

# Judge Blocks Extradition of Stans to Testify on Check

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WASHINGTON, Oct. 20 — Judge Paul F. McArdle, of the District of Columbia Superior Court, ruled today that Maurice H. Stans, finance chairman of President Nixon's re-election campaign, would not be extradited to Miami to testify at a trial of Bernard L. Barker, one of the men indicted in the alleged bugging of Democratic headquarters here.

Judge McArdle upheld the contention of Mr. Stans' attorney, Kenneth Parkinson, that Mr. Stans was not a material witness and that he could add little to what was already in the hands of the prosecutor in Miami.

Under the law governing extradition orders, a judge "has to determine if the witness is material and necessary, that it will not cause undue hardship to the witness to attend and testify."

In a short news conference before entering the courtroom, Mr. Stans said that the move to extradite him to testify in the trial of Mr. Barker, which is to begin Oct. 30, was "nothing but political sabotage on behalf of the McGovern forces."

## Explains His Role

The case against Mr. Barker is being brought by Richard E. Gerstein, the state attorney of Miami, who is a Democrat. Mr. Barker is charged with "false and fraudulent use" of a notary public seal on a \$25,000 check that was earlier handled by the Finance Committee to reelect the President.

Mr. Stans, chairman of the finance committee, explained from the witness stand his role in the handling of the check. He said that he had already explained, his involvement with

the check to an investigator from Mr. Gerstein's office and contended, "My testimony would not add a thing."

Mr. Stans also said that if he was extradited it would disrupt the Republican fund-raising campaign at crucial time "in terms of millions of dollars we must still raise."

He said that he never heard of Mr. Barker until after the defendant was arrested in the national Democratic headquarters at the Watergate complex last June 17.

His attorney, Mr. Parkinson, said that Mr. Stans was not a material witness and that other witnesses could testify to the same things.

Mr. Stans also said that it would be a hardship for him to go to Miami because his wife has been hospitalized with a serious illness since Aug. 9 and he would be unable to pay her a daily visit.

Kenneth H. Dahlberg, regional finance chairman of the Nixon campaign in Minnesota, who had delivered the check to the finance committee in Washington, agreed last Monday to testify in Miami.

Mr. Barker is charged with the felony of later certifying the endorsement of Mr. Dahlberg on the \$25,000 check when Mr. Dahlberg was not present.

Mr. Dahlberg took a \$25,000 cash contribution April 7 from Dwayne O. Andreas, a Minne-

sota businessman, converted it into a cashier's check and gave it to Mr. Stans on April 11.

Mr. Stans said today that he held the check for only a few minutes and then gave it to Hugh W. Sloan Jr., who was then treasurer of the Committee for the Re-election of the President.

Earlier this week, Mr. Sloan, who resigned from the committee July 14 was ordered to go to Miami and testify at the trial.

The hearing today was held in the Superior Court, the equivalent to a municipal court, which handles a wide range of cases from parking ticket violations to felonies.