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## WITNESS DISPUTES MITCHELL DENIAL

### Anderson Says Ex-Attorney General Was Lying in Statement on I.T.T.

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WASHINGTON, March 10—

Jack Anderson, the syndicated columnist, accused former Attorney General John N. Mitchell today of lying when he denied having knowledge of a financial guarantee by the International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation to next summer's Republican National Convention.

If Mr. Mitchell repeats that story on the witness stand, Mr. Anderson asserted in testimony before the Senate Judiciary Committee, "it will be one of the most arrogant displays of perjury this committee has ever heard."

The charge by Mr. Anderson brought angry protests from the Republicans on the committee. Senator Roman R. Hruska of Nebraska called it a "political diatribe" and Senator Marlow W. Cook of Kentucky termed it "irresponsible."

Mr. Anderson insisted that Mr. Mitchell was serving as President Nixon's campaign manager before he formally resigned on March 1. "He was calling the shots from the inside," the columnist said.

#### Date Was Changed

He said that Ed Reinecke, California's Republican Lieutenant Governor, initially told reporters that he had informed Mr. Mitchell of the San Diego convention arrangements during a meeting in mid-May. After Mr. Mitchell issued a statement denying knowledge of the arrangements, Mr. Reinecke issued a statement changing the date of the meeting to September.

He said he had told Mr. Mitchell about financial commitments by the Sheraton Corporation of America, but that they did not discuss the fact that it was an I.T.T. subsidiary.

On Feb. 28 Mr. Mitchell issued a statement saying he was not involved in any way with the convention negotiations and he "had not knowledge of anyone from the committee or elsewhere dealing with International Telephone and Telegraph."

Today was the second day of testimony by Mr. Anderson and his investigator, Brit Hume, in the committee's inquiry into allegations that I.T.T. contributed to the Republican convention in exchange for a favorable settlement of three anti-trust suits by the Justice Department. Mr. Anderson touched off the controversy when he published a memorandum by Mrs. Dita D. Beard, I.T.T.'s Washington lobbyist, linking an I.T.T. pledge of funds to the settlement.

#### Refuses to Give Source

The hearings were recessed until Tuesday, when Mr. Mitchell and Harold A. Geneen, the president of I.T.T., will testify.

Today Senators Cook and Edward J. Gurney, Republican of Florida, pressed Mr. Anderson to give details of how he obtained the original memorandum written by Mrs. Beard. He Congressional committee could force a reporter to tell who gave him information, his sources would dry up and "the First Amendment would be meaningless."

Yesterday, Mr. Hume invoked the First Amendment in refusing to comply with Senator Cook's demand for typed notes he had made about a long interview with Mrs. Beard. Mr. Hume explained that he had no reason not to give up the notes, but he felt it would be a bad precedent to give them after they were demanded by a Senator.

Today, Senator Cook had Mr. Hume concede that last week he voluntarily gave the notes to the staff of Senator Edward M. Kennedy, Democrat of Massachusetts. Mr. Hume then gave the notes to the committee.