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Senate Minority Leader Hugh Scott yesterday accused Democratic investigators in the ITT-Kleindienst affair of "a frantic exercise in continuing irrelevancy, non-Germanness and hearsay evidence pursued to the fourth degree."

In some of the most colorful language heard in the Nixon White House, Scott also said that Democrats are indulging in a "form of jackassery" and that ITT has long since "climbed past its perihelion."

(Webster defines "perihelion" as the "periastron in the solar system," or the point at which a celestial body passes nearest the sun.)

TONGUE

Long known for his sharp tongue, Scott exhibited it anew after a leadership meeting at the White House, where he insisted that the ITT matter was never discussed.

Scott said he has no objection to an investigation into ITT or any other conglomerate, but he asked "why hold up Mr. Kleindienst as hostage to the political prejudices of Larry O'Brien's Four Horsemen?" O'Brien is chairman of the Democratic National Committee. Declaring that there has never been any evidence to

indicate Kleindienst had any connection with ITT contributions to San Diego, Scott said it is time for Congress to get on with its legislative business and the vote on Kleindienst.

WHEELS

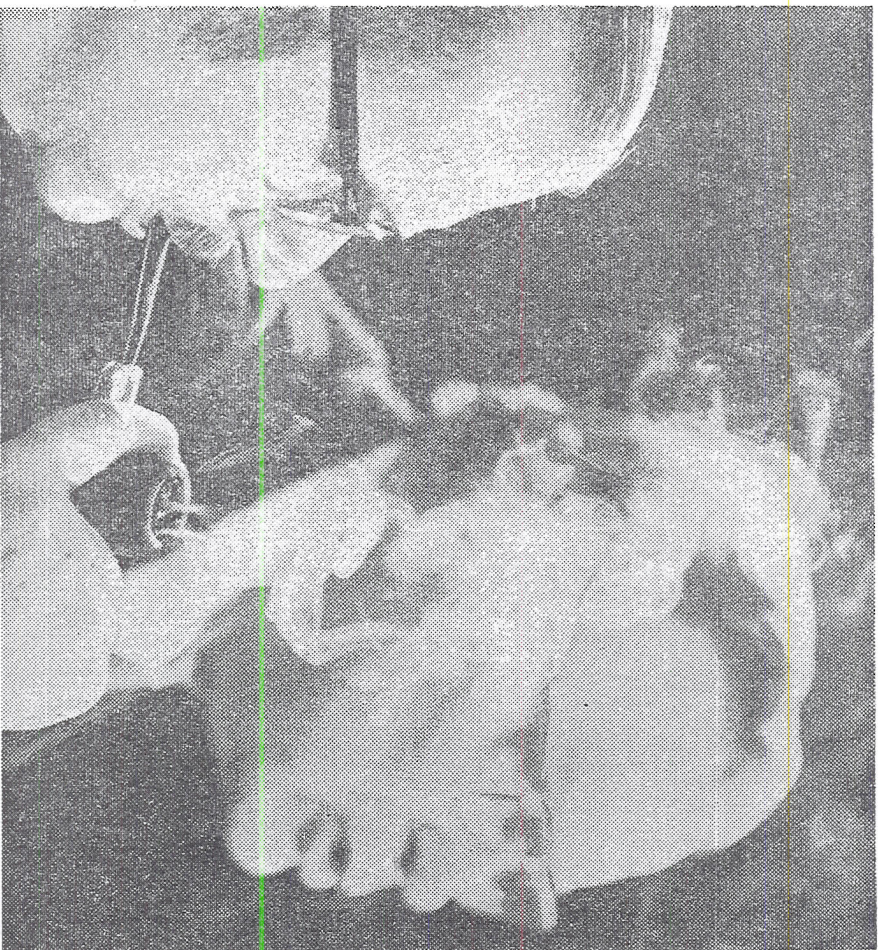
"Most of the requests of the President have been deferred by the congressional majority, which is spinning its wheels and busily conducting a number of footless and quasi-irrelevant investigations for the purpose of concealing their real inactivity on the matters which affect the people of this country," the senator said.

He conceded that both political parties at this time of year sometimes think of politics and that he himself sometimes does, but he said he is more "candid" this year because he is not running.

"It is a bad time to get good legislation," he commented. "There is only about three months before the Democrats meet in apollonia at Miami Beach to explain, in the vicinity of Ringling Brothers, Barnum & Bailey, their reasons for offering rival attractions."

HILL

On Capitol Hill, Senate Democratic leader Mike Mansfield said enough unanswered questions involving Kleindienst remain to warrant continued hearings by



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Senator Scott (left) said he and Hruska (right) would urge a Kleindienst vote

the Senate Judiciary Committee. Another session is scheduled today with ITT president Harold Geneen as the witness. Senator Roman Hruska (Rep. Neb.) would move to end the investigation after the Senate returns next Tuesday from its Easter recess.

Committee members Edward But Scott said he and Sen-

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