

Senate Panel to Quiz Dita Beginning Sunday

Washington

After days of wrangling, a special Senate subcommittee decided yesterday to take testimony in a Denver hospital early next week from a key witness in the International Telephone and Telegraph case.

Senator Philip A. Hart (Dem-Mich.), chairman of the seven-man unit of the Senate Judiciary Committee, said the interrogation of Washington lobbyist Dita D. Beard, hospitalized with a heart ailment, will take place Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. *26, 27, 28 MAR*

Other members of the subcommittee are Senators Edward M. Kennedy, (Dem-Mass.), Quentin N. Burdick (Dem-N.D.), John V. Tunney (Dem-Calif.), Marlow W. Cook (Rep-Ky.), Charles Mathias (Rep-Md.) and Edward J. Gurney (Rep-Fla.).

Mrs. Beard was hospitalized in Denver after columnist Jack Anderson published a purported confidential memo attributed to her that allegedly linked an out-

of-court settlement of a government antitrust suit against ITT with an ITT pledge to underwrite part of the cost of the Republican National Convention in San Diego this summer.

Mrs. Beard has called the published memo a forgery and denied she ever linked the convention pledge to the antitrust settlement.

HEARINGS

The subcommittee originally intended to go to Denver last week, but got sidetracked with other Senate business which also disrupted public hearings in the judiciary committee's investigation.

A spokesman said the full committee would hold no further hearings in the case until the subcommittee returns from Denver. That would mean the earliest they could resume would be March 29.

ITT, meanwhile, denied Anderson's latest charge that ITT had interfered in the internal affairs of Chile by dealing with the CIA in

an attempt to block the 1970 election of Salvador Allende as president.

An ITT spokesman said Anderson was "without foundation of fact" in charging that the company collaborated with the CIA in considering "triggering a military coup to head off Allende's election."

The Chilean embassy in Washington, however, said Anderson's charges "are so serious that they are receiving the most careful consideration on the part of Chilean authorities."

CIRCUS

Senate Republican Leader Hugh Scott told the Senate GOP Policy Committee he "had no intention of attending anymore meetings of the (Judiciary) committee until that circus they are engaged in is resolved."

But Senate Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield told reporters that another memo released by ITT, which it called "the genuine" Beard memorandum, raised new questions in the investigation.

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