

# Mandel, 3 others to testify at parole rehearing today

Regional parole officers will hear testimony from former Governor Marvin Mandel and three codefendants today to try again to determine whether they should be released on early parole.

The rehearsals were ordered last week by the U.S. Parole Commission in Washington, which postponed making any decision in the case when the commission learned that some information it was considering had not been available to the inmates at the time of their first hearing in late June and early July.

The national commission got the case when the Southeast Regional Commission in Atlanta declined to make a decision because of the notoriety of the case and the prominence of the men.

The rehearsals will be held simultaneously at the federal prison facilities at Eglin Air Force Base in Florida, where Mr. Mandel, Irvin Kovens and Harry W. Rodgers III are serving three-year prison terms, and at Maxwell Air Force Base in Alabama, where W. Dale Hess is serving a three-year term for political corruption.

The case then will be taken back to the regional parole commission in Atlanta and will be reviewed by Commissioner O. J. Keller, who will cast his vote and forward the requests back to Washington.

Mr. Kovens yesterday was reported in stable condition at Eglin Air Force Hospital after being admitted and treated in intensive care Saturday for ailments authorities refused to describe.



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