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**A.C.L.U. IS NEUTRAL
 OVER KLEINDIENST**

The American Civil Liberties Union announced yesterday that it "neither opposes nor endorses" the nomination of Richard G. Kleindienst to be Attorney General.

In behalf of Mr. Kleindienst, the A.C.L.U. said that he had advocated repeal of the Emergency Detention Act, which provides for imprisonment of persons considered to be security risks in time of national emergency and that he had "Repeatedly called for rapid recruitment of more black and other minority group policemen."

On the other hand, the liberties union said, "there have been numerous instances where civil liberties and civil rights have been distinctly eroded by actions of the Department of Justice" in the three years that Mr. Kleindienst served as Deputy Attorney General.

"In view of his position as No. 2 man in the Justice Department," the union said, "Mr. Kleindienst bore a large measure of responsibility for the department's actions, and there is no indication that he disagreed with the decisions that prevailed."

WASHINGTON, May 23 (UPI)—Senate debate on Mr. Kleindienst's nomination is expected to begin about the middle of June.

Some Democrats said they

would make long floor speeches against Mr. Kleindienst, but none predicted any organized filibuster to prevent or delay a vote.