tampered with."

For the second year, AP was not allowed a correspondent in Iraq, he said. Andrew Torchia, AP correspondent in Nairobi, Kenya, was held several days in a military prison in Uganda where he was covering a story.

"There was no censorship in Vietnam, but newsmen's movements in the field became more circumscribed as the American

presence, and logistics support, waned," Gallagher said.

"At times, for example during the heavy bombing of the north, official secrecy was imposed on information that had been readily available before."

Gallagher said AP's coverage of the presidential campaign and election was faster and more accurate than ever. He said channeling all copy through a special desk in Washington provided better backgrounding and coherence, and the use of computerized copy processing provided vote tables "virtually without error — something unheard of in the days of manual punching."

Bulletin Board

TUESDAY

Peace Corps and Vista will be recruiting in the Memorial Student Center from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Thursday.

Electrical and Electronics Engineers will hear R. K. Campbell in Lecture Room 2 of the Zachry Engineering Center at 7 p.m.

Engineering Technology Society will hold elections in Room 107 of the Mechanical Engineering Shops at 7:30 p.m.

Air Force Student Wives will meet in the apartment of Shery Hale, V-3-K Hensel. Sgt. Chester Holland will speak on moving in the Air Force.

Pre-Vet Society will view a program on horse lameness at 7:30 p.m. at the Zachry Engineering Center.

Women's Awareness invites both men and women to a meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Room 402 of

the Library.

American Society of Mechanical Engineers will hear George Boroughs and Jim Mitchell in Room 203 of the Zachry Engineering Center at 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Black Awareness Committee will meet in Room 2B of the MSC at 7:30 p.m. to see a movie, "Too Late to Wait."

Human Issues Discussion Group will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 2A of the MSC.

Accounting Society and Residence Hall Association will provide free income tax preparation from 7 to 10 p.m. in the Social Room of the MSC. This service will be given the same time Thursday.

THURSDAY

Cepheid Variable Science Fiction Committee will meet at 7:30 in Room 112 of the Plant Sciences Building.

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At 8:25 p. m.
"CELEBRATION AT BIG SPUR"
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"YOU'LL LIKE MY MOTHER"
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Freshman Wins Essay Contest

Eddie R. Pearcy, a freshman from Conroe, was honored Monday at the Freedoms Foundation in Valley Forge, Pa., for his winning essay in national competition sponsored by the Marine Corps ROTC program.

Pearcy, a pre-veterinary medicine student, received the Freedoms Foundation's George Washington Honor Medal, one of the organization's top awards.

His prize-winning paper is entitled "The Price of Freedom." He wrote it last year while attending the Marine Military Academy at Harlingen.

He is the son of Marine Col. and Mrs. Eddie E. Pearcy. His father is currently assigned to the Pentagon in Washington, D. C.

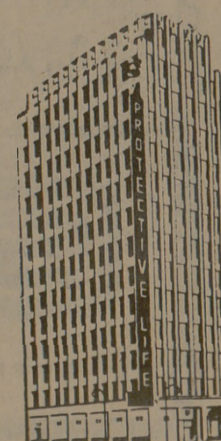
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