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1. 3/11/67 Copy of letter addressed by AG Earl Faircloth to J.P. Mullins,
COP, Tampa, Fla., 3/2/67 (ser. 107)

Disposition:

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File No. 69-256-1A'Date Received 3/11/67From *JK*
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By *Ser. 107*
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by AG Earl Tarrcloth
to J. P. Mullins, COP,
Tampa, Fla., 3/7/67

EARL FAIRCLOTH

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ATTORNEY GENERAL

STATE OF FLORIDA

TALLAHASSEE

March 2, 1967

Honorable J. P. Mullins
Chief of Police
City of Tampa
1110 Tampa Street
Tampa, Florida 33602

Dear Chief Mullins:

This will acknowledge receipt of your recent inquiry regarding the authority of the Governor to require local law enforcement officials to carry out confidential police duties to agents or employees of the Governor for investigation and protection.

This question is one of the many questions which have been asked of the Attorney General in the past. The answer is that the Governor has the authority to require local law enforcement officials to carry out confidential police duties to agents or employees of the Governor for investigation and protection.

The Governor has the authority to require local law enforcement officials to carry out confidential police duties to agents or employees of the Governor for investigation and protection.

Certain constitutional provisions are involved in this question. The first is the provision that the Governor has the authority to require local law enforcement officials to carry out confidential police duties to agents or employees of the Governor for investigation and protection. The second is the provision that the Governor has the authority to require local law enforcement officials to carry out confidential police duties to agents or employees of the Governor for investigation and protection. The third is the provision that the Governor has the authority to require local law enforcement officials to carry out confidential police duties to agents or employees of the Governor for investigation and protection. The fourth is the provision that the Governor has the authority to require local law enforcement officials to carry out confidential police duties to agents or employees of the Governor for investigation and protection. The fifth is the provision that the Governor has the authority to require local law enforcement officials to carry out confidential police duties to agents or employees of the Governor for investigation and protection. The sixth is the provision that the Governor has the authority to require local law enforcement officials to carry out confidential police duties to agents or employees of the Governor for investigation and protection. The seventh is the provision that the Governor has the authority to require local law enforcement officials to carry out confidential police duties to agents or employees of the Governor for investigation and protection. The eighth is the provision that the Governor has the authority to require local law enforcement officials to carry out confidential police duties to agents or employees of the Governor for investigation and protection. The ninth is the provision that the Governor has the authority to require local law enforcement officials to carry out confidential police duties to agents or employees of the Governor for investigation and protection. The tenth is the provision that the Governor has the authority to require local law enforcement officials to carry out confidential police duties to agents or employees of the Governor for investigation and protection.

As to your specific question, it is clear to me that the Governor's agents, private or public, have no more legal right or authority to examine and/or copy your confidential police files than any other citizen.

I have no actual knowledge of the nature or the scope of the activities of the Governor's investigative personnel nor the objectives or purposes of their investigations. I have neither seen nor examined for legality of form or substance any existing contractual arrangements between the Governor and his investigative personnel. I do not have any personal knowledge of the terms of any subsisting employment contracts or of any official authority purportedly invested thereby. I know of no official commissions issued to any investigative personnel of the Governor in any capacity, nor whether such personnel in fact purport to act for and on behalf of the State of Florida or merely for the present incumbent of the office of Governor. In these circumstances, I am therefore limited to a general consideration of the problem and may only advise you on the basis of general, but fundamental, constitutional and legal principles.

There is a growing concern about infringements on the individual rights and liberties of the citizens, even beyond the borders of Florida and there is untold and perhaps unforeseen political, ethical and civil rights ramifications which may well strike at the heart of democratic government and the freedoms enjoyed and exercised by the people thereunder.

I think it would be in order, first, to examine the Governor's powers, duties, prerogatives and responsibilities under the law as they relate to law enforcement.

The Governor is elected by and accountable to the people for the performance of his executive and administrative duties. He has only that authority, however, and may exercise only those duties and functions granted to and vested in him by the Constitution and the Legislature.

The Constitution vests the chief executive power in the Governor, and requires him to "take care that the laws be faithfully executed." But the organic instrument limits the executive power in several particulars. Art. IV, Secs. 1, 5, 6, 7, 12, 15; Art. III, Sec. 27; Art. VIII, Sec. 6; Art. IX, Secs. 2, 4; Art. XVI, Sec. 11, Fla. Const.

A rather classic example of such limitations upon the executive is that relating to the appointive power.

Although the supreme executive power vested in the
Governor by the Constitution includes the
power of appointment, Advisory Opinion to the
Florida Supreme Court, 31 So. 172, our Supreme Court has held
that the Governor has no inherent power to appoint.
31 So. 508. The Legislature must
provide for the election by the people or
the Governor of all state and
city officers not specifically provided for in the
Constitution. It must fix by its enactments their
terms of office. Art. III, Sec. 27, Fla. Const.; Dade
vs. State, 31 So. 72.

That the laws are faithfully executed
and the Governor enforces the laws at
all times or that he must have agents of
his own order to execute the mandate.
Executive power has never been recognized
in a constitutional government. Mayor and
Commonwealth vs. Howard, 15 Md. 376. He
enforces the execution of the laws in the
name of the State and within the limitations
of the Constitution and the laws of the State.
The Governor or the Legislature pro-
hibits the exercise of the granted power,
and by other officer of the
State or employ any other or
other means to accomplish the execu-
tion of the laws. Means be implied
in the executive power.
State vs. Bonner, 214
So. 174. Where the
existence of a public
office, the Governor has
the right to Shields and

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by constitutional
provisions the crimin-
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power or to sub-
mit records or other

the American form
of the system of consti-
tutional government has been
the basis to the conclusion that

the people of Florida through the instrumentalities of their Constitution and their legislative representatives have placed the responsibility of protecting and preserving the peace and the enforcement of the criminal laws upon the several sheriffs of the State, and intended to, and in fact did, make the sheriff the chief executive and law enforcement officer of the county, clothed with all his common law duties and powers and such other executive and administrative powers and duties as have been imposed upon him by law. Blackburn vs. Brorein, 70 So. 2d 293; Fields vs. State, 36 So. 2d 919; 47 Am. Jur. 839. By so doing, the people have denied to and withheld from the Governor any such executive and administrative responsibility or power. Likewise, the investigative, quasi-judicial, accusatorial and prosecuting functions and powers have been granted to and vested in the Grand Jury, the State Attorneys and the Courts and denied to and withheld from the Governor. As between the citizens and the government, the Grand Jury stands as both the shield and the guardian of the peoples' personal rights, property, freedoms and liberties, much like they acted in England when conflicts arose with respect to the powers of the King of England and the rights of his subjects, and to prevent persecution of the subjects by the king. Clemmons vs. State, 141 So. 2d

involved here is a probable violation of our fiscal law. It would appear from press releases that investigative personnel of the Governor's office are being paid for their services from monies derived from private sources, which private funds reputedly are solicited by the Governor and deposited in a trust administered by the Governor. Even if the Governor is clearly entitled him to create new positions in his office, these authorized by the Legislature, and to appoint employees and officers to fill them, which it is, serious questions arise as to the legality of compensating such employees and officers by private contributions from unknown sources.

There is quite clear and comprehensive regarding fiscal policy and the manner in which the legitimate functions of State government are to be subsidized. The Constitution is made for the receipt and administration of money. Chapter 215.32 (2)(b) 1. provides that "all moneys shall consist of moneys received by the State under law or under trust agreement are to be used for a purpose authorized by law." This

... provides that "the budget commission
... power and authority to approve the
... any trust fund it deems necessary
... integrity of any moneys received
... of a state agency for a specific use
... authorized by law. . . ." (Emphasis
added)

... to provide that all monies received
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... Hence, our law does not authorize
... the establishment or the administra-
... for the purpose of compensating
... of the Governor employed in
... investigations.

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... secret police, as is well known,
... information about countless thousands
... of citizens. It furnishes an unfair and dangerous oppor-
... to mislead,

Edward J. P. Mallin
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They also necessarily contain material tainted by
virulence, prejudices, hatreds, envy, jealousy,
misconstrued and false conclusions, and surmises and
fears, all shrouded from public view. Access to such
information by private investigators unaccountable to the
public through their instrumentalities of government
rests in the possibility of power through terrorism
both the high and the low. It can progressively
lead to the usurpation of the sovereign rights of the
citizen to the point that such secret or private police
become above and beyond the very law that created
them. The Lincoln becomes above the master. Such
the workings of the NKVD, the Gestapo and every
other policing organization in the history of civil-
ization.

