

## NADER FILES MOTION TO REOPEN I.T.T. CASE

WASHINGTON, May 4 (UPI)—Ralph Nader sought today to reopen the I.T.T.-Hartford Fire Insurance merger case on the ground the Government "did not disclose the real reasons" it agreed to an out-of-court settlement.

Contending "misrepresentation," Mr. Nader and an associate, Reuben B. Robertson, filed a motion in United States District Court in Hartford to reopen the case and force the court to set aside the consent decree that allowed International Telephone and Telegraph Company to keep control of the Hartford Fire Insurance Company while divesting itself of several other companies.

The motion by the two consumer advocates asserted that the Government misrepresented

to the court the basis for its settlement with I.T.T.

"What we are saying is that when the Justice Department decides to settle for abnormal reasons such as possible financial hardship to corporate investors, which occurred in the I.T.T. case, at the very least it must inform the judge of those reasons," Mr. Nader said.

Mr. Robertson said, "It is bad enough that they have suppressed such vital information from the public, but the Justice Department has even gone so far as to conceal it from the court which was asked to approve the settlement."

The I.T.T. case came before the Senate Judiciary Committee after Jack Anderson, the columnist, disclosed an inter-office I.T.T. memo that he said linked the out-of-court settlement with the company's cash pledge to help pay for the Republican National Convention, then scheduled for San Diego.