

# Reinecke's Trial Will Open Today

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California Lt. Gov. Ed Reinecke went on trial yesterday in the U.S. District Court here on charges that he lied twice to a Senate committee about the International Telephone and Telegraph Corp. case.

After five hours of private questioning at the bench by Judge Barrington D. Parker, a jury of six men and six women was picked to hear the case. Opening arguments were scheduled for this morning.

Among the witnesses Reinecke's lawyers indicated they might call, Parker said, are Watergate Special Prosecutor Leon Jaworski and his predecessor, Archibald Cox.

Parker said defense attorneys also said they might call former U.S. Solicitor General Erwin N. Griswold and former Attorney General Richard G. Kleindeinst.

The judge said possible prosecution witnesses could include Clark MacGregor, who succeeded John N. Mitchell as head of the Committee for the Re-election of the President, Sen. John V. Tunney (D-Calif.), and Rep. Bob Wilson (R-Calif.), head of the Republican Congressional Campaign Committee.

The two-count perjury indictment against Reinecke deals with his testimony on April 19, 1972, during Senate Judiciary Committee hearings on the nomination of Kleindeinst to be Attorney General.

The hearings focused on an offer by Sheraton Hotels, a subsidiary of ITT, to contribute up to \$400,000 for the 1972 Republican National Convention if it were held in San Diego.

The committee tried to determine whether the offer influenced the Justice Department to agree to an out-of-court settlement of its anti-trust case against the giant conglomerate.

The two perjury counts charged that Reinecke lied when he testified that he did not discuss the convention with Mitchell until two months after the ITT settlement and that he didn't know then whether Mitchell had already learned about ITT's offer.

In pre-trial hearings Reinecke sought unsuccessfully to have the indictment dropped on the grounds that the Watergate special prosecutor's office had promised to treat him leniently in return for his cooperation in telling them what he knew about the ITT offer to help finance the convention.

Reinecke was indicted on April 3 while he was running for the Republican nomination for governor of California. He was decisively defeated in the primary in early June.





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California Lt. Gov. Ed Reinecke walks to his perjury trial at the U.S. District Court.

His wife, their children and attorney James Cox are with Reinecke.