

California ITT Suit Is Reopened by Brown

Sacramento

Secretary of State Edmund G. Brown Jr. reopened an investigation yesterday into ITT's reported donation to underwrite the 1972 Republican National Convention.

Brown, a Democrat, reactivated a federal court lawsuit in which he alleges that the International Telephone and Telegraph Corp. donation was an illegal campaign contribution.

Brown, California's top elections official, is a probable candidate for governor next year.

He had suspended his le-

gal action when former Watergate prosecutor Archibald Cox said he would investigate the ITT contribution, made through its Sheraton Hotels subsidiary. 29 OCT

Cox told a U.S. Senate committee Monday that his ITT investigation was 75 per cent complete when Mr. Nixon ordered him fired October 20.

Brown said he was prompted to reopen the case by both the Cox firing and revelations that President Nixon was involved in a Justice Department decision to settle an antitrust suit against ITT out of court.

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