In discussing the subject you raised
in this much detail. I am hopeful
it will be helpful to you and others similarly
situated. It will help to dispel many of the
the general public evidenced by the grow-
ing inquiries from citizens generally.
The Governor will either:

- 1. A opinion of the Justices of the
Court as to legality under our
current use of private in-
vestigation represented by unknown persons
purporting to represent an
agency of the State, namely the Governor's
office.

- 2. I clearly outline his plans
during its regular session
and seek such authority and
confirmation will be necessary
to the powers.

I am in applauding the Governor for
his concern about the problem of crime
in Florida. For me and all citizens of Florida, I
am in the desire to arrest and eradicate
the growth of organized crime in our State.
I do not allow the democratic house (or republican,
it will) to be burned down in order to get at the rats.

Sincerely,

Earl Fairclough
Earl Fairclough
Attorney General

SAC, MIAMI

1/24/62

BB SAC, TAMPA (62-new) *86-0-97*

THE WACKENHUT CORP.
3280 Ponce De Leon Blvd.,
Coral Gables, Fla.
MISC. INFO. CONCERNING

On 1/18/62

[redacted] whose identity must be protected, advised SA [redacted] follows:

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On 1/18/62, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised SA [REDACTED] that no agency other than the FBI has conducted any investigation concerning the missing money. They said the insurance company has advised [REDACTED] they plan no investigation until investigation by the FBI is completed.

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On 1/18/62, [REDACTED]
Sarasota, Fla., PD, advised SA [REDACTED] he has never heard of The Wackenhut Corp. or [REDACTED]

Miami is requested to verify that The Wackenhut Corp. does exist and to determine if they employ [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MUST BE PROTECTED AS THE SOURCE OF
THIS INFORMATION.

Wackenhut Corp., Opens Office

Opening of a St. Petersburg-Tampa area office of The Wackenhut Corp., national security and investigative organization of Coral Gables, Fla., was announced today by George R. Wackenhut, president.

Robert S. Hopler, who was formerly at executive headquarters, has been appointed area manager. He will have his office at the Bayside Building, Tampa, and will supervise the company's operations in the bay area and in central Florida.

The Wackenhut Corp., most of whose executives are former special agents of the FBI, has more than 1,500 employees throughout the United States and Puerto Rico. It is guarding Titan and Atlas missile launching bases and, in St. Petersburg, is providing security for such clients as the Allstate Insurance Co.

Hopler also is a former special agent, serving with the FBI from 1952 to 1957. He was active in youth work in Miami and was elected "Outstanding Young Man of the year" in 1959 by the Miami Junior Chamber of Commerce.

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SAC LETTER NO. 62-24

(B) THE WACKENHUT CORPORATION -- Captioned organization, organized by former Bureau Agents as a security and investigative firm, currently operates in several states and Puerto Rico. Firm has utilized misleading advertisements, attempts to capitalize on former FBI affiliation of its employees and its officials have reportedly engaged in personal misconduct and questionable business activities. All offices must refrain from any contact with this organization, absolutely no cooperation should be extended and its employees should participate in no Bureau office functions. Any inquiries or approaches from this firm or its employees must be immediately reported to the Bureau.

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Gables Co. Names 8 Directors

The Wackenhut Corp., Coral Gables-based nationwide security and investigative organization, has named eight new members of its board of directors.

The list of new directors is headed by Will M. Preston, partner in the law firm of Scott McCarthy Preston & Steel. He is also chairman of Dade National Bank.

The others are:

James M. Darbaker, president and chief executive officer of the Copperweld Steel Co., Pittsburgh; Maj. Gen. Joseph V. Dillon, a senior partner in the law firm of Dillon and Dillon, Washington; W. Richard Glavin, Ormond Beach business consultant; Maj. Gen. Kenneth P. McNaughton, vice president of Fairchild Camera and Instrument Corp.; Raymond A. Quadt, president of Reactive Metals, Inc., Niles, Ohio; Stanley J. Tracy, attorney and former FBI official; and Robert L. Weadock, manager of Beloit Iron Works.

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Director, FBI

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SAC, Miami (135-147)(C) *62-256*

**THE WACKENHUT CORPORATION
PLANT INFORMANT PROGRAM**

By form 5-94 the Bureau on October 22, 1958, informed that a company known as "Special Agents Security ~~George~~", Miami, Florida, had been awarded an unclassified contract with the Air Force.

A Plant Informant file was thereupon opened for the purpose of developing the security officer and/or other official having responsibility for plant security.

GEORGE R. WACKENHUT, President, was the first person developed under this program as of March 16, 1959.

Subsequently, the name of the company was changed to The Wackenhut Corporation.

In August, 1961, SAMUEL McKEE was developed under this program. As of that time the corporation had unclassified contracts with the following five companies which have classified contracts with various branches of the government to provide guard service at these plants:

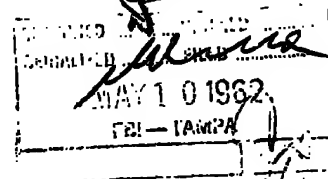
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✓ Martin Company

✓ Orlando, Florida *135-58**

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✓ Air Products, Inc. (APIX)
Jupiter, Florida

- 2 - Bureau (RM)
- 1 - Denver (info)(RM)
- 1 - Kansas City (info)(RM)
- 1 - Omaha (info)(RM)
- 1 - Tampa (info)(RM)
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 - 1 - 135 (Air Products, Inc.)

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Martin Company
Denver, Colorado

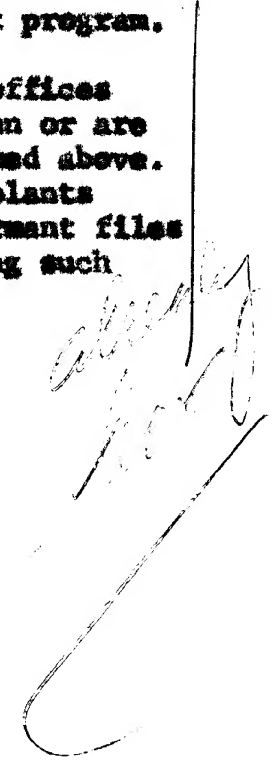
Convair Company
Salinas, Kansas

McDonald Aviation Company
Rapid City, Iowa.

In accordance with SAC Letter 62-24(B) and UACB, no further contact will be had with this organization under the Plant Informant Program.

This company is being eliminated from the plant informant program of this office. It is believed this action will have no effect on the over-all plant informant program.

Copies of this letter are furnished the offices indicated to determine if plant informants have been or are being developed at any of the individual plants named above. In the event the offices in whose territories the plants named above are located do not now have plant informant files on the named companies, they should consider opening such files.



Morning
ORLANDO MORNING SENTINEL

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ORLANDO EVENING STAR

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SUNDAY SENTINEL-STAR

THE SENTINEL-STAR

Published by Orlando Daily Newspapers, Inc.

ORLANDO, FLORIDA

WILSON CHANDLER McGEE, Editorial Director

May 22, 1962

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

From time to time in this area we need security and investigative work. We have been impressed with the reported activities of the Wackenhut Corporation and George R. Wachenhut, president, in the investigative field.

It is our understanding that this organization is comprised of men who were chosen, trained and cleared by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and that among these men are Mr. Vic Keay, who headed the government espionage activities in Europe for the FBI, and Mr. Sam McKee who was one of the close administrative assistants in your office.

While this organization has an impressive list of clients, we must, prior to considering their handling any of our assignments, get the recommendation of your office as to their character, integrity and ability to handle investigative and security assignments.

Sincerely yours,

Wilson C. McGee
Wilson C. McGee,
Editorial Director,

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Airtel

To: SAC, Tampa
From: Director, FBI

WILSON C. MCGEE
EDITORIAL DIRECTOR
THE SENTINEL-STAR
ORLANDO, FLORIDA
RESEARCH (CORRESPONDENCE AND TOURS)
BUDED 6-4-62.

