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SENATE UNIT ENDS NOMINEE HEARINGS

Approval for Rehnquist and
Powell Is Indicated

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 10 —

The Senate Judiciary Committee ended its hearings today on the nominations of Lewis F. Powell Jr. and William H. Rehnquist to the Supreme Court amid indications that both nominees would win the approval of the committee and the full Senate.

The Judiciary Committee will hold a closed meeting tomorrow morning, but no vote is expected for at least a week. Under the committee's rules, any member has a right to get a week's delay after hearings close. Senator John V. Tunney, Democrat of California, said today he would ask for such a delay if no one else did.

Mr. Tunney said he was prepared to vote for Mr. Powell, but the strategy of the supporters of both nominees is to delay action on Mr. Powell until Mr. Rehnquist wins approval, so no committee action is expected on either nominee tomorrow.

No opposition on the committee has materialized against Mr. Powell, but the questioning of Mr. Rehnquist indicated that three to five members of the 16-member group would vote against reporting his nomination to the Senate floor.

'Right-Wing Zealot'

Mr. Rehnquist was termed today "right-wing zealot" who would try to write arch-conservative political views into the Constitution by Andre J. Biemiller, legislative spokesman for the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations.

Mr. Biemiller also charged that Mr. Rehnquist was "an extremist in favor of executive supremacy and diminution of personal freedom."

Mr. Biemiller said that a person of such views "does not know what the Constitution is all about," and as such should no more be confirmed by the

Senate than should "the nomination of William Kunstler, an extremist of the left," if he were nominated.

Leonard Woodcock, president of the United Automobile Workers, filed a statement with the committee saying that Mr. Rehnquist has "neither of he breadth of vision or the humanity which is required of a Supreme Court Justice."

Senator James O. Eastland of Mississippi, the committee chairman, who is a supporter of both nominees, told Mr. Biemiller that Mr. Rehnquist was a "badly persecuted man" who is being "persecuted without cause by those who are opposed to him."

Rebuttal Planned

He said that a point-by-point rebuttal of "falsehoods" made against Mr. Rehnquist during the hearings would be filed with the committee soon.

Referring to a charge made yesterday that Mr. Rehnquist had been involved in tactics by Republicans in his home city of Phoenix, Ariz., aimed at preventing Negroes and Mexican-Americans from voting, Senator Eastland said that the nominee's name "has never been mentioned in the Federal Bureau of Investigation's investigative reports of such activities.

He said that an F.B.I. investigation of one incident ordered in 1962 by C. A. Muecke, then the United States Attorney in Phoenix, did not mention Mr. Rehnquist. Opponents of the nominee had suggested that a check of that investigation might disclose that Mr. Rehnquist was implicated in the mistreatment of minority voters.

The labor spokesmen did not oppose Mr. Powell. But he was opposed by Paul O'Dwyer, a New York political figure and a lawyer, who represents the Rev. Philip Berrigan and others who have been accused of plotting to kidnap the Presidential assistant Henry A. Kissinger.

Article Protested

Mr. O'Dwyer protested Mr. Powell's remarks in a published article that the "radical left, with wide support from the customary camp followers" has been propagandizing the Berrigan case. The nominee's remarks about the case "maligned" the defendants and contributed to prejudicial pre-trial publicity against them, Mr. O'Dwyer said.

A brief confrontation occurred when Mr. O'Dwyer

objected to a 10-minute limitation placed upon his testimony. Mr. Eastland, who is known to run a tight ship at committee sessions, said, "You're not going to bluff us" and warned that the witness could "get out on the street" after 10 minutes.

Mr. O'Dwyer replied, "You're not going to bluff me."

As two burly policemen took positions inside the hearing room, Mr. O'Dwyer continued to read his statement, for 17 minutes.

Testimony was also given by Barbara Kilberg and Wilma S. Heide, feminist spokesmen, who called for an early addition of a woman to the Supreme Court. The committee was also asked by anti-abortion advocates to reject the nominees if they were found to agree with those who are arguing in upcoming cases that anti-abortion laws are unconstitutional.