

# California Plans to Press ITT Lawsuit

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Oct. 31 (AP)—Secretary of State Edmund G. Brown Jr. says he will try to reopen his dismissed law suit against the International Telephone and Telegraph Corp.

Brown filed the suit March 20, 1972, saying the federal Corrupt Practices Act prohibits a corporation from contributing to a presidential campaign or convention.

ITT pledged in May, 1971, to underwrite costs of the 1972 Republican National Convention in San Diego for up to \$400,000 at the time it faced a federal antitrust suit.

Sheraton hotels is an ITT subsidiary. A check for \$100,000 from Sheraton Harbor Island Corp. was written to the convention bureau after the Justice Department agreed to an out-of-court settlement of the antitrust suit. The convention later was moved to Miami Beach, Fla.

A U.S. District Court judge dismissed the suit May 16, 1972, saying the contribution was not illegal. ITT contended the donation was a business expense to foster its hotel interests in San Diego.

Brown appealed the judge's ruling but suspended his efforts when Watergate Special Prosecutor Archibald Cox said he would probe the ITT matter. Cox was fired Oct. 20.