

Early Trial

Promised for
Reinecke

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A federal judge said yesterday that Ed Reinecke, lieutenant-governor for California, would come to trial on perjury charges prior to the state primary election in which he is seeking the GOP gubernatorial nomination.

U.S. District Court Judge Barrington D. Parker said Reinecke would come to trial "immediately after" a hearing on a motion to move the trial to California is held May 13 and a ruling is issued. •

The trial had been originally set for June 19, two weeks after the June 4 primary in which Reinecke is a leading contender for the Republican nomination to succeed Gov. Ronald Reagan.

Reinecke is charged with three counts of perjury before the Senate Judiciary Committee. The indictment accuses Reinecke of lying about when he first knew of an offer from International Telephone and Telegraph Corp. to contribute \$400,000 for the 1972 Republican National Convention in San Diego, and when he first discussed the ITT offer with then-Attorney General John N. Mitchell.

The offer to underwrite convention expenses came at the time ITT was seeking a favorable settlement in a government antitrust suit.

Reinecke pleaded "absolutely not guilty" to the charges Wednesday at his arraignment. He said the government's case was "flimsy" and that he felt the indictment was politically motivated. He said Californians were "pretty indignant" about the indictment and that it would bolster rather than hurt his campaign.

Parker set April 17 as the deadline for filing motions in the case and April 24 for responses. After a brief meeting with the judge, F. Joseph Donahue, Reinecke's lawyer who