

# Watergate Suspect Convicted of

## Miami

Bernard L. Barker drew a suspended 60-day jail term at a Florida trial yesterday which failed to uncover any more secrets of the Watergate political spying case in Washington. He also faces trial in

federal court on January 8. Criminal Court Judge Paul Baker concluded a two-hour, 20-minute non-jury trial by ruling the Miami real estate man guilty of a misdemeanor violation of Florida's law prohibiting improper use of a notary pub-

lic seal. State Attorney Richard E. Gerstein had sought a felony fraud conviction but Judge Baker reduced the charge.

Barker, a stocky, poker-faced former CIA agent, did not testify and the defense presented no witnesses.

Prosecutors called 11 witnesses to establish Barker's notary license and connect him with the cashing of a \$25,000 cashier's check made out to and endorsed by Kenneth H. Dahlberg, Minnesota regional finance director of the Committee to Re-Elect

## Reduced Charge

the President.

Objections of defense attorney Henry Rothblatt of New York successfully blocked every thrust by prosecutors to reveal from whom the money came and to whom it was eventually paid.

Dahlberg was permitted to testify only that he received a \$25,000 cash donation at Bal Harbour, near Miami Beach, and converted it into a cashier's check at the First Bank & Trust Co. of Boca Raton, Fla. He said he endorsed the check and

turned it over to former Commerce Secretary Maurice Stans, President Nixon's campaign finance director, at a meeting in the Washington, D.C., Hilton Hotel April 11.

Both Dahlberg and Hugh W. Sloan Jr., former treasurer of Mr. Nixon's re-election finance committee, denied knowing Barker.

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