

# Magee Gets Way On Some Points

Ruchel Magee, the San Quentin inmate accused of murder in the August 7, 1970 Marin county Civic Center gun battle, was given relaxed interviewing privileges yesterday by Superior Court Judge Morton R. Colvin.

Despite a temperamental flare-up by the defendant, in which he hollered "I want to remove myself from this sick courtroom", Judge Colvin agreed with defense requests that would give Magee and his attorney more time and privacy in interviewing witnesses in the case.

The little display of anger arose out of the judge's unwillingness to enter several documents presented by Magee into the trial record.

The documents, prepared by Magee, dealt with removing the trial from state court into federal court jurisdiction and the removal of Robert Carrow of Novato as his attorney.

Magee, accused of shooting Marin Superior court judge Harold Haley two years ago in a bloody abortive escape try, has consistently demanded to act as his own counsel.

"I wish you would just leave me in San Quentin," Magee told judge Colvin yesterday. The Judge then granted Magee permission

to be removed from the courtroom.

During his absence, defense and prosecuting attorneys argued before Judge Colvin on regulations concerning the manner in which Magee and his counsel be allowed to interview witnesses.

Judge Colvin ordered the following:

- Attorney Carrow has the right to assist Magee in interviews of witnesses at San Quentin for two hours (it had been one hour in the past);

- The attorney may supply lawbooks to Magee provided reasonable notice is given to prison authorities;

- Prison authorities may only randomly fingerprint those called to the prison for interviews;

- Magee, when visited by his attorney, "shall be brought to the interview with all deliberate speed;

- San Quentin authorities have five days to prepare a declaration as to the sound-proofing of the interview room.

In commenting on the last order, Judge Colvin warned against any bugging of the interview room, and said "the court might review the room without notice to either parties."

A motion to allow Magee to interview witnesses free of shackles was denied.