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Hearings About Surgery Put Off for Four Weeks

A four-week postponement of legislative hearings into alleged abuses in surgical procedures was announced yesterday by Assemblyman Alan G. Hevesi of Queens, chairman of the Assembly Health Committee. The hearings will be held Dec. 8, 15 and 22 in the State Office Building, 250 Broadway.

Mr. Hevesi said the hearings were postponed so they would not affect indictments that have been handed up in Suffolk County against a hospital and several medical staff members accused

of permitting a salesman to take part in an operation.

2 Cocaine Arrests

Two men, allegedly involved in unrelated attempts to smuggle cocaine into the United States, were arraigned in Federal District Court in Brooklyn and ordered held in \$100,000 bail each.

One of the men, Jocelyn Vallee, a 27-year-old Montreal gasoline-station attendant who flew in from Peru Saturday, had been found by Customs inspectors to have a little more than three pounds of cocaine hidden in the false bottom of an attache case, au-

thorities said. Elia Weinbach, an assistant United States attorney, said Mr. Vallee had made two other trips to South America.

The second man was identified as Lal Bik Sanga, 38, an Indian national who lives at 1356 Lexington Avenue. Authorities said he arrived at Kennedy International Airport on a flight from Bombay, with nearly three pounds of cocaine hidden in a handbag, jacket and a talcum powder can. Both men are scheduled to have hearings Nov. 17.

Legal Unit Ends Strike

The 280 members of the Legal Services Staff Association in New York City voted to end a strike that has closed down the city's legal services programs for the past week, a spokesman for the association said.

The vote ratified an agreement reached after a weekend of negotiations between representatives of association and Community Action for Legal Services, the organization that provides the funds for the 17 legal services offices in the city.

Jim Braude, president of the association, said the contract satisfies the union's salary and nonmoney demands.

"We wanted significant across-the-board increases for our legal workers and parity with Legal Aid Society salaries for our attorneys," Mr. Braude said. "We got both."

The contract also guarantees increased training for legal workers and lawyers, improved office conditions and expanded health benefits.

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