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Vesco Accuses N.Y. Lawyer

Of Slander in Costa Rica

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SAN JUAN, Costa Rica, April 2 (UPI)—Robert L. Vesco filed suit in San José criminal court today charging a New York lawyer with malfeasance and defamation.

The suit accused Simon Nusbaum of coming to Costa Rica for the purpose of slandering Mr. Vesco, former chairman of the International Controls Corporation of Fairfield, N. J., and of Investors Overseas Services, Ltd., the mutual-fund empire founded by Bernard Cornfeld.

It says Mr. Nusbaum, acting for himself and for the Securities and Exchange Commission, attempted to bring charges in the Costa Rican courts against Mr. Vesco for allegedly defrauding large numbers of I. O. S. shareholders, but that a Costa Rican judge dismissed the charges out of hand.

The suit says the real purpose of Mr. Nusbaum's trip to Costa Rica was to open a publicity campaign against Mr. Vesco, who is the chief defendant in the S.E.C.'s civil suit charging diversion of \$224 million from I.O.S. during the time Mr. Vesco and International Controls controlled the big European mutual-fund group.

Mr. Nusbaum, reached by telephone at his office in New York, termed the suit "amusing" and "an intimidation attempt."