

Judge Denies Ehrlichman Trial Shift

LOS ANGELES, May 2 (AP)—A Superior Court judge refused today to move John D. Ehrlichman's perjury trial out of Los Angeles. Ehrlichman is charged in connection with the 1971 break-in at Daniel Ellsberg's psychiatrist's office.

Attorneys for Ehrlichman, the former chief domestic affairs adviser to President Nixon, contended their client could not receive a fair trial because of massive publicity that had surrounded his indictment in Los Angeles.

Judge Gordon Ringer also turned down a motion to dismiss the charge against Ehrlichman on grounds he would be unable to get a fair trial anywhere in the United States because of publicity.

Referring to publicity about Watergate, Ehrlichman's attorney, Joseph Ball, argued, "Maybe the agencies of the government—for instance the Senate of the United States—have made it impossible for him to be given a fair trial."

But prosecutor Stephen Trott countered that such reasoning would prohibit prosecution of any person who was charged with "crimes important to this country."

"If that was so," he said, "all you would have to do is shoot the President on television, generate a lot of publicity and receive some kind of suicidal immunity."