

Reinecke Drops Bid for Early Trial

California Lt. Gov. Ed Reinecke yesterday abruptly dropped his demands that he be tried for perjury before putting his Republican candidacy for governor on the line in the state's June 4 primary.

Reinecke's lawyers withdrew their request for a hurry-up trial yesterday afternoon in a closed conference with U.S. District Court Judge Barrington D. Parker and Watergate prosecutors.

When he was indicted for perjury earlier this month in the ITT case, Reinecke immediately announced he would press for quick disposition of the charges to remove the cloud they put over his campaign for the governorship.

At the urging of Reinecke's lawyers, Judge Parker subsequently agreed to hold the trial the week of May 13.

After yesterday's hearing, however, Parker announced that the candidate's lawyers had asked for a delay.

"They said they think the case is of such magnitude that it requires more time to prepare for the trial," Parker said through a court spokesman.

Watergate prosecutors, by contrast, have described the issues involved as uncomplicated and have estimated that the trial should take no more than five or six days.

Judge Parker indicated he would set a new trial date shortly. "It could very well be

after the (California) primary," he said. He added that Reinecke's lawyers said yesterday that "it won't make any difference" to them.

Reinecke has been accused on three counts of lying to the Senate Judiciary Committee about efforts to bring the 1972 Republican national convention to San Diego with financial help from a subsidiary of the International Telephone and Telegraph Corp. ITT offered \$200,000 to \$400,000 for the convention at a time when the conglomerate was facing a series of antitrust suits brought against it by the Justice Department. The cases were settled out of court in the summer of 1971.



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