

## Campaign '72

# 'Nixon Men Tried Hq Break-In' - McG

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ALBUQUERQUE — Men working for the Committee for the Re-election of the President were foiled in an effort to break into Senator McGovern's old campaign headquarters, the Democratic presidential nominee said yesterday.

The break-in was attempted during the early morning of May 27, but was aborted after McGovern's campaign workers and a person sleeping in the doorway scared them off, McGovern told a news conference.

### Independent Probe

"There's no question in mind that they were connected with the Committee to Re-elect the President," McGovern said.

Campaign chairman Lawrence F. O'Brien Friday reported the alleged break-in effort and told a news conference its purpose was to plant listening devices.

At a news conference, McGovern also proposed that either retired Chief Jus-

tice Earl Warren or former Solicitor General Lee Rankin, now corporation counsel of New York City, conduct an independent investigation of the incident as well as the alleged bugging of the Democratic Party offices at the Watergate apartment complex in Washington June 17.

### Formal Statement

In a formal statement read to the news conference, McGovern said:

"The American people have begun to realize how serious the spreading scandal of the Watergate is . . . what has been called a caper is, in fact, a serious crime with connections reaching deep into the Republican apparatus.

"It now appears that the headquarters of one of the two major political parties in the United States was treated, for a prolonged period, as if it were the headquarters of a foreign government."