

Sprague Fights New Boyle Trial

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PHILADELPHIA (UPI) — Attorney Richard Sprague wants the Pennsylvania Supreme Court to reconsider its decision granting former United Mine Workers President W. A. "Tony" Boyle a new trial in the Yablonski murders.

Sprague, special prosecutor in the murders, said he is preparing a petition for reconsideration to be filed before the high court within 14 days of its Jan. 28 order.

The order granted the 74-year-old Boyle a new trial in the Dec. 31, 1969, slayings of union rival Joseph "Jock" Yablonski, his wife and daughter.

Delaware County President Judge Francis J. Catania, who presided over Boyle's original murder trial, today set Monday for a bail hearing. Catania acted on a petition by defense attorney A. Charles Peruto.

It was not known whether Boyle would be present for the bail hearing.

Sprague of Philadelphia now is chief counsel and director of the House Select Committee on Assassinations inves-

tigating the deaths of John F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King Jr.

Sprague said it was "premature" to determine any role he would play in a new trial.

Boyle has been serving three consecutive life terms in the Western State Penitentiary in Pittsburgh.

His attorney, A. Charles Peruto, said he expects Delaware County Court to schedule a bail hearing for the deposed union chief "by the end of the week."

The Yablonski family was shot to death in their Clarksville, Pa., home three weeks after Boyle won re-election as union president by defeating Yablonski.