Re SAC Letter Number 62-24(B), dated 4-24-62.

Enclosed are two copies of a letter from captioned individual.

You are requested to personally contact McGee, acknowledge receipt by me of his letter and thank him for his interest in writing as he did. You should tactfully inform him that the FBI does not make evaluations nor draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. You should advise him that the current activities of former Agents of this Bureau have no connection whatsoever with the FBI, and we are unable to comment concerning them.

Bufiles contain no derogatory information re McGee, and I wrote him on 11-3-61 in connection with a favorable article in his newspaper. Advise Bureau, under above caption, by 6-4-62, results of your contact with McGee.

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Director, FBI

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SAC, Tampa (80-100)

WILSON C. McGEE
Editorial Director
The Sentinel-Star
Orlando, Florida
RESEARCH (CORRESPONDENCE AND TOURS)

ReBuairtel 5/28/62.

On 5/31/62, WILSON C. McGEE, Editorial Director, "The Sentinel-Star," Orlando, Florida, was contacted by SA THOMAS J. WILKES, at which time receipt of his letter by the Director was acknowledged and he was thanked for his interest in writing.

McGEE was also tactfully informed, as set out in reBuairtel, that the FBI does not make evaluations, comments or conclusions either as to organizations or as to current activities of former Bureau agents.

McGEE declared he was most appreciative of the promptness and courtesy of the Bureau's response to his letter and, as he has done in the past, offered the facilities of the Sentinel-Star newspapers in any manner in which the interests and work of the Bureau might be advanced and aided.

2 Bureau
2 Tampa (80-100) (62-256)
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DIRECTOR, FBI

11/7/62

SAC, TAMPA (62-256)

THE WACKENHUT CORPORATION

It has come to my attention that the following Bureau Agents residing in this division are working for captioned corporation:

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1. SHELDON COOPER. He is now handling Wackenhut office in Tampa. He telephonically advised on 11/5/62 that he is interested in reinstatement as an Agent. I have never met him and suggested he communicate with the Bureau concerning his desire.

2. [redacted] He is working on a part-time basis with Wackenhut in Pinellas County.

2 Bureau
1 Miami (135-147)
① Tampa
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Imp [redacted] *Wackenhut*

Wackenhut

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SA [REDACTED]

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FROM : SAC [REDACTED]

SUBJECT:

IMPROPER REFERENCE

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Mr. SHELDON COOPER, in charge of Wackenhut operations in St. Petersburg, personally called at the office on 1/10/63 and showed me a note he had received from VIC KEAY, retired Bureau Agent now associated with Wackenhut in Miami, wherein KEAY made reference to an article which appeared in the 12/8/62 issue of the "Orlando Evening Star" captioned "Shoplifters Delight in Stores' Plight." In this article, reference is made to the captioned organization, which is an investigative organization similar to Wackenhut, and indicates that personnel of the captioned organization are "cleared by the FBI."

It is desired that you check the 12/8/62 issue of the "Orlando Evening Star" for the article in question, determine whether the above is accurate, and, if so, obtain two copies of the article and, without any reference to the Wackenhut Corporation, contact captioned company and obtain from them an explanation as to their use of the terminology "Cleared by the FBI." This should then be furnished to the Bureau in letter form. It should be handled promptly.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

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IMPROPER REFERENCE
TO FBI

Enclosed for the Bureau are two copies of article appearing in Orlando Evening Star, Orlando, Fla. newspaper, 12/8/62, captioned "Shoplifters Delight in Stores' Plight".

Mr. SHeldon COOPER, in charge of Wackenhut operations in St. Petersburg, Fla., personally contacted SAC J. F. SANTOIANA, JR., on 1/10/63, and exhibited a note received from VIC KEAY, retired Bureau employee, now associated with Wackenhut Company, in Miami. KEAY made reference to an article appearing in the 12/8/62, of Orlando Evening Star, captioned as indicated above. This article makes assertion that personnel described in the article are "cleared by the FBI".

On 1/30/63, two copies of above article were obtained.

On 1/31/63, Resident Agents at Orlando, talked with [REDACTED] Private Detective, residing [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Orlando Evening Star, and as such, is permitted to run an article once a month of the nature referred to above.

[REDACTED] stated that he furnished pertinent information to a writer for the newspaper who prepared the article, but did not check with him with the accuracy.

[REDACTED] stated that the reporter misquoted him; that, among other things, the article indicated that the detective company was operated by [REDACTED] and he noted that [REDACTED] is a subordinate employee.

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[] stated he does not recall making the statement in the article "they are individually cleared by the FBI", etc.

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[] stated that he knows better than this, having been an investigator while in service and having been an investigator for the Solicitor's Office, Orlando, Fla.

[] stated that he regrets if any improper impression was conveyed to the public as he had no such intentions.

[] said that he would be willing to try to effect a retraction of the statement, or do anything desired by the Bureau in an effort to rectify the matter.

No further action being taken by this office.

SAC, Tampa (94-new)

5-6-63

Director, FBI

CARL BAARSLAG
FEDERAL RESEARCH AND ADVISORY SERVICE
WASHINGTON, D. C., POST OFFICE BOX 931
RESEARCH (CRIME RECORDS)

Rearlet of 4-29-63.

The Bureau has conducted no investigation concerning Baarslag, born, November 25, 1900, at Grand Rapids, Michigan, but files contain considerable information regarding him. An informant reported in 1941 that Baarslag was a former member of the Communist Party who would be a good source of information regarding the maritime activities of the communists. Another informant has advised the Bureau that he had received information to the effect that Baarslag was a card-carrying member of the Communist Party on the West Coast in 1933 and 1934. Baarslag's alleged Communist Party membership has not been verified by the Bureau.

Prior to World War II, Baarslag was an official in the American Communications Association and was reportedly active in combatting attempts by the communists to infiltrate that organization. He testified before the McCarran Committee in Washington, in May, 1951, concerning communist efforts to control this Association.

In 1947, after his release from the Navy, where he had served with the Office of Naval Intelligence, Baarslag was employed as a Research Specialist for the National Headquarters of The American Legion, in Washington, D. C. He held this job until January, 1953, when he was discharged. He subsequently served briefly as Director of Research for the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, and in 1956, was appointed to the staff of the House Committee on Un-American Activities. He was discharged from both of these positions. Baarslag has also been active in publishing newsletters which have furnished alleged information concerning Communist Party activities, and has operated advisory services which have furnished information of this nature on a commercial basis.

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1 - Washington Field (For Information)

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Letter to SAC, Tampa
RE: CARL BAARSLAG

While Baarslag has been cooperative with the Bureau in the past in furnishing information concerning communist matters, he is a professional anticommunist who is considered to be entirely untrustworthy and a person who will go to any lengths to further his own interests; therefore, no cooperation should be afforded him.

Bufiles contain no information identifiable with the Federal Research and Advisory Service, Washington, D. C.

FILE (92-330)

8/2/63

SAC SANTOIANA

GENERAL TELEPHONE COMPANY OF FLORIDA

To record that on 7/30/63 Mr. SHELDON COOPER, representative of Wackenhut Corporation, personally appeared at the office and advised that his company is doing work for the General Telephone Company in connection with the current strike. He said he attends a meeting each morning at 10 o'clock with telephone company personnel, PD and SO officials and others, at which time they discuss what has taken place and what preventive or other action is to be taken.

COOPER advised that he would be happy to make available to us at any time any information that came to his attention which would be of interest to us in connection with the strike.

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1 - 62-256 (Wackenhut)
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, TAMPA

DATE: 3/2/64

FROM :

SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: THE WACKENHUT CORP.

Re SAC Letter 62-24 (B).

For the information of Tampa, TWA was recently awarded M.I.L.A. contract for Base Operations. In conversation with me, [REDACTED] NASA, K.S.C., Cocoa Beach, on 2/27/64, advised Wackenhut has been awarded sub-contract for police force of M.I.L.A. This will mean large force of Wackenhut people in the area in the immediate future.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, TAMPA (80-269)

DATE: 3/11/64

FROM : SA JOHN R. PALMER

SUBJECT: RELATIONS WITH NASA

On the afternoon of 3/3/64, SA PALMER was in the office of [redacted] Security Officer, John F. Kennedy Space Center, NASA, Cocoa Beach, Fla., and was introduced to the following individuals:

[redacted] Security Officer, Special Services Division, MILA Project (Merritt Island Launch Area), Trans-World Airlines (TWA).

