

Demo HQ Break-In Trial

Washington

Chief U.S. District Judge John J. Sirica, brushing aside objections of defense lawyers, ordered yesterday that the trial of the seven men charged with the Watergate bugging incident begin November 15.

Lawyers for the defendants indicated after the two-hour hearing that they would seek a postponement from a higher court. Sirica also said he intends to sequester the jury for the duration of the trial.

In related developments

yesterday:

A Fairfax County (Va.) Circuit Judge ordered Hugh W. Sloan, Jr., former treasurer of the Committee for the Re-election of the President, to go to Miami to testify in a trial beginning October 30, involving Bernard L. Barker, one of the seven defendants in the criminal trial here.

Kenneth Dahlberg, Midwest regional finance chairman for the Nixon campaign, indicated that he will appear in Miami for a pre-trial conference October 26. Dahlberg turned over a

check for \$25,000 to Maurice Stans, chairman of the President's re-election finance committee. That check later turned up in Barker's bank account.

A Dade county, Fla., judge signed extradition orders Thursday for Stans as well as for Sloan and Dahlberg. A spokesman for the President's re-election committee said yesterday that he was checking to see if Stans would appear at the October 26 hearing voluntarily.

Sirica's order of a November 15 date — eight days after the presidential election

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— for the criminal trial of the seven men charged with the burglary and bugging of the Democratic national committee headquarters in the Watergate came during an occasionally heated two-hour pre-trial conference.

The four lawyers representing the seven defendants each told Sirica that the November 15 date conflicted with other cases they had pending and would not give them adequate time to prepare their defense. After a 20-minute recess, the four lawyers recommended three other dates — December 18,

January 8 and January 22.

Principal assistant U.S. Attorney Earl J. Silbert, the chief prosecutor in the case, said the government "probably" could be ready by November 15 "but it will be quite difficult." Silbert said any of the three alternative dates was acceptable to him.

Judge Sirica said that November 15 would fall 60 days after the seven were indicted, the time recommended by the U.S. Judicial Conference for beginning highly publicized trials.

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