

## Marin DA

### Refuses to

### Rule on Magee

Marin county district attorney Bruce B. Bales said yesterday he will have nothing to do with the decision on whether to try Ruchell Magee again for the kidnap-murder at the county courthouse.

Attorney General Evelle J. Younger had said he was going to ask Bales to assume a "major share" of the decision on whether a new attempt should be made to convict the San Quentin prisoner.

Bales said the responsibility for deciding the matter was Younger's, and as far as he is concerned that's the way it will stay.

The district attorney had previously turned over prosecution to the attorney general's office because he was a personal friend of Superior Court Judge Harold Haley, who was killed, and Garry W. Thomas, who was permanently paralyzed, in the bloody courtroom escape attempt.