

DeLorean cries 'foul'

United Press International
LOS ANGELES — John DeLorean's attorney says federal agents illegally trapped his client and prosecutors have resorted to distorting facts to bolster their cocaine conspiracy case against the multimillionaire automaker.

After DeLorean pleaded innocent Monday to charges he took part in a conspiracy to distribute cocaine, his attorney, Seth Hufstедler, said, "There is a procedure whereby outrageous conduct by the government can be established."

Hufstедler, one of four attorneys representing DeLo-

rean, said the government had publicized "half-truths and lies about the case. He said DeLorean's lawyers were from the "old school" and would not discuss the case, which will be tried beginning Jan. 7.

"All of the publicity is coming from the government and from agents closely associated with the government," he said. "We must therefore realize much of it is half-truths, some of it is downright false."

In an "outrageous conduct" defense, the defendant would attempt to show he would not have become involved in an illegal act without the guiding

hand of law enforcement. "It is not a fair appraisal of what occurred," Hufstедler said. "There's a procedure by which outrageous conduct by the government can be attacked, and we propose to file appropriate motions to do so."

The government charges DeLorean approached a paid informant and said he wanted to earn up to \$60 million through cocaine and heroin sales to save his flashy sports car firm in Northern Ireland.

DeLorean, 57, who is free on \$10 million bail, appeared before U.S. District Court Judge Robert M. Takasugi

Monday and pleaded innocent to nine criminal counts of conspiracy to distribute cocaine. Co-defendants William M. Hetrick and Steve L. Arrington also pleaded innocent.

Takasugi, who set a Jan. 7 trial date for the three men, instructed defense attorneys to submit all pretrial motions by Nov. 29, with the government's response due by Dec. 15. A hearing was set for Jan. 3 to hear the motions.

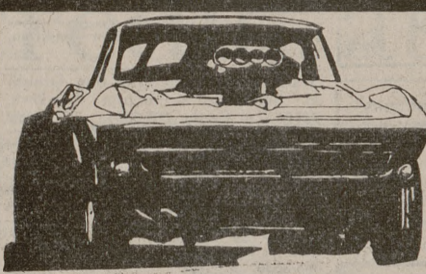
A spokesman for U.S. Attorney Stephen Trott said the government's policy was not to comment on the case.

Stock rises expected

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NEW YORK — Wall Street gave new life to its historic rally Tuesday, sending stock prices sharply and broadly higher despite profit-taking sparked by the Federal Reserve's failure to

cut its discount rate. The Dow Jones industrial average, which fell 14.34 points to 1,037.44 Monday, was ahead 15.27 to 1,052.70 at 12:30 p.m. EST. It had fallen 28.05 points since hitting an all-time high of

1,065.49 last Wednesday. "This market has a life of its own," said Trude Latimer of Evans & Co. "There are great expectations that prices will move on to new highs in the near future," she said.



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Man charged in jail fire

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BILOXI, Miss. — A man with a long history of mental illness was charged with 27 counts of murder for setting a fire in his padded cell at the Harrison County jail that killed 27 inmates and injured 47 other people.

District Attorney Albert Kease said Robert Eugene Pates, 31, Granite City, Ill., was charged with 27 counts of capital murder. Arraignment was not immediately scheduled.

Pates suffered only minor injuries and was in the psychiatric unit at Memorial Hospital in Gulfport, Miss., Tuesday, where his policeman-brother said he should have been all along.

"The deputy called (Sunday) to tell me they had my brother on some charge," said William Pates, a police officer in Forest Park, Ill. "I told him my brother is a mental patient and suggested they take him to a mental institution or somewhere for a psychiatric evaluation."

"I guess they didn't do it soon enough," he said. "I really feel bad about this, but like I say, they were advised (Sunday) he was a mental patient."

Robert Pates had been arrested twice within six hours Sunday for public drunkenness, and was ordered held for a sanity hearing when he refused to leave the jail after his second arrest.

Deputy Fire Chief Roy Edwards said the cause of the fire had not been determined, although authorities suspected matches.

The fire blackened the one-story brick jail with deadly polyurethane smoke that poured through the air-conditioning system.

Rescue crews used wreckers to pull the bars off some windows to get inmates out of the block of group cells, but many were found huddled in the cells. Some prisoners had tried to lock their cells with rags.

The injured, 30 inmates and 7 rescue personnel, were taken

to three hospitals, where nine remained in critical condition Tuesday from smoke inhalation.

Deputy Donald J. Ramos said he determined Robert Pates should be placed in a padded cell after he talked with him for 45 minutes "without understanding anything he wanted."

William Pates said his brother has escaped from mental institutions about 28 times.

"He has been a mental patient for 10 years," the elder Pates

said. "He's been in mental institutions all over the country. They release him all the time. The doctors say he's not going to harm himself or anyone else. "It doesn't speak highly for our mental system."

Sheriff Hobbs said the jail, housing 95 inmates and three jailers on duty when the fire broke out, was equipped with smoke and fire detectors but did not have a sprinkler system.

Authorities said the padding in the cell, made of

polyurethane and containing formaldehyde, was installed in 1977 and they were assured it was fireproof by the company that installed it. "Obviously, it did not resist the fire," said Boyce Holleman, Harrison County attorney.



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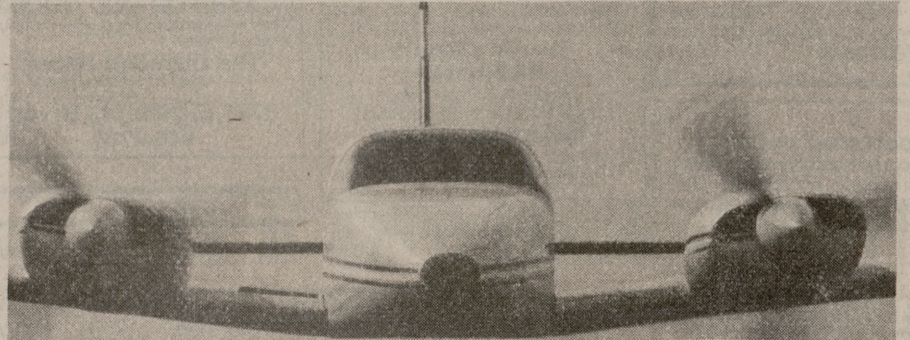
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