

Reinecke

On Trial

Today

Washington

California Lieutenant Governor Ed Reinecke goes on trial today on charges that he lied to the House Judiciary Committee about his involvement in a \$400,000 offer to stage the 1972 Republican convention in San Diego.

Reinecke is charged with two counts of lying to the committee. He was indicted last April on a third count which was dropped last week.

His trial will be held in the same court building where two inmates were barricaded in a basement cellblock since last Thursday. U.S. marshals said court pro-

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ceedings would continue normally.

Judge Barrington Parker will try the case.

The key question in the trial appeared to be when Reinecke informed former Attorney General John N. Mitchell of an offer by the

International Telephone and Telegraph Corp. to contribute \$400,000 to President Nixon's re-election campaign if the convention were held in San Diego, where ITT has a major hotel.

An antitrust suit against ITT later was dropped by the Justice Department and

Nixon opponents have charged that the campaign offer was an implied bribe.

Reinecke has said that he advised Mitchell of the campaign offer in May, 1971, before the antitrust suit was dropped. But he later told the House Committee that Mitchell did not learn of the

ITT offer until the following September, after the Justice Department decision was made.

Still later, he allegedly reversed himself and told the FBI that Mitchell was informed in May or June of 1971.

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