

Chief Attorney of Ellsberg Ill; Trial Postponed Until Monday

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LOS ANGELES, April 12—Dr. Daniel Ellsberg's testimony in the Pentagon papers trial was suspended today because of the illness of his chief attorney, Leonard B. Boudin, and will not begin again until Monday morning.

Mr. Boudin, 60 years old, has a heart ailment, and in 1967 a "pacemaker" was inserted in his chest.

Official, the case was continued until tomorrow morning, but Federal District Judge William Matthew Byrne Jr., who is presiding, indicated that he would put it off until Monday if Mr. Boudin so requested.

Later today, after a medical examination, Mr. Boudin asked that the case be postponed until Monday because his doctor wanted to check his pacemaker tomorrow.

The lawyer said that he expected to be well enough to continue Monday, but that if he was not his associate, Charles R. Neson, would finish the direct examination of Dr. Ellsberg.

Dr. Ellsberg and his co-defendant, Anthony J. Russo Jr., are charged with six counts of espionage, six of theft and one count of conspiracy.

Dr. Ellsberg started his testimony late Tuesday afternoon and was on the witness stand all day yesterday. The examination yesterday was long and laborious, and it was appar-



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Leonard B. Boudin, lawyer
for Daniel Ellsberg.

ent that Mr. Boudin was becoming weary. At one point he stopped to take some medicine and was admonished by the judge not to do that again in the presence of the jury.

Last night, when court ended, Dr. Ellsberg had just got to the plint of telling how, for the first time, he saw the completed set of te Pentagon papers a secret study of the Vietnam war, in October, 1969, in the office of the Rand Corporation in Washington. Next, he is expected to tell how he copied the papers and why.

The defeneer may call two more witnesses, Prof. Richard A. Falk of Princeton and Senato J. W. Fulbright, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Commtee.

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