Postponed For 3 Weeks By Sirica Cover-Up Trial Of Nixon's Aides

prepare their cases.
U. S. District Judge John J. weeks Thursday to allow lawyers on both sides more time to ants was postponed for three some of former President Rich- ling to intervene in Sirica's ear-ard M. Nixon's chief lieuten- lier denial of the continuance, WASHINGTON (AP) — The Watergate cover-up trial of

trial date from Sept. 9 to Sept. he was resetting the opening the U.S. Court of Appeals, said Sirica, under the prodding of

> weeks. recommended that he give the the appeals court, while refuslawyers three to four more

pel if the defense lawyers that any guilty verdicts in the case might be overruled on apcomplained The appeals court ruling was not an order but a strong hint unable to prepare adequately they had been

Less than two hours earlier for the trial.

r- tion of the Court of Appeals and e, I have decided to continue the trial until Sept. 30," Sirica told reporters in his chambers moder. ments before entering his or-

week-end sessions. longer work days and possible Christmas even if it requires have the case completed before Sirica said he still hoped to

The appeals court, while ap-

pearing to sympathize with the need of more preparation time, tergate publicity. seemed to reject a companion plea that the trial be delayed until next year because of Wa-

pretrail publicity question. man, said he planned to appeal to the Supreme Court on the mestic adviser John D. Ehrlich Andrew Hall, attorney for former White House chief do-Andrew Hall, attorney

tration and campaign aides that the massive publicity surer-up defendants have argued could not receive a fair trial. mer White House, adminisin which the ex-President's fordals, impeachment proceedings in Congress, and Nixon's ultirounding the Watergate scanidency have created a climate mate resignation from the pres-Attorneys for most of the cov-

deman, Strachan, a lawyer for the Nixon re-elecgeneral and Nixon campaign official; Kenneth W. Parkinson, dian, former assistant attorney chief of staff; Robert C. Marcampaign manager; H. R. Halother defendants in the case are John N. Mitchell, former attorney House aide to Haldeman. tion committee; and Gordon In addition to Ehrlichman former White general and former House Nixon

by the Special Prosecutor's District Judge George L. Hart Jr. ordered lawyers for Nixon's friend Charles G. (Bebe) Rebozo opment Thursday, Chief U.S. In another Watergate devel