

Arguments Ordered on Motion

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal judge ordered arguments today 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 for the Democrats to amend their original complaint to include allegations linking former Commerce Secretary Maurice M. Stans to the affair.

Judge Richey scheduled a hearing for 1:30 p.m.

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.

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 F. O'Brien, now chairman of the George S. McGovern presidential campaign.

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

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espionage squad."

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."

In addition to adding Stans,

Sloan, Liddy and Hunt as defendants, the new complaint asked for \$3 million in damages instead of the \$1 million requested earlier.

The amended complaint to the Democrats' suit also included the following allegations:

—In March 1972, the defendants organized a political espionage squad under command of Liddy and Hunt "the services of both of whom were diverted for the purpose from the White House staff."

—Another key figure was McCord "who was recruited for that purpose with the aid of members of the White

House staff."

—Taps were placed on telephones in the Democratic headquarters and a listening post was set up in a motel across the street. From time to time, the complaint said, Liddy, Hunt, and McCord "visited the listening post to check up on the squad's progress."

—The listening post was "manned by one or more members of the political espionage squad during all regular business hours and at all other times when lights in the DNC windows indicated there might be something to be over-

heard. During the said period of time (from late May to June 17), the political espionage squad thus overheard and recorded many hundreds of private conversations of persons in the DNC offices."

—McCord used logs of those conversations to prepare confidential memoranda on their content.

—The Committee for the Re-Election of the President "expended many thousands of dollars in the purchase of electronic equipment to be used in the wiretapping and eavesdropping activities of the espionage squad."