

Demos' Suit Hearing Set

WASHINGTON — (AP) — A federal judge today ordered arguments on a motion to dismiss a civil invasion-of-privacy suit filed by the Democratic National Committee in the wake of last June's abortive break-in of committee offices.

The order from Judge Charles Richey held up efforts of lawyers or the Democrats to amend their original complaint to include allegations linking former Commerce Secretary Maurice Stans to the affair.

A copy of the amended complaint was sent to the U.S. District Court clerk's office attached to a motion asking Judge Richey's permission to file it.

After Hearing

The hearing will be on the original complaint. Judge Richey's clerk said presumably the motion asking permission to amend it would not be acted upon until after the hearing.

While these developments were taking place, attorneys for the Democrats continued taking depositions, the latest from Hugh Sloan Jr., former treasurer of the Committee for the Re-Election of the President.

Sloan refused to comment to reporters when he appeared at the lawyers' offices for the closed session which lasted only about 20 minutes.

The amended complaint alleged that Stans and Sloan supplied Republican campaign funds to support the

activities directed against the Democratic National Committee and its chairman, Lawrence O'Brien, now chairman of the George McGovern presidential campaign.

Allegation

The new complaint alleged that Stans, finance chairman

of the Committee for the Re-Election of the President, and Sloan, who resigned as its treasurer after the break-in, gave \$114,000 in unreported campaign funds last April 11 to G. Gordon Liddy, a former White House and GOP campaign aide, to finance the alleged plot.

The complaint named Liddy, E. Howard Hunt Jr., formerly employed as a consultant by the White House, and James W. McCord, former security chief for the presidential campaign committee, as "commanding personnel" of what it called the "political espionage squad."

Libel Charge

Clark MacGregor, President Nixon's campaign chairman, said the charges against Stans and Sloan would be "grossly libelous" if made outside a court complaint. He said he has directed attorneys to file civil suit against O'Brien and the Democrats for "malicious prosecution and abuse of process."

"The allegations are false and Mr. O'Brien and his friends are well aware they all are false," said MacGregor.

Stans called the accusations "a scurrilous pack of lies."

MacGregor called on Sen. George McGovern, Democratic presidential candidate, to disclose who on the Republican campaign payroll has fed information to the Democrats.

Defendants

The complaint named the Committee for the Re-Election of the President and its finance committee as defendants.

In the early-morning hours of June 17, police arrested five men including McCord, inside the Demo-

cratic National Committee offices. The Democrats charge Liddy and Hunt also were there but got out before police closed in.