
Warren Doubts a Speedy Fortas OK

Helena, Mont.

Chief Justice Earl Warren said yesterday "there seems to be a little maneuvering going in Washington, and it looks like I'll be back to open the Supreme Court in October."

The chief justice, on a fishing vacation in Montana, told a luncheon meeting of Montana Supreme Court Justices, lawyers and newsmen at Carroll College: "Time seems to mean nothing to those senate committees."

He was referring to lack of action on confirming Abe Fortas as new chief justice.

"However, I can assure you the delay is not because they want to retain me," he said in a light vein that drew laughter. "If it is a matter of taking Abe Fortas or keeping me, they'll take Abe Fortas."

Warren said there were some in Washington who doubted the senate would confirm Fortas before the new Supreme Court session opens in October. *United Press*

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SACRAMENTO AP - Chief Justice Earl Warren has said he plans to preside over the opening of the fall session of the U.S. Supreme Court, although he has submitted his resignation to President Johnson.

Warren revealed his plans in an interview published Saturday in the Sacramento Bee.

The chief justice, former Republican governor of California, told newsmen he plans to return to Washington Monday.

He explained his resignation is conditioned on Senate confirmation of the President's appointment of Justice Abe Fortas to replace him as chief justice.

Warren said he has decided to open the next court session Oct. 7 because Fortas' appointment has taken so long and the court shouldn't be left without a presiding officer.

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