

Anderson Says Dita to Be Sacrificed

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Columnist Jack Anderson said yesterday that the International Telephone and Telegraph Co. is a "carnivorous corporate monster" which is prepared to throw Washington lobbyist Dita Beard to the wolves.

Addressing the Ad Club of Boston at the ITT-owned Sheraton Plaza Hotel, Anderson said ITT would try to "discredit" the memo which he disclosed last week, written by Mrs. Beard allegedly describing a deal with the Justice Department involving antitrust action against ITT.

Mrs. Beard is recovering from heart disease at a Denver hospital.

Anderson said ITT will claim that Mrs. Beard had an ax to grind and put things in the memo which are not true.

"Right now ITT is moving heaven and earth to . . . twist the facts," Anderson said.

The columnist, who alleged that ITT fixed the antitrust action by offering through its Sheraton subsidiary a \$400,000 contribution to the Republican National Convention in San Diego this summer, said sources have told him that ITT will offer Mrs. Beard a "healthy pension" if she keeps her mouth shut.

Anderson said Acting Attorney General Richard G. Kleindienst has been trying to "dance a semantic tango around the word 'negotiation'" in explaining his involvement in the case.

Noting former Attorney General John Mitchell's position as President Nixon's campaign manager, Anderson said Mitchell's allegation that he had no knowledge of what was going on in the ITT situation was "arrogance."

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