

Demo Break-in Probe

WASHINGTON— (UPI) — Sen. William Proxmire (D-Wis.) said today two “scrupulously honest” men — former Republican Sen. John Williams and former Supreme Court Justice Arthur Goldberg — should be appointed to investigate the attempted bugging of Democratic National Committee headquarters.

Senate Republican leader Hugh Scott in turn told Proxmire he might be able to support the idea, if the investigators’ findings were withheld until after the November election.

That would “take the issue out of the field of politics,”

Scott said.

But Proxmire said the investigators should be instructed to report to the American people within 30 days.

Sen. Frank Church (D-Idaho), agreed, saying:

“The American people are entitled to know the facts before they pass judgment on whether this administration should continue in office.”

Senate Democratic leader Mike Mansfield said he had such great confidence in the integrity of Williams — who was often called “The conscience of the Senate” before his retirement in 1969 — that he would be willing to

see the commission composed of the former Delaware lawmaker alone.

But Sen. John O. Pastore (D-R.I.) said he thought there could be a three-man commission with Williams and Goldberg appointing the third man.

Scott said “anybody who had done it while I was chairman (of the Republican National Committee in the late 1940s) would have been fired.”

Without supporting the Proxmire resolution, Scott said he would like to see the incident clarified and he urged anybody having any information about it to

“speak up.”

Mansfield said the situation had become “curiouser and curiouser with the passage of time.”

Proxmire said he was proposing that Williams and Goldberg investigate because “these men are scrupulously honest, have a rugged independence of mind and war no man’s collar.”

Five men, including a former CIA official who worked as chief of security for President Nixon’s re-election committee, were arrested in the offices of the Democratic National Committee at 2:30 a.m. June 17. Police said they carried electronic surveillance devices.