[redacted] is an ex-agent of the FBI, and has temporary offices in room 1202, CAC Building, Cocoa Beach.

2. [redacted] John F. Kennedy Space Center, NASA, Security Patrol.

[redacted] is an employee of Wackenhut, Inc.

The special services (housekeeping) contract for the new Merritt Island Launch Area (MILA) was recently awarded to TWA by NASA, and TWA has contracted with Wackenhut to provide the guard force on MILA. Wackenhut expects to have 45 to 50 guards on MILA by 4/1/64, and it is expected that they will have a guard force of about 350 men and women in two or three years.

A [redacted] of TWA will be the TWA Project Manager on MILA.

All agents assigned to the Cocoa RA have been advised of the above.

Pan American World Airways, Inc., still has the "housekeeping" contract at Cape Kennedy with their own security office, and a security police force of about 450 men under contract with the Air Force. The two adjacent areas, Cape Kennedy and MILA, will now be operated by two separate airlines with separate security and guard forces.

The only conversation of a business nature with either [redacted] was to point out to them that MILA has not been designated as a Government Reservation.

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FOR INFO BUREAU SUBJECT EMPLOYED FIVE WEEKS AS GUARD BY
WACKENHUT CORP., AT CENTRAL BREVARD NATIONAL BANK, COCOA, FLA.

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Director, FBI

8/12/64

SAC, Miami (135-147)

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THE WACKENHUT CORPORATION
PLANT INFORMANT PROGRAM

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of Miami 62-0-442

Re NASA form 903 dated 7/21/64.

In view of instructions set out in SAC Letter 62-24, paragraph B, no plant informants will be developed in captioned organization.

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George R. Wackenhut
7795 S. W. 122nd Street
Miami, Florida

December 7, 1964

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Senator Spessard L. Holland
Senate Office Building
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Senator Holland:

I feel very strongly that the recent attacks on the Federal Bureau of Investigation and J. Edgar Hoover are not only unfounded but, in many cases, are malicious. The record of the Bureau and Mr. Hoover speaks for itself.

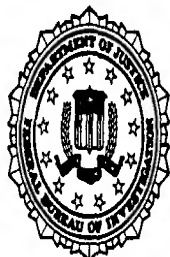
I am fearful that any change in the policies of the Bureau or the loss of its present Director can only bring about a situation that could adversely affect the security of the nation, both internally and externally.

I know you are well acquainted with the Bureau's accomplishments, and I hope you will use all the means at your disposal to help assure Mr. Hoover's retention as Director of the FBI.

Sincerely yours,

George R. Wackenhut
George R. Wackenhut

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PERSONAL ATTENTION
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to

January 5, 1965

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

File No.

(A) THE WACKENHUT CORPORATION -- Your attention is directed to SAC Letter No. 62-24 (B) which instructed all offices to refrain from any contact with this organization and to extend absolutely no cooperation to it. Further, its employees were not to participate in Bureau office functions. Effective immediately, these instructions are rescinded and all offices may resume normal relations with this organization. However, you should be alert to any instances indicating there is a repetition of those activities and tactics which caused the issuance of the original "no contact policy," and advise the Bureau immediately.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover

Director

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Post Office Box 3301
Tampa, Florida 33601
May 12, 1966

Mr. John E. Edwards
The Wackenhut Corporation
2907 Bay-to-Bay Boulevard
Tampa, Florida 33609

Dear John:

I appreciate very much your letter of
May 9, 1966, with enclosure, and thank you for
sending it.

Very truly yours,

J. F. Santoiana, Jr.
Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Box [redacted]
Tampa, Florida, 33601
May 16, 1966

Mr. John E. Edwards
Room 307
2907 Bay to Bay
Tampa, Florida

Dear Mr. Edwards:

Transmitted herewith are some materials on juvenile delinquency that you requested.

I trust these will be of some help to you.

Sincerely,

J. F. Santoliana, Jr.
Special Agent in Charge

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To: SAC, Miami

From: Director, FBI

WACKENHUT CORPORATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
12/5/66 AT KEY LARGO, FLORIDA

GOVERNOR-ELECT CLAUDE R. KIRK, JR.
OF FLORIDA

Former Assistant Director Stanley Tracy, member of the Board of Directors of the Wackenhut Corporation, yesterday advised an official of the Bureau as follows:

The Board of Directors of the Wackenhut Corporation met at Ocean Reef Motel, Key Largo, Florida, on 12/5/66. The meeting was attended by Governor-elect Claude R. Kirk, Jr., who arranged to hire the Wackenhut Corporation to conduct background investigation of all his appointees and to conduct investigation in Dade and Broward Counties of persons in public life under suspicion for bribery, malfeasance in office, etc. Mr. Tracy advised that the Wackenhut people turned down the Governor-elect's request to conduct a survey into crime conditions in general in Florida. It was agreed at the meeting that any information coming to the attention of the investigators which would be of interest to the FBI would be immediately brought to the attention of the Special Agents in Charge of the three Florida FBI Offices.

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Genl. [unclear] [unclear]

Airtel to SAC, Miami
RE: WACKENHUT CORPORATION

The foregoing is being brought to your attention in the event you are contacted by either the Governor-elect or any personnel of the Wackenhut Corporation. You should, of course, accept any information offered, maintain a circumspect position, and advise the Bureau of any developments in this matter.

DIRECTOR, FBI

1/4/67

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CLAUDE R. KIRK, JR.
GOVERNOR, STATE OF FLORIDA

ReBuairtel to Miami 12/3/66 captioned "WACKENHUT CORPORATION; BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 12/5/66 AT KEY LARGO, FLORIDA; GOVERNOR-ELECT CLAUDE R. KIRK, JR.

To advise that Mr. V. P. KEAY, SR. of the captioned corporation telephonically contacted me on 1/3/67 to advise that in his inaugural address that day at noon Governor KIRK would announce that he had appointed GEORGE WACKENHUT head of the Crime Commission at a salary of \$1.00 a year. KEAY indicated that if any information comes to his attention that would be of interest to any of the FBI offices, same would be immediately furnished to the pertinent FBI office.

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Kirk's Crime Fighter Heads Nation's 3rd Largest Agency

TALLAHASSEE (UPI) — George R. Wackenhut, the state's new number one crime-buster, is president and chairman of the board of the nation's third largest investigative and security organization.

The Wackenhut Corporation provides everything from industrial fire protection to full scale police service for small towns.

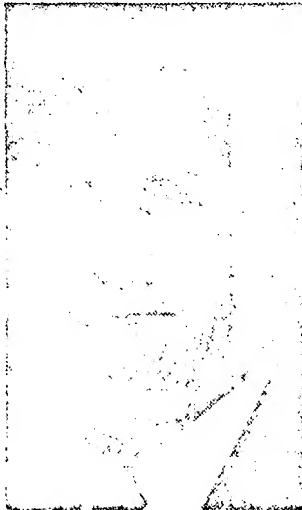
Trained as a teacher, the 47-year-old private investigator was a special agent for the FBI in Atlanta and Indianapolis from 1951 to 1954.

He was serving with the Army in Honolulu the day Pearl Harbor was bombed.

His company, which he opened in Coral Gables in 1954, has 5,000 employees and more than 3,300 clients with 23 offices in this country, Puerto Rico, Hawaii, Venezuela and Colombia.

At Cape Kennedy, he keeps a force of 300 guards and a complete fire department to protect the moon port.

At Las Vegas, more than 300 Wackenhut guards oversee the underground test shots of the Atomic Energy Commission. His agency conducts regular investigations for the Dade County Grand Jury and the U.S. House administration subcommittee



GEORGE WACKENHUT

which included a probe of Rep. Adam Clayton Powell's conduct of the house labor committee.

Wackenhut will be Kirk's unpaid "director of the governor's war on crime."

With funds to be raised from donations of private citizens, he will "marshal the forces" for an all-out war on the underworld.

Kirk told him to secure from his firm whatever manpower he needs for an effective, professional and responsible campaign to run

hoodlums, thugs, murderers, and "storm troopers" of the underworld clean out of the country.

