

Shrine, Masons Call Time Out

Opponents in the Shrine-Mason fight for power in Illinois were regrouping their forces early this week during a seven day official "time out."

A hearing in the Shrine suit against the Prince Hall Masons of Illinois, which began in Chicago April 21, was recessed to May 13 following cross-examination last Thursday of Atty. Ray Hughes, the defense's expert witness from Columbus, Ohio.

Dr. F. Curtis Rogan, grand master, and the Grand Lodge of Illinois Prince Hall Masons are defendants in a suit for an injunction filed last month in Federal District Court in Chicago by Dr. Raymond E. Jackson, imperial potentate of the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mys-

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tie Schrine, and Paul E. X. Brown.

The Shrine suit asks that all Illinois masons be restrained from obeying an edict prohibiting all Illinois master masons from participating in Shrine activities except to collect dues and keep up property. It also asked \$50,000 damages jointly from Dr. Rogan and the Illinois Grand Lodge. The controversial order was issued last Dec. 23, by Dr. Rogan.

Amos T. Hall, one of the attorneys for the defense, failed in a bid to gain permission for a certified public accountant to examine the Shrine books and records.

He told Daniel Carmell, special Master in Chancery hearing the case, that "We think Dr. Rogan should be permitted to examine the books because mismanagement and illegal expenditure of Shrine funds has caused disharmony in the ranks of the masons."

W. Robert Ming, chief counsel for the Shrine, contended the Prince Hall Grand Lodge had no legal right to examine the Shrine records.

Recalled to the stand by Ming was Charles Quander, of New York City, imperial recorder of the Shrine and chairman of the committee on Jurisprudence of the New York State Grand Lodge of Prince Hall Masons.

Quander, in contending that Rogan had no right to issue his controversial edict, denied that grand masters exercised certain prerogatives derived from "ancient usage" of unwritten masonic laws.

Nine plaintiff witnesses were heard before Ming rested his case two weeks ago.

Among other defense witnesses who have testified are:

Dr. Rogan, J. Harold White, of Chicago, grand recorder of the Illinois Prince Hall Masons; Parney Goldsmith, illustrious potentate of Arabic Temple 44 of the Shrine in Chicago, and Mrs. Alvin B. Moore, of Buffalo, N. Y., imperial commandress of the Daughters of Isis, womens auxiliary of the Shrine.