

# Bomb Explodes at ITT Office in N.Y., Another at Firm's Italian Subsidiary

NEW YORK, Sept. 28 (AP) —A bomb explosion blasted out windows, splintered furniture and crumpled metal air ducts early today in the Manhattan offices of the Latin American division of International Telephone and Telegraph Corp.

No one was injured in the explosion at about 2:40 a.m.

An anonymous caller to The New York Post said the "Weather underground" was responsible. A revolutionary office of ITT Standard S.A. in Democratic Society, the Weatherman has been dormant since a series of explosions three years ago. Police said a cell still exists here.

In his call to The Post, the man said the bombing was "retaliation" against ITT. However, the rest of his words were unintelligible.

An ITT spokesman said there was no evidence linking the blast to today's explosion of a small bomb outside the office of ITT Standard S. A. in Rome. The Rome unit is the Italian subsidiary of the multinational conglomerate which posted \$8.556 billion in gross revenues last year.

Another official declined to comment on any possible connection between the explosions and events in Chile.

The explosions came 2½ weeks after the death in a military coup of Marxist President Salvador Allende in Chile. His government had taken over operation of ITT's telephone system there.

Last February, ITT Chairman Harold S. Geneen conceded to a Senate committee that his conglomerate had offered the U.S. government \$1 million to help block Allende's election.

A third explosion today occurred in San Francisco outside the federal office building. Police said there was no apparent connection to the other blast.

In Chicago, police reported bomb threats against the Civic Center by a caller identifying herself as a member of SDS. No bomb was found.

The Manhattan explosion hit a 41-story skyscraper, situated diagonally behind St. Patrick's Cathedral, on Madison Avenue at 50th Street. It is about a block from the Park Avenue world headquarters building of ITT.

Police rushed to the Park Avenue skyscraper shortly after receiving a telephone warning at 2:17 a.m. that ITT would be bombed.

They learned they were in the wrong building when a bomb exploded in a reception area near an elevator bank on the ninth floor of 437 Madison Ave.

The blast destroyed about 700 square feet of office space, ripping away ceiling tiles and spattering the executive suite with debris.

Police said they were not at all certain that the Weatherman was responsible. An ITT official said no important records were destroyed in the explosion.

He said the conglomerate had received numerous "crank calls" but none just before today's blast.

The Rome explosion slightly damaged two doors. In San Francisco, a large window was shattered and a basement room damaged by an apparent pipe bomb. Police said they dismantled a second device.

ITT's offices in Zurich were firebombed a few weeks ago as well, according to a company spokesman.

Little violent activity has been attributed to the Weatherman since a series of explosions in New York, on the West Coast and in Chicago in October, 1970.

The most notable of the blasts heavily damaged a

Queens, N.Y., courthouse, blowing out windows and jarring doors from their hinges. At the time, the Federal Aviation Administration and the Pentagon stepped up security.

Four months earlier a dynamite time bomb exploded in a men's room at New York City's police headquarters. It turned a large area on the second floor to rubble and was then the latest of such Weatherman targets as the General Electric Building, the Socony Mobil Building, the offices of General Telephone Corp. and various banks.

In March of that year, a Greenwich Village townhouse described as a Weatherman bomb factory was destroyed when explosive devices prematurely went off.