

Two Trial Dates Set For C. Arnholt Smith

San Diego

Financier C. Arnholt Smith was ordered by a federal judge yesterday to stand trial March 10 on charges of making illegal political campaign contributions.

U.S. District Judge Robert Schnacke also ordered an April 14 trial for Smith to answer bank fraud charges.

Smith, 75, of San Diego, remains free on \$26,000 bond. He pleaded not guilty before a federal magistrate to the campaign charges.

Smith and one of his companies, Sovereign State Capital, Inc., are charged with five counts of unlawfully do-

nating \$7000 to the 1970 campaign of then-Senator George Murphy (Rep-Calif.) and \$3000 to the 1972 re-election race of former President Nixon.

Smith is a longtime friend and political supporter of the former president.

Philip A. Taft, a former associate, and Smith were charged in a 25-count federal grand jury indictment with misappropriating funds of the now-defunct U.S. National Bank.

That trial, originally set for January 13, was put off because Taft has complained of a heart ailment.

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