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## SENATE WARNED ON KLEINDIENST

### Kennedy Says Confirmation Would Be 'a Whitewash'

WASHINGTON, June 1 (AP) — Senator Edward M. Kennedy, Democrat of Massachusetts, said today that the Senate was "being asked to become a party to a whitewash" by confirming Richard G. Kleindienst as Attorney General before it had all the facts about settlement of antitrust cases against the International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation.

He said facts now available did not justify a finding by the Senate that the cases were handled by Mr. Kleindienst and the Justice Department "solely in the public interest and without favoritism based on power or politics."

Senator Alan Cranston, Democrat of California, announced his opposition to the nomination, which may be voted on by the Senate next week.

Senate debate began yesterday after a long delay while the Judiciary Committee investigated Mr. Kleindienst's role as Deputy Attorney General in the settlement of the antitrust cases.

Senator Cranston based his opposition on what he called Mr. Kleindienst's lack of sensitivity for constitutional rights.

"Mr. Kleindienst has evidenced a high tolerance for

wiretapping, mass arrests and preventive detention," Mr. Cranston said in a speech prepared for today's debate. "His thinking is fuzzy when it comes to distinguishing between people who threaten our nation's security and people who merely disagree with him politically."

Senator John V. Tunney, Democrat of California, told the Senate that "a very big cloud is hanging over Mr. Kleindienst head on what happened in the settlement of the I.T.T. cases."

### More Hearings Urged

He and Senator Kennedy said that further hearings should be held by the Judiciary Committee before a vote on confirming Mr. Kleindienst's nomination to succeed John N. Mitchell as head of the Justice Department.

Both Senator Kennedy and Senator Tunney are members of the committee, which conducted a long inquiry on charges that the out-of-court settlement of the antitrust cases was linked to a pledge by an I.T.T. hotel subsidiary to help San Diego meet the expenses of this year's Republican National Convention.

Mike Mansfield, the majority leader, told newsmen that he thought the nomination will come to a vote in the Senate next Tuesday or Wednesday. He reiterated that he expected Mr. Kleindienst to be confirmed.

Senator Hugh Scott, the minority floor leader, said he expected only about a dozen or less votes against confirmation. The nomination was submitted by President Nixon in mid-February and was originally approved unanimously by the Judiciary Committee.