

Top Reinecke Aide Admits ITT Trip

SACRAMENTO — (AP)

— A top aide to California Lt. Gov. Ed Reinecke traveled at state expense to attend an International Telephone & Telegraph Co. cocktail party where he met with ITT lobbyist Dita Davis Beard, a legislative investigation committee said yesterday.

Edgar M. Gillenwater, director of the State Department of Commerce which Reinecke supervises, acknowledged he submitted the expense voucher for \$58.26 and did meet with Mrs. Beard on that trip.

But Gillenwater at one point accused the Assembly Efficiency and Cost Control Committee of "harassment" for the inquiry into his expenses.

Gillenwater acknowledged that he flew to San Diego last May 11 at state expense for the purpose of meeting with ITT officials at what he variously described as a meeting reception and cocktail party.

He added that he might have taken care of other state business on the trip, but couldn't recall it. He also said he couldn't remember what he discussed with Mrs. Beard, saying "it's pretty tough to recall a cocktail reception conversation."

S.F. Hotel

He said he could recall discussing ITT plans for construction of another San Francisco hotel with one person at the party and plans for an ITT cable plant with another ITT official.

Gillenwater said he recalled discussing "our, the state government's, interest in bringing the convention to San Diego." But he denied taking any part in Republican fund raising or ITT's reported \$400,000 pledge to underwrite the Republican National Convention.

Its purpose is to encourage and helping existing firms create more jobs.

"We assisted the Republican National Convention because it would put \$7 million into the economy in one month and create 12,000 to 15,000 temporary jobs," he said.

He added that in his personal conversations with Mrs. Beard, "she saw it (the convention) as a promotional activity to benefit the three Sheraton Hotels in San Diego."

Committee chairman Mike Cullen (D-Long Beach) confronted Gillenwater with a copy of a \$68.26 voucher Gillenwater submitted to the state for the May 11 trip to San Diego which said the purpose of the trip was "ITT meeting representing the lieutenant governor.

Gillenwater said that visit was followed, according to Gillenwater's expense vouchers, by a seven-day trip May 14-20 to Washington, D.C. with Reinecke to meet with congressmen and cabinet officers.

He said he may have met with Atty. Gen. John Mitchell during that trip or some other trip, but that when he did meet the attorney general he did not discuss the ITT contribution.

Gillenwater was called before the Assembly committee to answer 25 questions about the operations of his six-member department, which has a \$126,000 budget.