

Supreme Court Rules Against Nader

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court Tuesday turned back a move by consumer crusader Ralph Nader to reopen a government antitrust suit against International Telephone and Telegraph Co.

In an 8-1 ruling the justices agreed with a federal district court in Connecticut that the government did not have to reveal why it had decided to reach a settlement with ITT.

Nader's appeal represented an effort to give the public a greater opportunity to participate in antitrust actions against large business. Only Justice William O. Douglas voted to grant him a hearing.

The 1971 agreement permitted ITT to keep the Hartford Insur-

ance Co. but called for divestiture of three other firms with annual sales of more than \$1 billion.

Nader and an associate, Reuben B. Robertson III, said the government's reason, which they said was to spare ITT and its stockholders great financial hardship, surfaced only because the suit became an issue during Senate hearings on the nomination of Atty. Gen. Richard G. Kleindienst.

The Supreme Court in another action declined to review the conviction of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan for the murder of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy in Los Angeles in 1968.

Sirhan's lawyers claimed in an appeal that police had searched his mother's home unconstitutionally after the shooting and there was new evidence that he

did not fire the fatal bullet.

Meanwhile, six appeals were granted review. All will be considered next term.

Among the more significant: —A black worker in Denver claiming he was fired for racial reasons is seeking the right to

have his law suit considered by federal courts even though a labor arbitrator has ruled the discharge was "for good cause."

—The Justice Department wants a federal grand jury in Ohio to be allowed to use material gained without a search warrant

in a gambling investigation.

—New York officials are trying to reinstate a law that required public contractors to testify fully before grand juries investigating bribery and other crimes. The case concerns plans for a domed stadium in Buffalo.

Batt Book Review

'Journey To Ixtlan'

Riding the crest of interest created by his first two books, Carlos Castaneda has produced the finest of the series with "Journey To Ixtlan."

A gripping, non-fictional narrative, Castaneda's third book follows the theme established in "A Separate Reality," and "The Teachings of Don Juan." The books delve into the unique life style and customs of a Yaqui Indian, Don Juan Matus, who is a "brujero" or a sorcerer and Castaneda becomes his apprentice.

The book draws its power from the unusual personality of Don Juan much as he draws his "power" from the desert surroundings. His abstract ideas and states of "non-ordinary reality" would be material enough for a book but Castaneda makes good use of them and their applications to laymen.

Castaneda makes use of his anthropological background and copious field notes to present the air of a scientifically prepared manuscript. His long, involved quotes help establish the book as non-fiction although the ideas presented sometimes become hard to believe.

At times, the reader must admit to being just as lost as Castaneda is. Don Juan's evasive answers and explanations often leave Castaneda wondering what's going on, and he does an excellent job of passing that feeling of confusion on to the reader.

The book seems to have lost something in the translation, as all the dialogue was originally in Spanish. Castaneda uses the direct Spanish phrase when the meaning is obscure, but it is often of little help to awkward passages.

Still, the book is tremendously

interesting and its long stay on the best selling lists bears that out. The ideas of life and human nature that Castaneda-Don Juan present merit some consideration. A few of the theories are "practicable" even though at times it seems that Castaneda leaves out small bits of information necessary to lead the life of "man of knowledge."

The final chapter of the 315-page book is by far the best. Don Juan and his sorcerer friend, Don Genaro, explain to Castaneda that the life of a "brujero" is similar to a never-ending journey. The reader will be able to understand Castaneda's fear and reluctance to undertake such an enterprise; his own private journey to "Ixtlan."

Prairie View A&M To Have Access To TAMU Computer

A&M's Data Processing Center, the largest university IBM terminal operation in the state, will add Prairie View A&M College to its list of institutions having on-line access to TAMU's computer.

Two terminal stations will be installed on the Prairie View campus this month to give the school access, through a leased telephone line, to the full range of computer services offered at the Data Processing Center.

One of the terminals will be an IBM 2770 Remote Job Entry terminal. The low speed card reader and line printer will be

installed in Prairie View's Data Processing Center, and plans call for the 2770 to be upgraded to a faster unit, the IBM 3780 RJE terminal later this year.

The other terminal will be an APL terminal which uses a combination of typewriter and telephone link-ups with the IBM 360 computer system on the TAMU campus. It will be installed in Prairie View's School of Agriculture and will give the Agriculture Research Group a time-sharing capability for the solution of many of the statistical computations performed on the PVAM campus.

Library Lecture Features Johnston

Maxine R. Johnston, Lamar University reference librarian, will discuss library finance, collections and networks in a University Library Lecture Friday.

The 2 p.m. lecture will be in the library conference suite, announced Director of Libraries John B. Smith.

Miss Johnston is a Sam Houston State University graduate and received her master's degree at the UT-Austin Graduate School of Library Science. She was a visiting lecturer there. The Lamar University librarian has served varied assignments in the Texas Library Association and chaired its reference roundtable.

Researchers Study Ways To Use A Waste Material From Highways

Researchers at A&M's Texas Transportation Institute are exploring ways to utilize a waste material in highways with the multiple goals of making a better highway while at the same time disposing of a troublesome solid waste by-product.

The waste material being explored by principle investigator B. M. Galloway and his staff is fly ash, a by-product that is collected in the burning of lignite coal to generate heat for electrical power generation.

"We have shown," Galloway said, "that a synthetic rock can be economically made by refining pellets of fly ash. These rocks can be used as replacements for natural rocks in concrete and bituminous pavements with an overall savings in cost."

W. B. Ledbetter, a member of the engineering team on the project, said the quantities of fly ash produced and collected in the generation of electric power are immense, and their disposal is an important environmental problem.

"Our demonstrating that the multiple goal of helping an environmental problem, a natural resource problem, and economics problem indicate the overall approach now taken by engineers to more fully assess both technological and environmental factors involved in any engineering endeavor," he said.

An additional goal in the Texas Utilities Services, Inc. funded project is the slow-down in the depletion rate of natural materials through the use of waste products.

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