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# Sen. Bayh Disputes Reinecke

## 'A Feeling Of Perjury'

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WASHINGTON—Sen. Birch Bayh pointed his finger at Lt. Governor Ed Reinecke of California today and said he had a "gut feeling" that Reinecke committed perjury in his testimony about the timing of a discussion with then Attorney General John Mitchell about the Republican national convention.

The sharpest exchange yet in the Senate Judiciary Committee's six-week-old ITT hearing occurred after Reinecke, a former congressman, changed the story he gave three newspapermen a month ago.

He testified under oath that he had not told Mitchell about the financial pledge made by the International Telephone and Telegraph Corp. to the GOP convention until after ITT's antitrust difficulties with the Justice Department had been resolved.

### Dates Mixed Up

Reinecke and his aide, Edgar Gillenwaters, said they got the dates mixed up when they told newsmen that Reinecke had informed Mitchell of the ITT pledge in May, 1971 — three months before the conglomerate's out-of-court settlement with Mitchell's department.

They testified that, after a telephone call from an unidentified source asking them to check their records, they found they were in error and that the meeting with Mitchell was not until the following September.

Even Reinecke's "revised" version represented a contradiction.

From the same witness seat, Mitchell told the committee on March 14: "I do not, as of this date, know what arrangements, if any, exist between ITT or the Sheraton Hotel Corp. and the Republican National

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Committee or between ITT or any other subsidiaries and the city of San Diego or any agency thereof."

"Somebody's not telling the truth," Bayh said. "Just listening to this conversation over the last couple of hours, your credibility has dropped from 100 to zero."

Bayh, an Indiana Democrat, looked up over his steel-rimmed glasses and grew more agitated.

"You smile, sir, but if what you said here and before the press, and if my impression is correct, you committed perjury. I have that feeling in my gut."

"If my smile is offensive to you, I'm sorry," Reinecke said.

Reinecke said he did discuss the convention and the ITT pledge with Mitchell last September. He said the meeting did not have to do with convention financing but with security and riot control, which were Mitchell's areas of responsibility as attorney general.

"You expect this committee to believe that?" Bayh asked.

"All I can state is the truth as I understand it," Reinecke said.

Bayh seemed incensed over Reinecke's contention

that he did not know where the telephone call came from that prompted him to recheck his records and change his recollection of when he contacted Mitchell.

Reinecke said his secretary took the call and informed him later, "the attorney general's timetable does not agree with your records."

He said his secretary did not ask who had called and he added, "I don't honestly know, Senator, whether the call came from the Justice Department."

"Your secretary wouldn't ask who's calling?" asked Sen. Edward M. Kennedy (D-Mass.).

"Our staff isn't as big as a senator's staff," Gillenwaters said.

"How big a staff do you have to have to get a secretary to ask who's calling?" Kennedy asked.

In another contradiction, Reinecke said he never discussed the convention with Mrs. Beard until May 16 or 17 at a lunch at the Carlton hotel in Washington.

Mrs. Beard testified the lunch was in January or February and described it as the origin of a campaign with her old friend Reinecke to get the convention to San Diego.