

# Magruder on Why Convention Moved

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The Republican Party shifted its 1972 convention from San Diego to Miami Beach for fear of massive demonstrations in the California city, Jeb Stuart Magruder testified yesterday.

Magruder, former deputy director of the Committee for the Re-election of the President, said he was concerned at the time that "there were plans . . . to

overthrow our convention."

He made the statement in discussing before Senate investigators the atmosphere faced by Nixon campaigners when the Watergate wire-tapping was being planned.

Magruder said there were bombings of public buildings and of campaign headquarters, death threats against former attorney general John N. Mitchell and his wife.

He also said "people from

other campaigns" (Democrats) had infiltrated the Nixon organization. Magruder said the headquarters of one opposition candidate were being used for activities designed to disrupt the Nixon campaign.

The Republican National Committee voted on May 5, 1972 in the wake of the ITT scandal, to shift convention sites after officials said mounting costs and labor problems made the change necessary.

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