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United Press International

SMILING POLITELY, President Reagan firmly refuses to answer questions from reporters who met him as he and Mrs. Reagan returned from a trip to Camp David. Reagan said yesterday he would hold a press conference Wednesday.

Upsetting verdict

First lady Nancy Reagan is said to have been "pretty emotional" about the verdict that John W. Hinckley Jr. was not guilty by reason of insanity in the attempted assassination of her husband last year. "Unbelievable" was Mrs. Reagan's response to the news, according to Newsweek magazine. President Reagan calmly expressed his feeling that the burden of proof requirement must be changed, Newsweek said.

HINCKLEY

UPDATE UP012

BY GREGORY GORDON

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- THE JUDGE IN THE TRIAL OF JOHN HINCKLEY WEDNESDAY RESUMED HIS QUEST TO FIND AN IMPARTIAL JURY, WHILE IT WAS DISCLOSED WOUNDED WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY JAMES BRADY IS PREPARED TO TESTIFY ABOUT THE 1981 ATTACK ON PRESIDENT REAGAN.

"I'M SURE HE WOULD," SARAH BRADY SAID ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF HER HUSBAND TESTIFYING EVEN THOUGH HE IS STILL CONVALESCING FROM A SEVERE HEAD WOUND SUFFERED IN THE MARCH 30, 1981, ASSAULT IN WHICH REAGAN AND TWO LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ALSO WERE WOUNDED.

MRS. BRADY SAID, HOWEVER, IT MIGHT BE HARD FOR BRADY PHYSICALLY. BRADY HAS RETURNED TO THE HOSPITAL REPEATEDLY FOR COMPLICATIONS AND ONLY WENT HOME LAST WEEK AFTER SPENDING 19 DAYS RECOVERING FROM A BLOOD CLOT IN HIS LEFT LEG.

SARAH BRADY TOLD UPI PROSECUTORS HAD RAISED THE POSSIBILITY OF BRADY TESTIFYING BUT "WE'VE NEVER BEEN TOLD ONE WAY" WHETHER HE WOULD BE CALLED TO THE WITNESS STAND.

HINCKLEY HAS PLEADED INNOCENT BY REASON OF INSANITY TO 13 CRIMINAL COUNTS STEMMING FROM HIS ASSAULT ON MARCH 30, 1981, AND BRADY'S TESTIMONY WOULD NOT BE NEEDED TO HELP PROVE HE FIRED THE GUN.

PROSECUTORS DID NOT INCLUDE BRADY'S NAME ON A LIST OF 98 WITNESSES THEY READ IN COURT TUESDAY, BUT MAY FEEL HIS APPEARANCE WOULD DRIVE HOME TO A JURY THE IMPACT OF THE SHOOTINGS.

U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE BARRINGTON PARKER, SUMMONING 88 PROSPECTIVE JURORS FOR A SECOND DAY OF OF QUESTIONING, PROMPTLY EXCUSED A NETWORK WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENT FROM THEIR MIDST. THE DECISION TO DISMISS CBS REPORTER BILL PLANTE WAS EXPECTED AND PLANTE SAID ON LEAVING THE COURTROOM HE WAS "SURPRISED" TO BE CALLED BACK A SECOND DAY.

PARKER TUESDAY SPENT ABOUT HALF AN HOUR QUIZZING PLANTE, WHO IS CHAIRMAN OF A FUND-RAISING COMMITTEE FORMED TO HELP BRADY DEFRAY MEDICAL COSTS AND KNOWS SEVERAL OTHER KEY FIGURES IN THE CASE. PLANTE BECAME THE THIRD CANDIDATE FROM AN INITIAL POOL OF 90 PROSPECTIVE JURORS TO BE DISMISSED IN THE PROCESS TO PICK A PANEL OF 12 AND SIX ALTERNATES.

HINCKLEY APPEARED MORE RELAXED AS HE ENTERED THE COURTROOM FOR A SECOND DAY OF TESTIMONY. SURROUNDED BY DEPUTY MARSHALS IN EXTRAORDINARY SECURITY, HE WAS BELIEVED TO BE WEARING A BULLET-PROOF VEST.

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