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**Stockholders Assail I.T.T. Role**

**Company Announces  
Record Profit as  
Pickets March**

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MEMPHIS, May 10—Harold S. Geneen, chairman and president of the International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation, today was criticized by a succession of stockholders over the company's involvement with the Republican party and as a supplier of war equipment.

More than 20 pickets and antiwar protesters demonstrated quietly outside the Sheraton-Peabody Hotel, where the company's annual meeting was held, although they were heavily outnumbered by a large I.T.T. security force.

The meeting came in the wake of highly publicized hearings conducted recently by the Senate Judiciary Committee to examine an alleged link between an I.T.T. antitrust settlement and a large contribution by the company toward the Republican National Convention.

The meeting attracted more than 400 stockholders.

**Results Reported**

The company reported record sales and earnings for the first quarter of 1972.

Mr. Geneen said the three-month consolidated income before an extraordinary item was \$91.6-million, up 14 per cent from the year-earlier \$80.7-million. The extraordinary item added a gain of \$3.2-million from the sale of I.T.T.'s interest in the Hajoca Corporation. Per-share earnings before the extraordinary item were 75 cents a share, up 10 per cent from 58 cents a share in the first quarter of 1971.

Sales and revenues in this year's first quarter were \$1.9-billion, an increase of 17 per cent from \$1.6-billion a year before.

I.T.T. reversed itself and said it would not appeal a Federal District Court order issued Monday in Philadelphia requiring it to leave three seats on its board of directors vacant until a special stockholders' meeting could be held.



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R. Newton Laughlin, left, chairman of I.T.T. Continental Baking, with Harold S. Geneen, chairman of the parent corporation, in Memphis yesterday. Mr. Laughlin was one of three directors temporarily denied re-election to the board, reducing it from 20 to 17 members.

**New Mailing Is Set**

Instead of appealing, the company said, it will mail out new proxy material for the special meeting. Three directors — Harry V. Williams, Hart Perry and R. Newton Laughlin — were denied their seats on the board by the court because the I.T.T. proxy material did not mention suits pending against them for alleged "insider trading" of their stock.

Two of the leaders of the protest group that picketed the meeting today were Katherine M. Roop, 23 years old, chair-

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man of the Memphis Peace and Freedom Council, and Michael K. Honey, 25, Southern director of the National Committee Against Repressive Legislation.

Miss Roop said in an interview that the protest was against I.T.T.'s involvement with the Republican party and in the Vietnam war as a manufacturer of electronic equipment.

**Guards Stay Alert**

Security at the meeting was so tight that an I.T.T. plainclothesman moved in to eavesdrop during the interview and refused to move when asked.

Dozens of I.T.T. security officers, a contingent of uniformed guards from a private service and a number of Memphis policemen were stationed throughout the hotel, at entrances and on street corners near the hotel.

An antiwar group known as Clergy and Laymen Concerned, which introduced two resolutions for action at the meeting, had planned a news conference here this morning but canceled it in favor of a peace convocation in Washington.

I.T.T. maintained unusually rigid restrictions on coverage of the meeting. Photographers were allowed to take pictures only before the session began. A request by National Educational Television to videotape the meeting for use on the "This Week" program was turned down.

**Products Displayed**

The extent of I.T.T.'s operations was demonstrated outside the Continental Ballroom, where products ranging from disposable diapers and lawn seed to sophisticated electronic equipment were displayed.