

SAN DIEGO G.O.P. SEEKS \$400,000

Aide Urges Full Listing of Convention Contributions

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SAN DIEGO, March 14—The financial chairman of San Diego's Republican convention urged today "a full disclosure" of all contributions to a \$400,000 fund that is being raised to meet the city's commitment to the Republican National Committee.

An intensive effort is under way to obtain all the money locally in order to replace the International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation's controversial guarantee of the \$400,000 pledge.

The corporation's involvement in the financing of next summer's convention here is under investigation by the Senate Judiciary Committee to determine whether the guarantee was given to the Republicans in exchange for a favorable settlement of a Federal antitrust suit. The allegation has been denied by the company, Republican leaders and Justice Department officials.

Elliott Cushman, a former San Diego newspaper publisher who is in charge of the civic campaign to raise the \$400,000, said that he favored making public the names of all contributors and the amounts of their donations. He added

that he believed this to be necessary under the new Federal tax laws.

"I hope to be able to announce within two weeks that we have the entire \$400,000 in hand locally, and to say, 'Here it is, cold turkey,'" he said.

The local civic committee has been under strong pressure from party leaders in Washington to cancel the I.T.T. deal as quickly as possible.

The corporation's guarantee has been described by local Republicans as surety for the cash portion of the city's successful \$1,521,800 bid for the August convention.

It was not a contribution, according to these sources, but merely what amounted to the corporation's cosignature of the city's promissory note to the Republican National Committee, pending collection of \$400,000 from the local business community.

San Diego's bid included \$600,000 in cash, \$100,000 of which already has been handed over to the Republican National Committee from funds contributed by the San Diego County Board of Supervisors and the city's Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Another \$100,000 is expected from those two sources, leaving \$400,000 to be obtained from local businesses.

Still in doubt, and a subject of considerable disagreement within party ranks, is what is to be done with a \$100,000 cash donation received from I.T.T.'s subsidiary, Sheraton Hotels, Inc.