

# Curb Sought on U.S. Meddling

## Senate Group Stirred by Chilean Case

WASHINGTON — (AP) — A Senate subcommittee has proposed criminal penalties for persons or organizations that try to fund U.S. government involvement in foreign elections.

The recommendation yesterday by the Foreign Relations subcommittee on multinational corporations is the outgrowth of an investigation into alleged attempts by the International Telephone and Telegraph Corp. and the CIA to block the 1970 election of Chilean Marxist President Salvador Allende.

The panel found that ITT Board Chairman Harold S. Geneen "offered a substantial fund to the CIA to be used to support the conservative candidate Jorge Alessandri."

### Plurality

After Allende won a popular plurality, not the majority needed for election, the contest was thrown into the Chilean Congress for a decision.

At that time, ITT officials offered another \$1 million to presidential adviser Henry A. Kissinger and then CIA Director Richard Helms "in

support of any U.S. government plan in the Chilean Congress to prevent Allende from becoming president," the subcommittee reported.

Allende was elected.

Subcommittee Chairman Frank Church (D-Idaho) said his five-member panel was unanimous in finding that ITT "overstepped the line of acceptable corporate behavior."

### Not Illegal

But Church told newsmen: "We can find nothing illegal about it."

He said that is why the subcommittee will ask the full Foreign Relations Committee to approve a bill to make such offers illegal.

The subcommittee also urged that appropriate committees undertake an in-depth review of how policy directives are issued to the CIA.

ITT's offers were refused, but contact was maintained between ITT and CIA officials, the subcommittee said.

In September 1970, Helms

presented to ITT Vice President Ned Gerrity a plan for multi-company denial of credit, withdrawal of technical help, and delays in spare part deliveries to create or accelerate economic chaos in Chile, the subcommittee said. The plan was rejected by ITT.