

A New 'Vote' on Kleindienst

Washington

Democratic leader Mike Mansfield said yesterday he will delay a Senate vote on the nomination of Richard G. Kleindienst to be attorney general until the Judiciary Committee makes some kind of new recommendation.

Three weeks ago the committee approved the nomination by a unanimous vote.

But that was before columnist Jack Anderson published a memo attributed to a Washington lobbyist which linked the out-of-court settlement of antitrust suits against International Telephone and Telegraph Corp. and a commitment by the conglomerate to underwrite part of the Republican National convention in San Diego.

Kleindienst, a deputy attorney general at the time of the settlement, has denied playing any improper role in the settlement.

Judiciary Committee Chairman James O. Eastland (Dem.-Miss.) said he would arrange a new vote, but indicated Mansfield had not asked for straight approval or disapproval of the nomination.

Saying he wanted the committee to "give us its advice

on what the Senate should do," Mansfield recommended some other possibilities.

They include reaffirming the original vote, a statement that nothing indicating any wrongdoing had been uncovered or a request to Mansfield that the nomination itself be returned to committee.

Sentiments expressed so far by both Democratic and Republican committee members indicated Kleindienst would again win their approval though not unanimously as before.

Eastland rejected a request by Senator John V. Tunney (Dem.-Calif.) that the committee's inquiry be broadened into Life Magazine's charges that the Nixon administration killed an investigation into Republican political contributions in California.

Eastland said, "I don't see where they (the Life charges) involve Kleindienst."

Eastland has called off any further hearings until a special group of seven senators takes testimony next week from the ITT lobbyist, Dita Beard, hospitalized in Denver with a heart ailment.

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