

## Quash Motion Denied In Extortion Charge

A defense motion to dismiss the indictment of attorney Ralph Kaskell Jr. on an attempted extortion charge failed today in Criminal District Court.

Judge Edward A. Haggerty Jr. overruled the motion to dismiss by Kaskell's attorney F. Irvin Dymond.

Kaskell, who was legal counsel to the Maryland National Insurance Company, is accused of communicating a threat in 1969 to assistant District Attorney Shirley Wimberly, who was attempting to collect bail bond forfeitures from Maryland National, a bonding company.

The company has a backlog of more than \$750,000 in forfeited bail bonds that have

never been collected by the DA's office.

Dymond contended the indictment should be quashed on grounds the statute under which it is drawn is unconstitutional and the indictment itself is drawn improperly and has "fatal defects."

Asst. DA James L. Alcock said today the case probably will be set for trial next month.

### JOHN W. BONNER

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — John W. Bonner, former governor of Montana and an associate justice of the Montana Supreme Court since 1968, died Saturday. He was 67. Bonner was governor from 1949-52.