

**13 ARE ACQUITTED
IN INSURANCE CASE**

MINNEAPOLIS, July 25 (AP) —United States District Judge Edward J. Devitt has signed a dismissal order acquitting the 13 remaining defendants in the American Allied Insurance Company case.

The order signed yesterday, was requested in a petition by United States Attorney Patrick J. Foley, prosecutor in the recently completed 14-week trial at Bismarck, N. D., in which four principal defendants were acquitted of fraud.

The 13 are David Kroman, Minneapolis, former president

of United States Mutual Insurance Company, an American Allied subsidiary; Frank G. Buffum, New York securities dealer; Joseph Kitzer, Chicago; Francis J. Savage, West Scarsdale, N. Y.; James L. Holly, St. Paul; Robert G. Piersza, Chicago; Nicholas Torzenki Jr., Beloit, Wis., and Jerome Rotenberg, Chicago, all former American Allied employes; John Carroll, Deerfield, Ill.; Maurice Mettel, and Jerome Sax, Chicago area bankers; and Peter Rugani Jr., Pittsburgh, and Wilbur Thomas, Rockwood, Pa., insurance men.

They were among 17 officials of American Allied, a high-risk auto insurance company based in St. Paul, who were indicted in October 1965.

Found not guilty at Bismarck June 23 on 10 counts of mail and wire fraud and one count of conspiracy were Phillip Kitzer Sr. and Phillip Kitzer Jr., both of Chicago, owners of the defunct American Allied Company, and George Hruban, White Bear Lake, Minn., former officer in the company, and Cyrus Magnusson, former Minnesota insurance commissioner.

New Mexico Rebel Bailed

SANTA FE, N. M., July 25 (AP) — Reies Lopez Tijerina, leader of the militant Spanish-American group, accused of attacking a rural New Mexico courthouse June 5, was freed on bond yesterday after six weeks in the state prison.