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Some Observations on the ITT Case

The coverage and in-depth reporting of the ITT case by The Washington Post has been excellent. When the case is closed I am sure that justice will prevail.

Some of your readers may be interested in reading about a somewhat similar case involving among others a Republican National Committeeman, the Office of Attorney General and a sum involving \$441,000 during the Harding administration. The case is mentioned in the book "Only Yesterday" by Frederick Lewis Allen (Bantam paperback, page 107).

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Nicholas von Hoffman entitled his March 10 column "Biggest Loser In the ITT Case." He missed the point. The biggest loser in the ITT case is the American public. Not only in time and in politics, he is the loser economically. Who really footed the bill? The American public, the consumer, that's who!

But that is in the past, and perhaps there might be justice. What about now? The two major political parties have announced that they will raise over two and a half million dollars by selling advertising at their conventions. Who will really be footing the bill? Who will really be paying for it? Again the answer is the consumer, the American public, me! What will it cost me? It will probably cost me more than the one dollar which I'm glad I do not now have to decide not to contribute from my income tax.

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There is no doubt about the credibility gap between government regulatory agen-

cies, Presidents and the public; however, most of us, I think, have clung to the belief and trust in our Justice Department. Now that trust is being shattered.

Also, it is disturbing to see supposedly intelligent persons elected to our highest governing body, instead of seeking out facts about the situation in Justice, reverting to child psychosis, to wit: So what if I filched the cookies out of the jar yesterday, I'm telling Mom you took some out last year.

We hope something concrete will come out of these hearings and proper action taken by the committee to, in some way, help restore in some measure our past faith and trust in the Justice Department.

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When former Attorney General Mitchell said on television before the Republican women in New York that to ascribe any connection between the settlement of the ITT anti-trust case and the offer to give \$400,000 for the Republican national convention is like linking God with the Devil, he suggested a very interesting comparison. As Attorney General when the settlement was made and now as head of the Republican political campaign he seems to be on both sides of the question. My nineteenth century theology is now out of date, but it leaves me perplexed as to whether I should venerate him for his former righteousness and damn him for his present wickedness or vice versa.

In either case I wonder whether the estimable gentleman hasn't put his Achilles heel in his mouth.

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