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U.S. RESTS IN TRIAL OF 11

Audie Murphy Tells Of Part in Dope Raid

Film star Audie Murphy went along on a narcotics raid in Dallas because he is "interested in stamping out juvenile delinquency."

That is the explanation he gave in Tucson, Ariz. to the Associated Press.

Customs Agent C. N. Durham testified here Tuesday during the trial of 11 men charged with a narcotics conspiracy that Murphy went with him when he arrested one of the defendants, Felix Stone Ramirez, in Dallas March 11.

Planning More

Murphy, in Tucson filming a movie, said that he plans to produce a film independently to show the menace of narcotics.

He said he feels he can get authentic material background by accompanying officers on raids.

Asst. U.S. Atty. James T. Dowd, who is prosecuting the case for the government, said that Murphy holds a deputy sheriff's commission in Dallas.

The fact that Murphy accompanied Durham on the raid came out during cross examination.

Defense Atty. Walter Conway asked Durham who went with him to arrest Ramirez.

He replied that Murphy had gone along.

"Do you usually take movie stars along with you to make an arrest?" Conway asked.

"No." Durham replied.

Durham said that Murphy had not been subpoenaed to testify in the case.

Durham offered to explain the situation, but no one took him up. He refused to comment after he testified.

Case Rested

Meanwhile, the government rested its case late Tuesday after presenting 10 days of evidence against the 11 in the complicated conspiracy charge.

Federal Judge Allen B. Hannay will rule today on motions for judgments of acquittal filed by attorneys in behalf of all the defendants.

Among those on trial is Eddie Bareios, 29, of 1209 Ryan, a one-time Houston policeman.