Kirk said the professional crime fighters will be the reserves, while law enforcement officers from all levels of state and local government will be mobilized as the "regulars."

"No war is ever won by the regulars alone," said the new governor. "It is always the reserves who provide the margin of victory."

Wackenhut was born in Philadelphia and attended State Teachers College at West Chester, Pa., then joined the Army just in time for World War II.

He received his bachelors degree from the University of Hawaii and upon return to the states earned a master's degree in education at Johns Hopkins and credits toward a doctorate at Temple University in his home town.

After a stint with the FBI, he moved to Miami and established the Wackenhut Corporation.

In Florida, Wackenhut maintains branch offices in Tampa, West Palm Beach, Orlando and Jacksonville and has offices also in Chicago, Detroit and St. Louis.

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... And Shadowy Rabbits

Any incoming Governor can be expected to promise to pull rabbits from his hat for the benefit of the people of his state, and Claude Kirk in his inaugural address yesterday was no exception.

If there was a difference at all, it was that Kirk's rabbits seem less substantial than most.

He included most of his goals in an omnibus fight against crime—including such "crimes" as high taxes and neglect. The plight of the state's public education system falls in the latter category and he dwelt on it at great length.

It is true, as Governor Kirk says, that "money alone is not the answer." It is equally true, however, that by every objective statistical study of support for education in the 50 states, Florida is shown to be far down the list in the efforts of its citizens to finance their universities, colleges and schools.

A fight against the "crime" of high taxes and the "crime" of inadequate education thus pits two of Mr. Kirk's rabbits against each other, and it is simply inconceivable that the state, or its counties, can eliminate the high tax "crime" without continuing the "crime" of neglecting education.

Of course, Mr. Kirk said, as he did in his campaign, that "through the art of finance we begin work toward guaranteeing that this administration and your economy will have directional growth fast enough to generate additional revenue to avoid any additional taxes."

This means bringing new industry and new business to Florida, and it is a proper goal of any governor. But new business and new industry are not, by any wave of the magician's wand, generated overnight. It takes time to get corporate management to decide

on such matters, it takes time to put the decisions into the blueprint form, it takes time to transform blueprints into plants and office buildings.

If Florida's neglected areas—not only its education but also its mental health programs, its highways, its water and air conservation programs, its public recreation areas, and a host of others—are to await the arrival of the fruits of the "art of finance," they will continue neglected for a period which will be, at a minimum, half of the four years to which Governor Kirk was elected.

The new Governor came out with a somewhat shopworn rabbit in his announcement of a war on crime — crime as most citizens understand it—which would call out the "reserves," a sort of super-state crime commission to be headed by a Miami private investigator at \$1 a year, the cost to be paid from funds volunteered by interested private citizens.

Citizens may well join law enforcement officers in wondering whether the war on crime might be waged more effectively through the existing agencies of the state and local government which are subject to a Governor's command. Providing the donations Governor Kirk envisions to the undermanned, underfinanced Florida Sheriffs Bureau, for one, might be a more effective weapon against crime than the "private" war on crime which a number of areas more crime-ridden than Florida have employed without notable success.

The crime of neglect, said Governor Kirk, "robs the people . . . of their faith in their government." So it does—and if Governor Kirk fails to transform his shadowy rabbits into substance, there will indeed result serious damage to the people's faith.

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Declares War On Crime

By DUANE BRADFORD
Tribune Staff Writer

TALLAHASSEE — Claude R. Kirk Jr. became Florida's 36th governor at noon yesterday, confounding the experts 20 minutes later by ordering legislators into special session next Monday in an effort to rewrite the state constitution. Success of Kirk's unusual move would be to bring a new charter to life one full year ahead of schedule.

It was a lightning bolt, super-secret move saved by the 40-year-old Republican governor until the last of his half-hour inaugural spe...

The first Florida Republican governor in 90 years also declared a ringing war on crime as soggy spectators and officials peered from beneath umbrellas and newspapers to watch the historic event.

"I have and will continue to confer with officials of New York, Illinois and California, as well as others who share our desire to rid America of this cancerous growth," Kirk asserted.

"I intend to make sure that Florida leads them in this battle against our joint enemy," the governor said as many of the 3,000-odd spectators clapped approval.

Kirk signed a proclamation on Thursday summoning the newly-apportioned 165-member legislature to Tallahassee Jan. 9 for a 20-day meet.

"The sole purpose of this session shall be the rewriting of Florida's antiquated constitution for immediate submission to the people for their final acceptance or rejection," Kirk declared.

"It is my hope," he added, "that legislators, during their special session, will provide for a special election to be held on April 18, 1967, at which time the people shall be given the opportunity to adopt a modern constitution geared to solving present day problems."

The regular session of the legislature is scheduled April 3.

"I will request that the revised constitution have an effective date of July 1, 1967," Kirk said as the crowd again applauded. The current schedule on constitution revision calls for an effective date of July 1, 1968.

Kirk said today's constitution revision problem is not one of next year—but now; that it "is not consistent

with good business-like procedure" for a legislature to work for 60 days during its regular session without first rewriting the charter.

Interrupted 18 times by applause during his statewide televised address, Governor Kirk also:

—Announced that he'd named George Wackenhut of Miami as "director of the governor's war on crime."

Wackenhut heads a private detective agency. This announcement was accompanied by a brochure and news releases concerning the private corporation and former FBI agent Wackenhut.

"Although Director Wackenhut is donating his services," Kirk said, "I have authorized him to secure from his firm whatever manpower is needed in this campaign."

"The cost involved in all phases of this endeavor will be paid from funds volunteered by interested private citizens. This means that this important and crucial fight will be led by me without additional taxes."

Kirk also established a "special and personal governor's industrial development committee for the sole purpose of placing Florida within immediate, personal and continuous reach of all industry."

He said this committee would be established "in several states."

Kirk said he would continue "working" governor's conferences on education, seeking a program that is imaginative, practical, that will be of long-range objective.

He promised to lead in moves to probe into the mysteries of food and resources hidden in the sea through his recently-announced oceanography committee.

"Florida must and will become the center of world oceanography," Kirk declared. "Our vision must always include not only the beauty of field and stream, and the rolling surf, but we must see beneath those depths where in our lifetime men will plant and harvest crops, mine precious metals and discover the secrets of our universe."

He said he intended to "accelerate Florida's agriculture growth. "Agriculture is a major industry and we do not intend to stand by and see it stifled by any federal harassment," Kirk said as the crowd cheered at the word "federal."

He said he would also take "special responsibility" for the realization of Miami's Interama and similar projects as a demonstration "that Florida can become the financial and trade center of today's world."

All this, Kirk repeated as he did often during his campaign to defeat Democratic Miami Mayor Robert King High, can be done without increasing the tax bite.

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Top Crime-Fighter

Newly commissioned crime fighter George Wackenhut answers reporters' questions in Tallahassee and states that his agency will not become a mini-Gestapo. Wackenhut, appointed the state's anti-crime chief by Gov. Claude Kirk, said his purpose is to help Kirk carry out his pledge to eradicate crime in Florida. (Story on Page 4-B.)—(UPI)

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To questions on these points,
Tuchman returned responses
to the governor.
The governor was vacation-
ing at an undisclosed spot.
Tuchman was asked
what any danger
that thing three
times. "I
won't be
in decision."

He said he would announce
in coming weeks the names of
persons from throughout the
state who would assist him
and that he would be in touch
with the governor on a daily
basis.

His crime fighters, Wochen-
but said, will work with local,
state and federal law agencies,
and will not have subpoena
power nor power of arrest.

Will it be only an investi-
gative force?

"We will gather information
and follow it through," Wochen-
but said. He explained that
information about crime would
be turned over to the appro-
priate agencies for prosecu-
tion.

"It is the governor's opinion
and mine," he said, "that
crime cannot exist on an or-
ganized basis unless it is per-
mitted to."

He saw the job of his force
as rooting out organized
crime, which he said "is
rampant in the state."

He said he did not seek the
job but that Kirk sought him
out the Friday after the gov-
ernor's election.

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Wants 'All the Facts'—

Faircloth Cautions Kirk On Anti-Crime Proposal

Police

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Dangers

By DUANE BRADFORD
Tribune Staff Writer

TALLAHASSEE — Cautioning Gov. Claude Kirk to "put a stop of the table" all the bets about his special crime fighting force, Atty. Gen. Earl Faircloth yesterday said the plan "must have a solid legal foundation."

