

Probe Opened On Officers Who Broke Up Mob Meeting Cool Weather Covers U.S.

ALBANY, N. Y. (AP)—New York state police who broke up and investigated a "gangland conference" a week ago were under investigation themselves today.

Gov. Averell Harriman disclosed last night that he had ordered a number of inquiries by state agencies into the mobster meeting. One of them directs the state police superintendent to submit "a complete report on the conduct of the raid."

A spokesman said the governor wanted the report since criticism had been raised about the police action.

Troopers flushed out 60 men last Thursday from Joseph Barbara's remote country mansion in the hamlet of Apalachin in south-central New York. Many underworld luminaries were netted.

The troopers made no arrests. They said there was no charge on which to hold any of the guests. The visitors insisted they were visiting a sick friend—Barbara.

Although no arrests were made, it was the first time any police had interfered with and broken up a meeting of such magnitude.

There has been criticism of the state police in some quarters over the prompt release of the participants in the meeting. There also have been reports that top state police officials were angry over the fact that they were not consulted during the roundup and questioning.

The state police superintendent, Francis S. McGarvey, endorsed the manner in which his subordinates had acted. They did "the best they could under the circumstances," he said.

The governor's spokesman was asked whether Harriman's call for a full report meant he had overruled McGarvey. The spokesman said Harriman simply wanted the report because of the criticism raised.

The participants, however, will feel the full weight of the flood of investigations that the Apalachin meeting has sparked.

The governor ordered the state investigations commissioner, Arthur Reuter, to "look into the activities and associations of those attending the meeting."

Appeals Court Denies Ouster

ST. LOUIS (AP)—The 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals denied motions from both sides yesterday in a suit asking removal of U.S. troops from Central High School at Little Rock, Ark.

The motion by attorneys for Mrs. Margaret Jackson of Little Rock sought an immediate hearing on the case or the remanding of the suit to a lower court.

Government lawyers were turned down on a motion to dismiss the case on the grounds Mrs. Jackson's two daughters no longer attend the school.

The court in effect put both sides back where they started when the case was first appealed.

Mrs. Jackson's suit was dismissed in Little Rock by Judge Ronald Davies, who ordered immediate integration in the school.

Pennies Aid Club For Boys

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The State Parole Board and the State Tax Department will also make their own inquiries, it was learned. State police have launched their own broad probe.

In New York City, U. S. Atty. Paul W. Williams said the "crime cartel convention" had given "fresh impetus" to an investigation he has launched into rackets in the garment and trucking industries.

Other investigations launched are those of the Senate Rackets Committee, the Internal Revenue Service, the Alcohol Tax Unit of the U. S. Treasury Department, the State Liquor Authority and police of the home states and communities of the men involved.

McGarvey told a reporter he had no complaints about the manner in which troopers acted in breaking up the meeting and in questioning and releasing the men taken into custody.

McGarvey said that, although those at the meeting included notorious criminals, there was no proof they were "consorting for evil purposes."

There has been speculation that the meeting was held to divide up the interests of mobster Albert Anastasia, who was slain last month while sitting in a barber's chair in New York City.

Red Leader Returns Home

HONG KONG (AP)—Mao Tze-tung returned to Peiping today after an 18-day visit to Moscow.

A Soviet jet airliner brought the Communist Chinese chieftain home. Peiping radio announced his arrival.

Mao was one of the last of the foreign Communist leaders to return from the 40th anniversary celebration of the Bolshevik Revolution. The public jubilee was accompanied by top-level conferences, presumably on strengthening of Communist solidarity, but so far there has been no announcement that anything new was decided.

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FUMES FATAL TO TWO

ATLANTA, Ga., (UP)—Two deer hunters were found asphyxiated in their tent near here Wednesday. A third was unconscious. Police said the two died from fumes of a charcoal stove. The survivor was taken to a hospital for treatment.

RESTRICTIONS LIFTED

VIENNA (UP)—The first newspaper stand to sell western newspapers in Communist Romania will be opened shortly in Bucharest.

rest, it was reported today. The Romanian Daily Scintela said the "special stand" will sell papers and magazines "from France, Austria and other western countries."

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Generally cool weather prevailed across most of the country today. Precipitation was light with snow flurries in the Great Lakes region and northern Plains. Northerly winds continued to fan cool Canadian air through the northern Plains and spread in all directions. Temperatures were

surprisingly uniform in many areas.

Readings in the 20s were the rule from the western Great Lakes region through the northern Plains and Plateau states. They were in the 30s from the north and mid Atlantic Coast states westward through the central part of the country to Nevada.

Coldest area was in the higher Rockies, with below zero readings. It was -10 at West Yellowstone, Mont., and -6 at Fraser, Colo., and Rawlins, Wyo.

WILL SELL NICKEL PLANT

WASHINGTON (UP)—A government official said Wednesday about 20 American firms have shown a "definite interest" in buying or leasing the huge U. S. owned Nicaro nickel plant in Cuba. Ira D. Beynon, special assistant in the General Services Administration, said the government hopes to be ready to ask for formal bidding on the plant "some time after the first of the year."

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