

Judge Bars Lectures by McCord and Magruder

Washington

Federal judge John J. Sirica silenced two major figures in the Watergate scandal yesterday, calling it a disgrace that criminals could "profit by their wrongdoing" by traveling the lecture circuit.

Sirica, the chief U.S. district judge here, ordered convicted burglar James W. McCord Jr. and confessed conspirator Jeb Magruder to refrain from making public addresses or granting interviews if they want to remain

free pending sentencing.

Magruder, a former White House aide and deputy director of the Committee for the Re-election of the President, told Sirica in a letter the only reason he considered a speaking tour was because "I now find myself in financial difficulty."

He said the speech he had planned to make in a series of engagements would be "more or less a political science lecture" and would not

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deal with substantive Watergate issues.

McCord's lawyer, Bernard Fensterwald, whose request for permission for his client to make a speaking tour was turned down by Sirica last week, asked the judge at a hearing yesterday to modify the restriction. Fensterwald said he understood the judge was trying to restrict prejudicial pretrial publicity in the Watergate case and proposed that McCord be permitted to make speeches outside a 100-mile radius of

Washington with no radio or television coverage permitted.

Sirica replied that his concern was not only for the constitutional rights of those who may still be indicted.

"I don't understand and don't think it's fair for Mr. McCord and Mr. Magruder to profit by their wrongdoing," the judge said. "To me this is a disgrace."

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McCord received \$2000 for a speech last week at a state university in Springfield, Ill.

Fensterwald said McCord wished to speak to church and religious groups as "a matter of conscience" and asked if he might be permitted to do that if he didn't accept any fees. But Sirica also rejected that proposal.

The judge did agree to grant both men unlimited travel privileges within the U.S. to permit them to carry on their business affairs.

Magruder said he has been unable to expand his new business consulting firm because much of his time is taken by the investigation.

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