Faircloth, who serves as chairman of the State Committee on Law Enforcement Administration of Justice, declined immediate ruling on a legality of Kirk's contract with Miami private investigator George Wackenhut at \$1 million a year to carry out his war on crime.

At the same time, officials here of the state's largest municipal police departments said they were reluctant to surrender their criminal intelligence files to private detectives.

Wackenhut, chief of the nation's largest private investigation firm, said he would use his "fingerprints" for the state and for his own firm.

Faircloth said he would "at the proper time" tell the new governor it is in the best interest of the state "if he had everything on top of the table" so that all sources

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tapped to pay for the program would be known.

"The exercise of police power is a delicate and sensitive responsibility and should be conducted by the officials of this state," he continued. "On that point, the legislature should examine it very carefully."

He also suggested someone may later challenge parts of the plan pertaining to private financing and record control.

Asked if they would open their files to Wackenhut agents, Police Chief Harold Smith of St. Petersburg and Chief J. P. Mullins of Tampa replied, "No."

"If they were recognized by J. Edgar Hoover, I will," said Jacksonville Asst. Chief Robert F. Hobbs.

"Only on order of the governor," said Miami Police Chief Walter Headley.

"That's the \$10 question," opined Orlando Asst. Chief Jack Stacey, "but we're run by city officials."

Wackenhut said his men would be used to investigate "anyone and everyone who needs investigating." He said also that he would be going to local police departments for their help — much of which would consist of criminal intelligence information.

This information, closely

guarded by police departments, is for the most part used to battle organized crime. It is not handed out or exchanged indiscriminately, and there are even some Florida police agencies which are not trusted enough by the Florida Law Enforcement Intelligence Unit to participate in the sharing of this information.

While all department representatives said they admired the idea of getting some kind of aid in fighting crime, they were reluctant to cough up their data.

"We'll assist," said Mullins, "but it would take a court order on certain records."

And on other records, he added, transmission of them to unauthorized law enforcement officials could result in being blacklisted by the FBI.

This would mean the department could not share the wealth of information and facilities of the bureau — from fingerprint checks to crime lab assistance.

"I'm not going that route," Mullins said.

He said the whole matter probably should be sent to the city attorney's office for a legal opinion on whether the police department could give out its record information.

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"I admire the governor's attitude, but at the same time I think that what would be

more apropos — and to do as many other states have done — to establish a full state police," said Chief Headley.

Saying he would surrender his records "on order of the governor," Headley said a Wackenhut operative had already been to his department's intelligence office Wednesday.

"Some fellow came . . . and wanted to examine our files," Headley said.

"When and if I'm officially notified that he's authorized to do this, I'll cooperate with him," declared the chief. But he said he hadn't been notified by Kirk, so the man was dismissed.

"Our records are never open to private investigators," said St. Petersburg Chief Smith.

"The court would have to order it."

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TO DIRECTOR, TAMPA AND JACKSONVILLE

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GEORGE WACKENHUT, DBA WACKENHUT SERVICES, INC., PRIVATE
INVESTIGATORS UNDER CONTRACT BY FLORIDA GOVERNOR KIRK.

AS BUREAU AND OTHER OFFICES ARE AWARE, WACKENHUT ORGANIZATION HAS BEEN CONTRACTED BY NEWLY ELECTED FLORIDA GOVERNOR KIRK TO CONDUCT INVESTIGATION INTO ORGANIZED CRIME IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA. FLORIDA ATTORNEY GENERAL CLAIMS GOVERNOR KIRK HAS NO AUTHORITY FOR THIS ACTION AND THAT WACKENHUT ORGANIZATION IS NOT A DULY CONSTITUTED LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.

MIAMI RADIO STATION WKAT ANNOUNCED ON NINE A.M. NEWS, INSTANT, THAT CHIEF WALTER HEADLY, MIAMI PD, REFUSED TODAY TO SHOW "FBI FILES" (REFERRING TO FBI IDENTIFICATION RECORDS) TO WACKENHUT AGENTS AND STATED HE WILL NOT DO SO UNLESS "J. EDGAR HOOVER RECOGNIZES WACKENHUT AS A DULY CONSTITUTED LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY."

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ANY INQUIRY BY THE NEWS MEDIA WILL BE HANDLED BY POINTING OUT THESE RECORDS ARE FOR THE OFFICIAL USE OF DULY CONSTITUTED GOVERNMENT, STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND ANY MISUSE COULD ELIMINATE THE SERVICE TO THESE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES.

IN THE EVENT MIAMI, JACKSONVILLE OR TAMPA OFFICES RECEIVE INQUIRIES FROM THE WACKENHUT ORGANIZATION REGARDING CRIMINAL FIGURES AND/OR REQUESTS, SAID INQUIRIES BEING BASED UPON THE WACKENHUT CONTRACT WITH GOVERNOR KIRK, THESE INQUIRIES WILL BE FORWARDED BY THE RESPECTIVE OFFICES TO THE BUREAU FOR APPROPRIATE HANDLING. NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN AT THE FIELD OFFICE LEVEL ON THESE INQUIRIES, UACB.

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In our column of December 23rd, we scooped the state by revealing that Gov. Kirk in his inaugural speech would announce the creation of a governor's crime unit headed by George Wackenhut, head of the detective agency bearing his name.

We predicted Mr. Wackenhut was and would play an important role in Kirk's administration. We wrote he would be a \$1-a-year man but his detectives would be richly rewarded.

We revealed that his agents had already been assigned to investigate, check and screen all persons who would serve in the Kirk administration.

When we emphasized that Mr. Wackenhut was and would play an important role in the Kirk administration we weren't kidding.

To confirm our observations, study these statements made by Mr. Wackenhut himself to the press Wednesday. He said his purpose is to help the governor carry out his pledge to eradicate crime in Florida. He will investigate anyone and everyone who needs investigation, including public officials who wink at crime as well as the hoodlums who do the dirty work.

Mr. Wackenhut said, "It is the governor's opinion and mine that crime cannot exist on an organized basis unless permitted. We intend to find out who is permitting it and see that justice is done."

He noted his agents would have all the powers of the state behind them but would not have powers to subpoena witnesses or make arrests.

He will use regular law enforcement officers to make arrests and noted his agency would not be a miniature "gestapo" and that a substantial sum of money would be needed to eradicate crime and corruption.

Gov. Kirk previously had stated private business would finance the crime unit and effort.

He concluded, "The governor is directing this war and I am his right arm or alter-ego. I'll be in touch with him on a daily basis."

My pleased Governor Kirk has taken a strong stand against crime and corruption. It was a camouflage. We feel certain he is

determined and sincere in his fight against crime.

Records will show that during the last thirty years or so, many city citizen crime commissions were formed in this state and others throughout the nation. All started with the best intentions and maximum effort. But in most cases, these crime commissions were limited both in funds and power, and their prime function was to focus attention with hope of creating public reaction and thus bring the wrath of the people upon those holding office with police powers.

The records will also show most of these commissions have been abolished or terminated. Some because they accomplished their goals and then the public lost interest or because the citizens of the particular city never showed real interest and funds were hard to come by and as time went by . . . the leaders of the movement lost heart and determination to continue.

Tampa had such a commission. It was abolished because of lack of funds around 1957. Tampa had also acquired officials who fought crime, consequently public interest waned. With little or no funds forthcoming, the paid help had to find other means to make a living.

Mr. Kirk's plans to fight crime are far more ambitious and are strongly supported by his official powers as governor. He can remove officials, such as sheriffs, if he has reasons to believe they are delinquent in the fight against crime and gambling.

But things have changed since the thirties and forties, at least in Florida. As an example, in Tampa 30 years ago, the political world was actually ruled by the gamblers. They furnished the necessary political campaign funds for the officials. They controlled blocs of voters and enjoyed tremendous political powers for in a sense they were partners of elected officials.

Time and events brought changes. New officials were elected who were not indebted to gamblers. The once flourishing bolita racket started dwindling and became less profitable as new generations reached adult age. They showed little interest or

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willingness to gamble on bolita. Less players, plus federal anti-gambling laws, which scared many sellers out of the business, brought forth a crisis as far as gamblers were concerned. Gangland murders ceased almost automatically.

