

"I'll Sit Until July"

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Judge Offers "Alternate Method to Get Jurors

PATERSON — Suggesting possibly a special out-of-the-county jury panel should be obtained for the first degree murder trial of boxer Rubin (Hurricane) Carter and John Artis, Superior Court Judge Samuel A. Larner yesterday said, "all we can do is struggle on."

Earlier during the jury selection he told the attorneys (Raymond A. Brown of Jersey City, Carter's defense lawyer; Arnold M. Stein of Denville, Artis's attorney, and Assistant Prosecutor Vincent Hull Jr.), he had plenty of time and would sit until July to pick a jury and complete the case.

two weeks ago had been interviewed. Nearly the entire panel was excused by the court.

The two jurors seated, Mrs. Antoinette Fagnoli of Rifle Camp Road, West Paterson, on Wednesday, and George S. Griffith, 805 11th Ave., Paterson, on Thursday, are being sequestered at the Alexander Hamilton Hotel.

Yesterday, the fifth day of the trial in which jury selections were held, 34 prospective jurors were questioned. Of that number 32 were excused by the court and two by the defense.

Because many potential jurors said they had various physical conditions which would prevent serving on the jury, Judge Larner at one point told court attendants, "see if they can send us a whole juror."

Death Penalty Asked

Carter, 30, of 498 20th Ave., one-time ranking contender for the middleweight crown and Artis, 22, of 55 Tyler St., a former track star for Paterson Central High School, are charged with killing three persons — two men and a woman — on June 17, 1966, at the Lafayette Grill, 428 E. 18th St., Paterson.

After the special panel was depleted, potential jurors were chosen from the regular jury list. Twenty eight were called in all, with 27 being excused by the court and one by Brown.

The jury selection is to resume at 9:30 a.m. Monday, Judge Larner indicated yesterday there will be Saturday sessions to complete the selection if the full 14-member trial jury is not seated next week.

Hull is seeking a first degree conviction with an automatic death penalty sentence.

The pair is alleged to have shot up the saloon, killing the bartender and part-owner, George Oliver, 52, who lived above the bar, and Fred Nauyoks, 60, of 89 Pompton Ave., Cedar Grove, a patron. The merdied instantly.

Mrs. Hazel Tanis, 51, of 176 Lafayette Ave., Hawthorne, severely wounded, died three weeks later. William Marins, 42, of 225 Keen St., Paterson, later recovered from head and body wounds.

Thursday, while quizzing prospective jurors, Brown and Stien indicated the defense will contend the pair was nowhere near the bar at the time of the shooting.

Panel Exhausted

At noon yesterday, the six remaining members of the special

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