

Barker, a Watergate Defendant, Convicted of False Notarization

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MIAMI, Nov. 1—Bernard L. Barker, one of the seven men indicted in the break-in at the Democratic headquarters in Washington, was found guilty here today of falsely notarizing a signature on a \$25,000 check that had gone through the Finance Committee to Re-elect the President.

The 55-year-old Miami real estate broker drew a 60-day jail sentence, which was suspended by Criminal Court Judge Paul Baker, who tried the case.

Judge Baker also ordered Mr. Barker to surrender his notary public seal. Whether Mr. Barker's commission as a real estate broker would be affected by the sentence was not immediately clear.

The Dade County State Attorney, Richard E. Gerstein, had charged Mr. Barker with "falsely and fraudulently" notarizing the signature of Kenneth H. Dahlberg, chairman of the Minnesota Nixon re-election committee, on the \$25,000 check.

In his testimony today, Mr. Dahlberg denied ever having met Mr. Barker or having given him permission to notarize his signature.

Mr. Dahlberg testified that he had received the money in Bal Harbour, Fla., converted it into a cashier's check at the First Bank and Trust Company of Boca Raton, Fla., and later, at a Washington meeting, after endorsing the check, had given it to Maurice H. Stans, President Nixon's chief campaign fund-raiser.

Since the testimony at the two-and-one-half-hour trial was limited by Judge Baker to the false notarization charge, the prosecution was not allowed to

ask another witness, Hugh W. Sloan Jr., former Nixon finance committee treasurer, how the check found its way into Mr. Barker's hands.

Liddy Called Recipient

However, Mr. Sloan, answering a question by David Goodhart, an Assistant State Attorney, said that after receiving the \$25,000 check he had given it to G. Gordon Liddy, the finance committee counsel, who was also indicted in the Watergate break-in.

"This check was not a contribution to the committee for which I was treasurer," said Mr. Sloan, who was accompanied by his lawyer. "It was listed in the records but not in the specific records for the committee you are referring to."

Asked to clarify his statement, Mr. Sloan said: "In handling campaign contributions we had an obligation to the contributors to handle these contributions in such a way that they would not incur a gift tax liability. This involved spreading contributions of that amount among various different committees."

Mr. Sloan further testified that he "never saw the check again." He said he had listed the check officially, and added that the entry record was in the books until he resigned from the committee on July 14.

Ector Reynaldo, a teller at the Republic National Bank of Miami, testified that on April 19 Mr. Barker had deposited three "Mexican" checks totaling \$89,000 and had tried to deposit the \$25,000 check signed by Mr. Dahlberg.