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Allende

Charges

NEW YORK —(AP)— International Telephone & Telegraph Corp. denied today charges by Chile's President Salvador Allende that it attempted to bring about civil war in his nation.

"ITT has never intervened or interfered in the internal affairs of Chile in any way," a spokesman said. He added that the corporation had never taken any such action, "nor are there any facts to support such a charge."

"ITT has been interested only in the safety and well-being of its employes in Chile and in receiving just compensation for those assets which the Chilean government might acquire.

Cites Record

"The record shows that over a period of years ITT has always respected a host country's desire to nationalize an ITT property. This has been true in Argentina, Brazil, Mexico and Peru," the spokesman continued.

"Mutually satisfactory negotiations and payment of just compensation have characterized all such nationalizations.

"As a matter of fact, ITT and the government of former Chilean President Eduardo Frei had entered into an agreement in 1967 whereby a progressively increasing share of the Chilean telephone company ownership would be transferred to the Chilean government.

"However, when in October 1971 the present Chilean government assumed control of the Chilean telephone company without payment of any compensation, it clearly violated established rules of international laws.

Hopes for Accord

"ITT regrets that these unfounded allegations have again been aired and the corporation still hopes that a mutually satisfactory agreement can be reached.

Allende, who is a Marxist made the charges in a speech yesterday to the United Nations General Assembly. He accused major U.S. companies of "financial strangulation" of Chile.

George Bush, U.S. ambassador to the UN, defended the free enterprise system and U.S. trade abroad.

Bush said in response to other Allende remarks that the U.S. and Chilean people share a love for political freedom and that he did not like "assignment of my country to the role of imperialist."

Bush declined to discuss the charge against ITT. He noted that Secretary of State William Rogers had earlier declared the U.S. government was not involved.