

# O'Brien Sues GOP Group For Break-In

DMN 6-21-72 10-8

WASHINGTON (AP) — Calling the break-in at the Democratic National Committee headquarters a "blatant act of political espionage," party Chairman Lawrence F. O'Brien sued the Committee for the Re-election of the President and others Tuesday for \$1 million.

The civil suit, filed in U.S. District Court, contends that the break-in Saturday was an invasion of privacy and that the Democrats' civil rights were violated.

O'Brien said also the alleged attempts to plant bugging devices during the break-in was in violation of laws against wiretapping.

Five men, including James W. McCord, chief security officer for both the Republican National Committee and the committee in charge of President Nixon's re-election campaign, were arrested Saturday at the Democratic national headquarters in the Watergate apartment-hotel complex. Both GOP committees announced Monday that McCord has been fired.

**O'BRIEN SAID** the Committee to Re-elect the President is requested in the complaint to open its records and divulge its exact ties with McCord. It wants listed all payments made to McCord and reasons for them.

---