

3 Nixon Money Men Ordered To Appear at Barker Trial

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A Florida judge has ordered three of President Nixon's campaign money men to appear in court later this month as material witnesses in the trial of Bernard L. Barker, one of seven defendants in the Watergate bugging incident.

Dade County Criminal Court Judge Paul L. Baker signed extradition orders Thursday for former Treasury Secretary Maurice Stans, now finance chairman of the Committee to Re-Elect the President; Hugh W. Sloan, former committee treasurer; and Kenneth Dahlberg, Midwest regional financial chairman.

The three were ordered to appear at a pre-trial conference on Oct. 26. Barker, 55, is accused of misusing his notary public seal on a \$25,000 cashier's check from Dahlberg.

Their money was part of more than \$100,000 raised for the Republican committee that was channeled through Barker's bank account before June 17, the date when he and four others were arrested inside the Democratic National Committee headquarters at the Watergate.

Spokesmen for Stans, Dahlberg and Sloan said yesterday they had not yet seen the judge's order and did not know whether any of them would fight extradition proceedings.

If the three oppose extradi-

tion, each would have to go to court in his home state—Minnesota (Dahlberg), Virginia (Sloan) and Washington, D.C. (Stans). A show-cause hearing for Stans would be held here in Superior Court.

"The only way the witnesses could resist extradition (to Florida) is if they could show extreme unusual hardship in getting here," said Richard Gerstein, Dade County state's attorney.

Gerstein said Stans, Sloan and Dahlberg are the major witnesses in his case against Barker, a former CIA agent. "I expect them to be here," he said.

Barker's attorney, Henry Rothblatt, said Gerstein "will have to show in local courts an urgent necessity for their testimony."

He said the charge against his client has no legal validity and that local courts "will question the political motives" of the trial.

Rothblatt appeared yesterday before Judge Baker at a pretrial hearing in Miami where he asked that the case be dismissed because of pretrial publicity and because the defense had not received a copy of the Dahlberg check.

Those motions and another asking for an indefinite continuance—again on the grounds of pretrial publicity—were denied by Baker.

Rothblatt said he wanted time to conduct a poll in Dade

County on the affect of the publicity.

"The next thing you'll want to do is conduct a poll to find out if he's (Barker) guilty or not guilty," said Baker.

Baker appeared in court wearing a realtor's pin in his lapel and clasping his hands behind his back.

Two other Watergate defendants, Frank Sturgis and Eugenio Martinez, attended part of the hearing to give "moral support," they said.

In his extradition orders Judge Baker said Stans, Sloan and Dahlberg "will be needed for approximately 12 days unless sooner discharged." This would have them testifying before or up to Nov. 7, election day.

Baker said he had issued the extradition orders because testimony by the three men "could not be secured voluntarily."

In a related statement, U.S. Attorney General Richard G. Kleindienst said yesterday in St. Louis that he would like the Watergate wiretapping trial to be held before the elections.

"We're ready to go to trial," he said, adding that the secrecy surrounding the case "is a by-product of our criminal justice system."

Kleindienst, who said he could not discuss details of the case because of a court order, said he wanted to get the trial "out of political debate."