



Marvin Mandel's aides rejoice after the reversal of the former governor's conviction earlier this year. From left, Maurice

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Chronology of Mandel case since 1974

Yesterday's narrow decision to reinstate the convictions against former Governor Mandel and his co-defendants is only the latest wrinkle in the political corruption case.

The following is a brief chronology of the important dates in the case against Mandel, who was inaugurated as Maryland's 56th governor January 7, 1969:

April 5, 1974: W. Dale Hess and Harry W. Rodgers 3d, two friends of Mandel who are insurance company executives, are formally notified by the United States attorney's office that they are under investigation by a federal grand jury.

September 25, 1975: Mandel says he is a target of the federal probe.

November 24, 1975: The federal grand jury indicts Mandel, Hess, Rodgers, Irvin Kovens, Ernest N. Cory, Jr., and William A. Rodgers on charges that they engaged in a scheme to defraud. The indictment al-

leges that Mandel used his power to push legislation that benefited his friends, who gave him hundreds of thousands of dollars in bribes and gifts.

September 8, 1976: After two postponements, a change of judges and the removal of one defendant (Irvin Kovens) because of illness, a trial gets under way in the federal courthouse in Baltimore.

December 7, 1976: The trial ends dramatically when Judge John Pratt declares a mistrial because the jury—sequestered in a hotel—hears on television that someone tried to bribe a member of the jury.

June 1, 1977: A second trial opens with Judge Robert Taylor, the third judge in the case, presiding. Kovens also goes on trial.

August 23, 1977: The second trial ends with the conviction of all six defendants. Six weeks later, Judge Taylor sentences Mandel and three others to four years in

jail; two defendants receive lesser terms. Mandel is suspended from office.

July 19, 1978: A three-judge panel of the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond hears lawyers' arguments in the Mandel appeal.

January 11, 1979: In a 2-to-1 decision, the appeals panel overturns the convictions of the six men and orders a new trial. The following week, Mandel resumes office briefly before Governor Hughes is sworn in.

April 17, 1979: At the request of the prosecutors, the full Court of Appeals agrees to hear the case.

June 5, 1979: Lawyers from both sides present their arguments to six judges of the Court of Appeals in Richmond.

July 20, 1979: By a 3-to-3 vote, the appeals court reinstates the convictions of Mandel and his co-defendants.