

*\$2.5 Million Suit Names O'Brien***Stans Strikes Back on 2 'Battle Fronts'**

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Nixon's chief fundraiser, Maurice H. Stans, has struck back on two fronts at Democrats who he says are trying to make political capital out of Republican campaign-money controversies and the break-in at Democratic headquarters.

Stans accused the House Banking and Currency Committee of "partisan misbehavior and discourtesy" after its staff report questioned his denials of involvement in a transaction linked to the Democratic - headquarters-bugging affair.

And Wednesday Stans joined in filing a \$2.5-million civil suit against Lawrence F. O'Brien, former Democratic chairman and now chairman of Sen. George McGovern's presidential campaign. The suit charged O'Brien with abusing the federal-court process in connection with O'Brien's \$1-million suit stemming from the break-in and alleged bugging of Democratic national headquarters.

A spokesman for O'Brien said the GOP suit was frivolous and "an attempt to intimidate us from pursuing our own suit against the Republicans. We will not be intimidated by such desperate tactics."

The Democratic National Committee, meanwhile, said a small black gadget described as a listening device was found in a telephone Wednesday at party headquarters.

Committee officials said the device was removed by the FBI after a secretary reported that the phone line was not functioning properly. News-men were not allowed to see the device. The FBI would not comment on the incident.

The device was removed from a phone in the office of Spencer Oliver, executive director of the Democrats' State Chairman's Association. O'Brien said that Oliver's phone had been bugged earlier this year.

Stans' attack on the House committee report and the GOP suit further escalated the political battle which has developed since five men, equipped with eavesdropping and photographic equipment,

were arrested in the Democratic offices June 17.

Stans, former commerce secretary, has been drawn into the controversy because \$114,000 in Republican cam-

paign funds was held for a time in the Miami bank account of one of the men charged in the break-in. High-level officials say neither the White House nor the GOP was involved in the burglary.