

# Democrats File Suit Against Republicans

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 for the Re-election of the President is requested in the com-

plaint to open its records and divulge its exact ties with McCord. It wants listed all payments made to McCord and reasons for them.

Former Atty. Gen. John N. Mitchell, chairman of the Committee for the Re-election of the President, said the lawsuit "represents another example of sheer demagoguery on the part of Mr. O'Brien." Mitchell called the legal action a political stunt.

O'Brien said as far as he is concerned the break-in had a "clear line of direction to the Committee for the Re-election of the President" and there is a "developing clear line to the White House."

The Washington Post reported Tuesday that a consultant to the White House special counsel Charles W. Colson is listed in the address books of two of the five men arrested. The newspaper reported that federal sources said the address books contain the name and home number of Howard E. Hunt, the consultant, with the notations: "W. House" and "W.H."

A White House official said Hunt last worked for the White

House in March 29, for a regular daily consultant fee. The Post said Hunt worked for the Central Intelligence Agency from 1949 to 1970.

White House press secretary Ronald L. Ziegler said at a noon briefing that Hunt's role was primarily consulting in the field of narcotics activities, relating to the flow of drugs into this country.

"I talked with Colson after reading the Washington Post story," said Ziegler. "He made it quite clear to me that he is in no way involved."

Named in the lawsuit are McCord and McCord Associates Inc., a Maryland security firm, and the Committee to Re-elect the President are the four other individuals charged with the break-in.