

# Doctors Say Dita Beard May Not Testify Again

DENVER, Colo. (AP) — Doctors attending ailing lobbyist Dita D. Beard said Monday it is doubtful she will ever testify again before the Senate Judiciary Committee considering the nomination of Richard G. Kleindienst to be attorney general.

Doctors Lewis Radetsky and David Garland said it will be at least six months before Mrs. Beard, recovering from a heart ailment, might be well enough to travel to Washington for a Senate hearing.

Mrs. Beard collapsed in bed during the second of two extraordinary hearings Sunday before a Senate subcommittee in a hospital meeting room.

But she already had linked the White House to the controversy surrounding her boss, International Telephone & Telegraph Corp.

The 53-year-old Mrs. Beard, recuperating from a heart ailment, fell back onto her bed in pain Sunday after undergoing questioning by a Senate subcommittee investigating charges by syndicated col-

umnist Jack Anderson.

Dr. Louis Radetsky, her physician at the Rocky Mountain Osteopathic Hospital, said later she had suffered severe pains in her chest, left shoulder, left arm and hand. Radetsky said she was resting comfortably four hours after the attack.

Mrs. Beard, before the hearings were temporarily called off, had testified under oath that she had written a memo after her boss told her the White House had called him to find out what ITT's financial commitment would be toward the Republican National Convention.

"IT SUDDENLY jumped up, is this \$600,000 going to Nixon's campaign," Mrs. Beard testified.

After the hearing, Sen. John V. Tunney, D-Calif., said the telephone call mentioned a \$600,000 figure.

"It would appear that the ambiguity was in the White House over whether the money would go to the Republican convention or to the presidential campaign," Tunney said.

In his column Anderson published a memorandum allegedly written by Mrs. Beard linking the out-of-court settlement of three antitrust cases against ITT last year with a \$400,000 financial guarantee from the conglomerate to the city of San Diego to assist it in obtaining the Republican National Convention.

During the 2½ hours of testimony before her attack, Mrs. Beard again denied that she had written the memorandum published by Anderson. But she conceded there were several parts of it that she had put in an interoffice memo to her boss, W.R. Merriam, head of ITT's Washington office.

She said she had been asked to write a memo by Merriam after he told her the White House had called. She said Merriam did not tell her who in the White House had called him.

The Senate Judiciary Committee was asked by Atty. Gen.-designate Richard G. Kleindienst to reopen hearings on his nomination to succeed John N. Mitchell and to permit him to defend the Justice Department against the Anderson charges.

KLEINDIENST'S nomination was confirmed unanimously by the committee but is now being held up by the full Senate until the hearings have ended.

ITT President Harold S. Geenen testified earlier in Washington that the corporation's commitment of \$100,000 and another \$100,000 if needed was to go to the San Diego Con-

vention and Tourist Bureau and not the Republican National Committee.

Mrs. Beard changed part of her testimony between the morning and afternoon sessions.

In the morning hearing she said she couldn't have written the Anderson memo, dated last June 25, because she wasn't at her office that day. Later, however, she said she had written the memo requested by Merriam on that date.

She did not change her testimony denying the authorship of the Anderson document. But she said there was information in it that she had no knowledge of.

"It isn't a noble commitment," Mrs. Beard said. "It's a business deal. What's so noble about making some money from three hunks of property."

SHE REFERRED to the three hotels in San Diego owned by an ITT subsidiary, the Sheraton Corp. of America.

In the disputed document ITT's guarantee at San Diego was described as "a noble commitment."

Mrs. Beard's testimony was given under strict conditions set down by her doctors, who permitted only a limited number of people in the room—six senators, four staff members, her two doctors, her two lawyers, the official stenographer, a pool newsman and a soundman who recorded the proceedings.

About five minutes before her attack, Dr. Radetsky said Mrs. Beard registered trouble in the right ventricle of her heart but he did not consider it dangerous. Then, he said, she registered trouble in the left ventricle which "is a signal always to stop all stress and strain."

He said it is a "harbinger of a possible serious heart attack."

Dr. Radetsky said Mrs. Beard suffered a similar attack six days after she entered the hospital March 3.

Even before Dr. Radetsky's statement was issued, Sen. Philip A. Hart, D-Mich., chairman of the seven-man subcommittee, announced the questioning would not be continued Monday and Tuesday as scheduled. The hearings will be resumed Wednesday in Washington with the fourth day of testimony from Geenen.

Other senators on the subcommittee hearing testimony here were Democrats Quentin N. Burdick of North Dakota, Edward M. Kennedy of Massachusetts and Republican Marlow W. Cook of Kentucky.





**ITT LOBBYIST DITA BEARD TESTIFIES FROM HOSPITAL BED**

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