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Jury Picked in Reinecke's Perjury Trial

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WASHINGTON, July 15—A jury was selected today in the perjury trial in Federal District Court here of Lieut. Gov. Ed Reinecke of California.

Mr. Reinecke, a Republican, was indicted last April 3 by a Watergate grand jury on three counts of lying to the Senate Judiciary Committee during hearings in March and April, 1972, on the nomination of Richard G. Kleindienst as Deputy Attorney General.

Last week, at the Government's request, Federal District Judge Barrington Parker dismissed one of the counts.

The jury was selected this afternoon after five hours of private questioning of prospective jurors by Judge Parker in bench conferences and after a brief period of peremptory challenges by defense prosecution attorneys. The panel was made up of eight blacks, evenly divided between men and women, and four whites, again evenly divided by sex. The two alternates were black men.

By their challenges, it seemed

apparent that Mr. Reinecke's attorney, James E. Cox of California, was seeking to replace several of the blacks in the original drawing with whites, and that the assistant prosecutor, Richard Davis, was trying to maintain a black preponderance.

Judge Parker informed the prospective jurors that the jury would be sequestered for the duration of the trial, which he said he expected to last a week or two, to make certain that they read no newspapers and listened to no television or radio newscasts.

He had rejected attempts by Mr. Reinecke's lawyers to move the trial to California on the ground that the defendant could not get a fair trial in Washington in the Watergate-laden atmosphere.

Judge Parker told the jurors today that the trial was not a Watergate case because it had nothing to do with the break-in at Democratic National Committee headquarters on June 17, 1972, nor with efforts to cover up the involvement of high administration officials.

The principal question before the Senate Judiciary Committee at the Kleindienst confirmation hearings was whether the Administration had been influenced in the settlement of three antitrust suits against the International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation by a company pledge of \$400,000 for the Republican Presidential convention then planned for San Diego.

Mr. Reinecke is charged with lying when he told the Judiciary Committee that he informed former Attorney General John N. Mitchell of the I.T.T. pledge in September, 1971, six weeks after the settlement of the suits. The Government contends he told Mr. Mitchell of the pledge during a visit to Washington the previous May, at a time when the settlement was being negotiated.

Mr. Reinecke, who had been a front-runner for the Republican gubernatorial nomination prior to his indictment, lost badly in the June 6 primary in California.