

# Liddy Cited For Contempt

## Washington

G. Gordon Liddy, a convicted Watergate conspirator, was cited for contempt yesterday by the House of Representatives for refusing to take an oath as witness before a House subcommittee.

Acting after only a brief flurry of debate, the House approved the contempt proceedings by a vote of 334 to 11. No Senate action is required.

The matter now will be turned over to the U.S. attorney for presentation to a grand jury for decision on whether Liddy should be indicted. Conviction carries a penalty of a month in jail and a fine of \$100 to \$1000.

### INSTANCE

Liddy, a former White House employee, was called upon to testify July 20 by a House Armed Services subcommittee that is investigating possible Central Intelligence agency involvement in the Watergate affair. He appeared before the subcommittee but refused to take an oath as a witness, claim-

ing that he was acting within his constitutional rights.

A key figure in the Watergate affair, Liddy has repeatedly refused to tell the courts or any of the several congressional investigation panels anything about his own role or those of others.

### CONVICTION

He was convicted in January of conspiracy, burglary and the bugging of the Democratic national committee headquarters in the Watergate complex. He was sentenced to a term that ranges from 80 months to 20 years in prison.

He also is serving a contempt of court sentence in the District of Columbia jail for refusing to answer grand jury questions about the break-in. Last week, he was indicted, along with three other former White House aides, by a Los Angeles county grand jury on charges of burglarizing the office of Dr. Lewis Fielding of Beverly Hills, Daniel Ellsberg's former psychiatrist.

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# Mitchell, Stans Trial Set to Begin

## New York

John N. Mitchell and Maurice H. Stans, the first ex-Cabinet members to face criminal charges in 50 years, are scheduled to go on trial today on a 16-count federal indictment, but are still fighting for a postponement.

An unprecedented 1500 potential jurors have been summoned to Manhattan's U.S. District Court for jury selection, which could last all week.

Before the selection process begins, a three-judge U.S. Appeals Court panel will rule on a motion for a postponement of the trial, which Mitchell, former U.S. attorney general, and Stans, former commerce secretary, called a "rush to judgment."

U.S. District Judge Lee Gagliardi had denied previous appeals for a delay.

Mitchell and Stans are accused of conspiracy, obstruction of justice and perjury in connection with a secret \$200,000 contribution to President Nixon's 1972 campaign fund by New Jersey financier Robert Vesco.

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