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# Tunney Assertion Clashes With Reinecke Testimony

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WASHINGTON, July 16—Two witnesses testified in Federal District Court today that Lieut. Gov. Ed Reinecke of California told them in early March, 1972, that he informed Attorney General John N. Mitchell in May, 1971, that the International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation had made a pledge of up to \$400,000 for the Republican national convention.

One of the witnesses was Senator John V. Tunney, Democrat of California and a member of the Judiciary Committee. The other was Lee Fremstad, a reporter for The Sacramento Bee in California.

The statements these witnesses attributed to Mr. Reinecke contradicted statements that he made to the Senate Judiciary Committee on April 19, 1972, during the hearings on the nomination of Richard G. Kleindienst to be Attorney General.

At that time, Mr. Reinecke, testifying under oath, told the committee that he was mistaken when he told a reporter for The Sacramento Bee and Robert Walters of The Washington Star-News on March 2, 1972, that he informed Mr. Mitchell of the I.T.T. pledge on May 21, 1971, two months before the Government settled three antitrust suits against the corporation.

### Question of Timing

On checking his records, Mr. Reinecke told the committee, he discovered that he informed Mr. Mitchell of the pledge on Sept. 17, 1971, six weeks after the settlement was announced.

The question of timing was important to the committee, because the Kleindienst hearings had been reopened as a result of a memo by Dita D. Beard, a Washington lobbyist for I.T.T., to her superior on June 25, 1971, suggesting that the pledge to help to finance

the convention, then planned for San Diego, "has gone a long way" toward getting a favorable settlement on the antitrust cases.

A settlement had been under discussion since mid-April.

Because of his statement to the committee, Mr. Reinecke was indicted by a Watergate grand jury last April on two counts of perjury.

Today, Mr. Fremstad, on direct examination by an assistant special prosecutor, Thomas Ruane, said that in an interview on March 2, 1972, Mr. Reinecke told him that he reported the I.T.T. pledge to Mr. Mitchell during a visit to Washington in May, 1971.

Mr. Fremstad said that he had immediately written an article for his paper on the interview.

However, Mr. Fremstad added, Mr. Reinecke called a news conference the next day and read a statement saying that he had been in error, and that his first discussion of the pledge with Mr. Mitchell was in the following September.

Under direct examination by another assistant special prosecutor, Richard J. Davis, who is in charge of the Government's case, Senator Tunney testified that on March 3, 1972—the second day of the resumed Kleindienst hearing—he called Mr. Reinecke in California.

He said that he told Mr. Reinecke that he was calling about a meeting that the Lieutenant Governor told reporters he had had with Mr. Mitchell in May, 1971, dealing with the I.T.T. pledge.