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**I.T.T. Denies in Chile
Plot to Block Allende**

SANTIAGO, Chile, May 16 (UPI)—The International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation denied today for the first time in Chile that it plotted to prevent the inauguration in 1970 of President Salvador Allende Grossens.

The company said in advertisements in two Opposition newspapers that it "has not participated nor arranged, along or with persons or some entity, actions to interfere in the political life of Chile."

A similar denial was issued in the United States when Jack Anderson, the syndicated Washington columnist, charged in March that the company had sought to block President Allende's inauguration, but today's statement was the first by the company in Chile on the affair.

President Allende asked Congress on Friday to expropriate I.T.T.'s 70 per cent interest in the Chile Telephone Company in reprisal for the supposed plot.