We don't say bolita is not sold in Tampa. Of course it is. But compared to the sales of yesteryears . . . it is hardly a ripple on a big wave.

There is no gambler in Tampa today . . . who is considered a political strongman or "Kingmaker." The few remaining are content to be as anonymous as possible and stay as far away from the politicians and the political game as possible.

Most sellers and players are found in large Negro areas. Bolita is regarded as a poor man's vice. For a dime you can win \$6 or \$7.

Crime fighters are quick to argue that the large part of all bolita money finds its way to the pockets of a few—the bankers. It is this accumulation of wealth in the hands of the few which fosters corruption, they say. For gambling money buys officials . . . bought officials are owned by the gamblers.

In principle this is true. And perhaps in some cities some elected officials and law enforcement agents are on the payrolls of gamblers.

We are confident, and we have the sources who know, in telling you that no elected official in Tampa and Hillsborough County today can be truthfully labeled a gambler's man.

Fighting organized crime is a must, however there is a field of crime existing in Florida today which we believe the public is far more concerned about and which Claude Kirk, himself, used to great advantage in getting votes during the recent campaign. We refer to:

crime on the street, the muggers, the organized gangs, breaking into homes to loot.

They torture, they strike, they shoot the helpless and unfortunate inhabitants. It is not safe for women and children to walk the streets of our cities at night, and few do.

This fear that stalks the streets is caused by the existence of numerous hoodlum gangs, mostly youths who have no respect for law and order.

These dangerous hoodlums are not bolita peddlers or bankers.

Gov. Kirk, while addressing women groups in Dade County during the campaign would ask, "Are there any of you in this room who does not fear to walk the streets of this city at night? How many of you have been victims of assault and robbery? The women responded feverishly to his questions?

We say to Gov. Kirk and Mr. Wackenhut increase the fight against organized gambling and corruption, it is a most commendable project. But gentlemen, please focus some attention to these crimes of the streets. The hoodlum surge. Combat hoodlum gangs which fester our cities. The citizens of this state, we believe, are more concerned and worried about this type crime than any other.

We know a gambling raid with the attached publicity is more sensational and spectacular. You pick up four or five bolita peddlers and if real lucky a banker, once in a great while, some bolita tickets and a small sum of money.

You demand that these "gamblers" serve time in jail. Still the crime rate on the streets of Florida continues unabated and rising. In some areas people are not even safe in their homes. Too few of these criminals are caught and too often when caught too much leniency is shown. . .

If Gov. Kirk could raise a million dollars to fight crime in Florida, perhaps it could be best used today in reinforcing the police forces in the cities . . . the cities shamed by their inability to protect its citizens after night has fallen.

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AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (88-403)
SUBJECT: GEORGE R. WACKENHUT,
WACKENHUT CORPORATION
MIAMI, FLORIDA

GOVERNOR-ELECT CLAUDE R. KIRK, JR.
OF FLORIDA

Re Buairtel to Miami 12/8/66.

On 1/3/67, Republican Governor-elect CLAUDE KIRK announced in his inaugural address at Tallahassee, Florida, the appointment of GEORGE R. WACKENHUT of Wackenhut Corp., as Director of the Governor's war on crime in Florida. KIRK announced that the Wackenhut Corporation had begun investigation of crime conditions in South Florida counties immediately after he was sworn in.

KIRK announced that WACKENHUT would serve for \$1.00 a year and that the major financing for the investigative operation would be supplied by private donors. However, he had authorized WACKENHUT to draw on his investigative organization for any personnel needed to carry out this "war on crime."

The press quoted WACKENHUT and KIRK as announcing that the initial investigative force would consist of about one dozen men, but was expected to increase and that these investigators, although operating with the power of the State, would not have arrest or subpoena authority. (2)

WACKENHUT, according to the press, indicated that his investigators would pursue investigations to a point of taking information to a Grand Jury if necessary, and would furnish information to local law enforcement officials.

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The Governor announced in the press a special Post Office Box, The Governor's War on Crime, Box 248, Coral Gables, Florida, had been established for the receipt of tips and other information from citizens.

Since the announcement by KIRK, a deluge of criticism has appeared in Florida newspapers from a number of Florida sheriffs, prominent politicians, including Senator GEORGE SMATHERS, and current State Attorney General EARL FAIRCLOTH. The criticism expresses mainly concerns the Governor's intention to grant investigative powers to a private organization financed in part by private funds and feelings that such an organization could lead to the use of gestapo-type tactics.

None of the officials appearing in press statements have questioned the Governor's motives or the qualifications of WACKENHUT as a private investigator.

A number of Florida Sheriffs, including ED YARBROUGH, Director of the Florida Sheriff's Bureau, have expressed concern regarding the confidential nature of their files and what information they would be required to furnish the Wackenhut Corporation. A UPI release on January 9 at Miami reflected that Miami Police Chief WALTER HEADLEY had refused to open FBI files to an agent from Governor CLAUDE KIRK's private police force. The referenced apparently refers to identification records. The same article reflects that Assistant Police Chief ROBERT HOBBS, Jacksonville, had announced that he would cooperate with Wackenhut only if "They were recognized by J. EDGAR HOOVER." Police Chiefs HAROLD SMITH, St. Petersburg, and J. P. MULLINS of Tampa, according to the article, flatly stated that they would not open their files to WACKENHUT.

According to press statements made by law enforcement officials and state politicians, Governor KIRK had not discussed his intentions concerning the Wackenhut Corporation with few exceptions, prior to the appointment on 1/3/67.

The Jacksonville Office has not given any advice to law enforcement officials concerning their cooperation with the Wackenhut Corporation.

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News media inquiry at Jacksonville is being handled on a no-comment basis. Any inquiries or approaches from the Wackenhut Organization will be discussed with the Bureau at the time received.

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To: SACs, Miami
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From: Director, FBI

CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
MIAMI DIVISION

An article appeared in "The Washington Post and Times Herald," issued 1/9/67, reporting that Governor Claude R. Kirk, Jr., has appointed the Wackenhut Corporation to investigate organized crime, particularly in the Miami area. It is planned that this organization will report the results of its investigation directly to the Governor and its findings will be given to local law enforcement departments or directly to a grand jury. The article stated that Mr. Wackenhut said that about a dozen agents are already in the field mainly in Dade and Broward Counties and that one of his first acts would be "to call on all citizens to supply us with information. Even anonymous tips would be welcome." Post Office Box number 248, Coral Gables, Florida, has been rented to receive such tips.

It is apparent that any investigation conducted by the Wackenhut Corporation concerning organized crime conditions will closely parallel investigations conducted under the Bureau's Criminal Intelligence Program. Leading hoodlums such as Meyer Lansky and La Cosa Nostra representatives in Florida will inevitably be subjects of investigations by the Wackenhut Corporation.

You must make certain that you maintain a circumspect position in any developments relating to the Wackenhut Corporation investigation and take every step necessary to avoid becoming involved in this matter.

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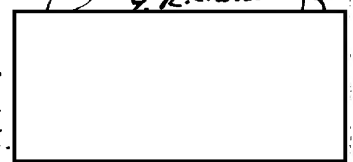
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You should also be in a position to determine discreetly any infringement on our jurisdiction by the Wachusett Corporation involving the investigation of organized crime cases and promptly furnish to the Bureau full details on any such matters.

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Miami Police Close Files To Wackenhut

MIAMI (UPI) — Miami Police Chief Walter Headley revealed yesterday he has refused to open FBI files to an agent from Gov. Claude Kirk's private police force.

Headley said he wouldn't let the private detective see the files "because I don't know how he stands legally."

Kirk retained the Wackenhut Corporation to help "wipe out syndicated crime in Florida." The operation, Kirk said, would be privately financed. Since his announcement an army of critics has called the proposal everything from "amateurish" to "smacking of gestapo."

Headley said he told the Wackenhut agent, "I needed some official notification, and a little more identification, but he never came back."

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Opposition Grows to Kirk's 'Private Police Force' Idea

By MARTIN WALDRON
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TALLAHASSEE — Opposition has begun to grow to Gov. Claude R. Kirk Jr.'s plan to use a private police force to drive organized crime out of Florida.

