

'Jackassery'

New Scott Blast at Senate ITT Probe

WASHINGTON — (UPI) — Senate Republican leader Hugh Scott charged after a meeting with President Nixon today that the Democratic investigation of the ITT case and of the nomination of Attorney General - designate Richard Kleindienst was "some form of political jackassery."

Scott restated his plan when the Senate returns next week from Easter vacation to move to end the investigation of the International Telephone & Telegraph Corp. offer of \$400,000 to underwrite the Republican national convention in San Diego and its possible connection with a favorable settlement of an anti-trust suit.

Meeting with White House reporters, Scott charged that the injection of the Kleindienst confirmation proceedings into the ITT investigation was irrelevant, political and masterminded by Democratic National Chairman Lawrence O'Brien.

'Frantic Exercise'

"Most logical men and women would agree this had been a frantic exercise in continuing ungermaneness," Scott said. "This whole business of running for office is a little bit degrading because all of us have to engage in some form of political jackassery."

He said that the ITT in-

Tunney Vows To Vote No

WASHINGTON — (UPI) — Sen. John V. Tunney (D-Calif.) said today he would vote against the nomination of Richard G. Kleindienst as attorney general if Senate hearings on the International Telephone and Telegraph Co. are "choked off."

Tunney said too many questions remain unanswered to justify ending the hearings.

He said he would not be satisfied until he hears the testimony of several prospective witnesses — including White House aide Peter Flanigan.

quiry "had long passed its perihelion."

Scott said the members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee were "slobbering" to investigate charges by columnist Jack Anderson that ITT attempted to conspire with the Central Intelligence Agency to intervene in the election of Chile President Salvatore Allende.

Questions Remain

At the Capitol, Senate Democratic leader Mike Mansfield said questions still surround Kleindienst's nomination and he hoped the Judiciary Committee

"wouldn't move too fast" in ending the hearings.

"As long as the hearings are reopened, at the request of Mr. Kleindienst I might add, this legitimate inquiry should continue until all matters are resolved," Mansfield said.

Mansfield said that if the committee ends its inquiry, he would honor any "holds" placed on the nomination "for a reasonable time." A hold is a request that a nomination remain on the calendar without action.

Resumes Tomorrow

The committee plans to resume its formal hearings tomorrow with another appearance by Harold S. Geene, ITT President. The committee is checking to see if there was any connection between ITT's reported offer to help subsidize the GOP convention and the Justice Department's settlement of an anti-trust case against the conglomerate.

Scott said yesterday that he and Sen. Roman L. Hruska (R-Neb.), ranking GOP member on the judiciary panel, would move formally to end the probe after Congress returns from its Easter holiday next week. That motion would be voted on in an executive session of the committee.

But two members of the committee's delegation which went to Denver to question hospitalized ITT lobbyist Dita D. Beard — Sens. Edward Kennedy

(D-Mass.) and John Tunney (D-Calif.) — said they would press on with the inquiry. They said Mrs. Beard's testimony before she suffered a relapse of heart trouble Sunday suggested "the White House was very much involved in the whole affair."