

CIA Secrets protected ITT trial jury dismissed

WASHINGTON (UPI) — A federal judge abruptly discharged the jury in the perjury trial of a former ITT official Tuesday and it appeared the government might have to drop its case in order to protect national security secrets.

Without explanation, U.S. District Judge Aubrey Robinson released the jurors on the second day of the trial of Robert Berrellez, accused of covering up the giant firm's alleged attempts to help the CIA influence Chile's 1970 presidential election.

Robinson told the jury only that "circumstances have arisen" that compelled him to discharge the panel.

But reporters learned he had halted proceedings because of a deadlock resulting from his refusal to forbid disclosure of CIA secrets in the course of the trial.

It was understood the prosecution had insisted it could not press its case without such a protective order restricting the evidence.

Robinson set another hearing for next Monday, but told defense lawyers he would grant their motion for dismissal of the six felony counts against Berrellez unless the government appeals his ruling or decides to prosecute without the protective order.

Berrellez, 59, who was a Latin American public relations man for the International Telephone Co. in 1970, told a Senate

subcommittee under oath in 1973 that he did not know ITT had attempted to funnel money to the political opponents of Marxist Salvador Allende.

The government alleges he lied, and says there is clear evidence ITT passed \$250,000 to the campaign of Allende foe Jorge Alessandri in August of 1970.

It was disclosed in 1975 that the CIA channeled \$13 million to foes of Allende, who won that election and died in a right-wing coup three years later.

The jurors never heard an argument in the Berrellez case before the legal wrangling began.

Robinson was known to have issued at least two rulings late Monday on motions by chief prosecutor John Kotelly for protective orders preventing witnesses from naming CIA stations, employees or other intelligence information without court approval.

With the jury absent from the courtroom and lawyers for both sides gathered around the bench talking in low voices, Robinson was heard to advise prosecutors he knew of no legal authority for approving the order sought.

Kotelly told the judge he recognized the procedures sought were "novel," but that "international security concerns" were at stake.

Heart death rate continues drop

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Despite an aging and growing population, the number of Americans who died of heart and blood vessel disease last year was the lowest since 1963, continuing a decline in the heart attack death rate that experts find hard to explain.

The new, tentative figures for 1977 were reported yesterday by Dr. Robert Levy, director of the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, at the opening of a two-day conference on the heart disease mortality trend and its possible causes.

Heart and blood vessel disease remains the nation's No. 1 killer, but Levy said the total number of cardiovascular deaths fell below the 1 million mark in 1975 and last year dropped to about 959,000 — 18,000 fewer deaths than in 1976.

"The decline since 1968 in coronary heart disease — in the heart attack death rate — has occurred in both men and women ... in every age range ... in both our minority and majority populations," Levy said.

Levy calculated that if the 1968 heart disease death rate had continued into 1976, 164,000 more Americans would have died of heart attacks in one year.

Dr. Sidney Blumenthal, the conference chairman from Somers, N.Y., said some reasons for the decline are improved medical care including specialized rescue and hospital coronary care units, and reductions in known risk factors such as smoking, diet, high blood pressure and a lack of exercise.

Dr. Fred Epstein of the University of Zurich, said there has not been much change in heart disease death rates for

men in Canada, a distinct decline in Australia and tendencies toward decline in England.

However, Sweden showed a "rather surprising" increase in male heart disease death rates and striking increases were reported in Poland, Czechoslovakia, Romania and Bulgaria.

Dr. Harry M. Rosenberg of the National Center for Health Statistics said 1963 was the turning point in the American heart disease death rate. The trend was steadily up until then and then the number of deaths for a given population size began to fall, slowly at first and then accelerating in recent years.

From 1968 to 1976, he said the average annual heart disease death rate decline was 2.7 percent.

Penn Central on its feet, minus trains

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The new Penn Central became a reality yesterday, formally ending America's biggest business bankruptcy.

With the resignation of three court-appointed trustees, the election of new directors and officers, and a slight change of name — all required legal technicalities — Penn Central was on its own again.

Now it's called The Penn Central Corporation, minus the giant railroad that was the cause of its financial troubles when it was the Penn Central Transportation Co.

That 16-state railroad system is now operated by government-created companies called Conrail and Amtrak, and the value of that disputed property is one of the chief assets of the new Penn Central.

Richard Dicker, 61, a former vice president of Equitable Life Assurance Society, was elected Penn Central's new chairman and chief executive. He'll control an oil pipeline, an oil refinery, amusement parks, resort hotels, and thousands of acres of valuable real estate through five subsidiaries.

"The prospects are excellent in all these business enterprises," Dicker said. "They are all doing well, and we hope to expand them, and also to acquire additional enterprises."

Six others were named to the Penn Central Corp.'s board of directors. They include Frank E. Loy, who was named president and chief operating officer.

The last hurdle to the reorganization of the \$4 billion firm, carefully supervised for eight-and-a-half years in federal district court, was wiped out Monday when the U.S. Supreme Court declined to hear an appeal by minority stockholders who claimed their stake in the new company wasn't enough.

All trading in the 23 million shares of old Penn Central common, last selling for \$1.62 each, ended on the New York Stock Exchange Tuesday. They will be swapped for the new common — which may be listed by the end of the month — at the rate of one new for 25 old.

"We're starting up with something in the neighborhood of \$1.75 billion in new securities," Dicker said.

Up and away at Beaver stadium

The air above Beaver Stadium will be filled with balloons on Nov. 4.

John Heilmann, co-chairman of Alpha Kappa Lambda fraternity and Kappa Delta sorority's third annual Balloon Derby, said they expect to sell between 2,500 and 3,000 helium filled balloons at \$1 a piece with all money being donated to the March of Dimes.

Heilmann said between now and Nov. 4 anyone may buy a balloon by con-


tacting a member of Alpha Kappa Lambda or Kappa Delta.

"Before the game we'll parade up to the stadium from the house (Alpha Kappa Lambda) with Kappa Delta, carrying the balloons. Then we'll release them," Heilmann said.

Co-chairman Mike Evcic said persons whose balloons travel the greatest distance will win \$100 for first place and \$50 for second place. Twenty-five dollars

will be awarded to anyone finding stubs which will be attached to these balloons and returns them to Alpha Kappa Lambda. The finder must be able to identify where the stub was found.


Members of Alpha Kappa Lambda and Kappa Delta will be collecting donations for the March of Dimes Saturday at the corner of Garner and E. College Avenues and S. Allen and College Avenue. —by Anita Spiegel



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