

Senator's ITT-Chile Suspicious

Washington

Senator Frank Church said yesterday after hearing closed-door testimony by two officers of the International Telephone and Telegraph Corp. that he remains "concerned about the implications" of its involvement in the internal politics of Chile.

Church (Dem-Idaho) declined to be specific but he said that the cause of his concern would become evident when the Foreign Relations subcommittee he heads resumes hearings in public next week.

The corporation was accused a year ago of having sought the cooperation of the U.S. — and the involvement of the Central Intelligence Agency — in preventing Salvador Allende from taking office as president of Chile in 1970 and in trying to topple his government a year later.

Harold S. Geneen, chairman and chief executive officer of ITT, and John A. McCone, who once headed the CIA, met with the Subcommittee on Multinational Corporations for two hours. Church said that the meeting had been a courtesy intended to "Review the general course of questions we intend to ask in the public hearings."

The investigation will be the beginning of a two-year inquiry by the subcommittee into the broader issue of how multinational corporations can influence U.S. foreign policy and have a bearing on the U.S. economy.

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