

## LONG JOINS MOVE TO HEAR FLANIGAN

Seeks Data on White House  
Aide's Role in I.T.T. Case

WASHINGTON, April 15 (UPI)

—An influential fellow Southerner joined Senator Sam J. Ervin Jr., Democrat of North Carolina, Saturday in insisting that Peter M. Flanigan, a White House aide, testify before the Senate Judiciary Committee about his role in the Administration's settlement of an antitrust case involving the International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation.

Senator Russell B. Long, Democrat of Louisiana, said that Mr. Flanigan "might have been the fixer of this deal" and should be required to testify before the Senate votes on Richard G. Kleindienst's nomination to succeed John N. Mitchell, as Attorney General.

Mr. Mitchell resigned in March to run President Nixon's reelection campaign, but the nomination of Mr. Kleindienst, his deputy, has been held up by the committee's investigation of allegations that political influence was involved in the out-of-court settlement of antitrust suits against I.T.T.

"I doubt very much if Mr. Kleindienst is going to be confirmed if they will not permit Mr. Flanigan to come up and testify," Senator Long said in a television interview taped for stations in his home state.

### Report on Mrs. Beard

In another development, two Denver heart specialists have suggested to the Judiciary Committee that they believe Mrs. Dita D. Beard, a Washington lobbyist for I.T.T. who is a central figure in the controversy, was well enough to travel to Washington for an independent physical examination.

Senator Long said that he had seen nothing "that would indicate that Richard Kleindienst should not be confirmed."

But Senator Ervin is correct in delaying a Senate vote until Mr. Flanigan tells his side of the story, Senator Long said. It was Mr. Flanigan who hired an outside consultant whose report on I.T.T.'s merger proposals played a crucial role in the Government's decision to drop the I.T.T. case.

The White House refuses to allow Mr. Flanigan to testify out of fear that a precedent would be set for him and other aides, such as Henry A. Kissinger, to submit to Congressional questioning in violation of executive privilege.

But Senator Long drew a distinction between Mr. Flanigan in his role as a Presidential adviser and in other capacities not involving the President.

The two Denver cardiologists, appointed as consultants to the Senate, sent the committee a telegram saying it would be

pointless for them to re-examine Mrs. Beard, now under 24-hour nursing care in her Denver apartment after suffering another heart seizure on Thursday.

Dr. Ray Pryor and Dr. Joseph Snyder reported that evidence of her illness was "subjective"—that is, based solely on her own word and that of her physician, Dr. L. M. Radetsky—and is not borne out by "objective" tests.

Mrs. Beard suffered a seizure while testifying before members of the Senate committee in a Denver hospital. Her physician, Dr. Radetsky, has said that she is too ill to testify for six months.

The two specialists were selected by the Denver Medical Society at the request of the Senate committee to examine Mrs. Beard shortly after she was hospitalized there on March 2.