Several police chiefs said they would not allow private detectives to examine any confidential police records. And a number of political figures, including Sen. George A. Smathers, a Democrat, questioned the wisdom of allowing private police to perform the function of public law enforcement agencies.

Florida Secretary of State Tom Adams, a powerful state

Democratic officeholder, said "the war on crime isn't a game for amateurs." He suggested that the legislature create a state crime commission which would be financed by tax money and be subject to public scrutiny.

Kirk, inaugurated last Tuesday as Florida's first Republican governor since 1872, has said that George R. Wackenhut, head of a nationwide detective agency, and his employees would make up his private police force and would be paid from money donated by private interests. The state would pay \$1 a year to Wackenhut, who would report daily to the governor.

The detective agency would charge cost plus profits to the private money.

Kirk said one of his campaign promises had been to smash racketeering and other racketeering and moved into Florida in recent years. He said he had chosen the private police force to use public law enforcement agencies had not been effective.

Smathers, who indicated Friday that he may run for governor in 1970 after retiring from the Senate, said the private police idea "is contrary to the democratic system of government."

State Atty. Gen. Earl Faircloth, who said he was not sure of the legality of a private police force, said "the exercise of police power is a delicate and sensitive responsibility and should be conducted by officials of the state."



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City police officials are not subject to removal from office by the governor, as are sheriffs, and the chiefs of a number of cities said they would not allow the governor's private police to go through their files. Chief Harold Smith of St. Petersburg and Chief J. P. Mullins of Tampa both adopted this attitude.

In Miami, where Wackenhut already has a number of private officers at work, Police Chief Walter Headley said his department might cooperate "on orders of the governor."

The Florida Sheriffs Bureau, a state agency created to lend assistance to sheriffs, will cooperate. Edward Yarbrough, its director, said.

But Yarbrough said a number of sheriffs were disturbed about confidential files being opened to private detectives who also handle civil cases.

The governor has said that he plans to keep secret the names of those contributing money to pay for the private police force.

Wackenhut, a former special agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, said his officers would "investigate everyone and anyone who needs investigating."

At a news conference last week, Wackenhut said that "I can assure you we are not going to become a Gestapo." But he said his investigations would not necessarily be limited to criminals.

The private investigator would not say who would decide who would be investigated by the private police. He said he would be the governor's "alter ego, on a daily basis."

In announcing his police force, Kirk said the Wackenhut Corp. was the third largest private detective agency in the United States. The company has 26 offices from Puerto Rico to Hawaii.

On its board of directors are Wackenhut; Gen. Mark W. Clark; Maj. Gen. Joseph V. Dillon, who was formally chief of United States Military Police; Maj. Gen. Kenneth P. McNaughton, former chief of staff of the Strategic Air Forces on Guam, all retired; Edward W. Rickenbacker, retired chairman of Eastern Air Lines; John S. Ammarell Jr., a former FBI agent; Ralph E. Davis, director of the Western Division of the Wackenhut Corp.; Will M. Preston, a Miami lawyer; Raymond A. Quadi, vice president of Pascoe Steel Corp.; Stanley J. Tracy, a former assistant director of the FBI, and Lloyd Wright, a Los Angeles lawyer.

For several years, the corporation has mailed out a monthly Wackenhut Security Review. The company said in the review that it was

"acutely aware of the threat of Communism," and presented the review to friends and employees "as an educational service." The company also has made copies of its review available to the general public.

In its review, the corporation has warned against hopes of "peaceful coexistence" between the United States and the Soviet Union.

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The Man From C.L.A.U.S.E.

The underworld won't be at all happy over the first public statements of George Wackenhut, named by Gov. Claude Kirk to head up a drive on Florida crime.

Mr. Wackenhut appears to be as hard as nails.

The quiet confidence with which he spoke when being interviewed by press and television correspondents does not bode well for the criminal element in the state.

THERE WAS reassurance in Mr. Wackenhut's careful disclaimer of any powers resembling those of a state "gestapo."

His organization will have neither powers of subpoena nor arrest, Mr. Wackenhut said. The regularly constituted authorities would be called upon to exercise such powers when needed, he said.

On the other hand, he was firm in saying that his operation would

not be one merely of fact-finding. He also will follow through to see that such facts as he uncovers are acted upon.

THERE IS ONE step which we think Gov. Kirk must take to maintain public confidence in this operation.

That is to make a full and candid disclosure of the donors, and the amounts contributed, to this privately financed project. Atty. Gen. Faircloth showed his concern about the financing yesterday.

A certain amount of obligation, or at least gratitude, will be incurred by acceptance of these contributions. This differs somewhat from a campaign donation, but the governor should let the law-abiding people of Florida share in the gratitude and thanks for these gifts.

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Crime War Financing Questioned

Editorial, 12-A.

Times-Miami Herald Service

TALLAHASSEE — "People who are being investigated have a right to know who is paying the investigators," Atty. Gen. Earl Faircloth declared yesterday of Gov. Claude Kirk's war on crime.

Kirk has said the "war" — headed by a Coral Gables investigative firm — will be financed by private contributions, but has not said whether he will make names of the donors public.

While welcoming the additional crime fighting force, Faircloth noted pointedly that "all such efforts . . . must have a solid legal foundation if they are to be effective in protecting the public."

"WE CAN LOOK BACK to the days of the vigilantes, the days of the bounty hunters," he said. "I don't think the people want that sort of thing."

Faircloth was quick to add that he wasn't calling Kirk's new organization a vigilante group, then explained:

"The exercise of the police power of the state is such a delicate and sensitive matter it should be exercised and conducted by officials of the state."

Faircloth said the State Committee on Law Enforcement and Administration of Justice, which he heads, was working toward legislation to give the state the necessary tools with which to combat organized crime.

"AT THE PROPER TIME," I expect to advise the governor it would be in the best interest of the people of Florida" to open all records of the donations.

The attorney general said he felt one reason that the governor "moved in this manner" is because present state agencies are not properly empowered to deal with widespread crime.

Faircloth said he couldn't rule on the legality of Kirk's contract with George Wackenhut, president of the Wackenhut Corp., who is heading the "war," because he hadn't seen it.

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FBI Records From Police To Kirk's Private Archives

By CHARLES STAFFORD
Tribune Staff Writer

WASHINGTON — In the police files of almost every Florida city are confidential records from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and they pose just one more roadblock to Gov. Claude Kirk's strategy for a war on crime.

These records are not meant for the eyes of Kirk's mercenaries.

A spokesman for the tight-lipped FBI declined comment yesterday on the Republican Governor's plan to beef up the battle against crime by employing the services of private investigators of Wackenhut Corp. These services would be paid for by donations from anonymous sources.

He said it is up to the state to determine whether Florida police files are opened to the governor's private forces.

Police files contain FBI identification records, the spokesman said. These are supplied on request by the FBI identification division but "only to duly constituted local or federal law enforcement agencies for official use only."

The FBI identification records for an individual will not be made available previous to the person's conviction. In the future of the underworld, it is called a "red sheet."

Unauthorized use of these records was made — M. for

example, they were turned over to someone other than a representative of a duly constituted law enforcement agency — it is "very possible that we would deny that department the services of the FBI identification division for awhile," the spokesman said.

In normal circumstances, he said, these records are not available to private detective agencies.

But he said a state makes the decision as to what is a duly constituted law enforcement agency.

"Whether Wackenhut, in its services to the governor, is a duly constituted law enforcement agency is up to the attorney general of Florida to determine," the FBI spokesman said.

Atty. Gen. Earl Faircloth, a Democrat, has already said Kirk's plan must have "a solid legal foundation."

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ST PETERSBURG, FLORIDA
POLICE DEPARTMENT - PUBLIC
RELATIONS MATTERS

Captain [REDACTED] Detective Bureau, St. Petersburg, Fla., Police Department, on January 6, 1967, advised SA [REDACTED] that on that date, a representative of the Wackenhut Corp., a national private investigation agency, headquartered at Coral Gables, Fla., had been at the Police Station requesting information to include any FBI fingerprint records on [REDACTED]. Captain [REDACTED] pointed out that the Wackenhut Corp. in recent days, had been appointed by the new Governor of Florida as an agency which was going to conduct a fight on organized crime in the State of Florida, under the Governor's control and direction.

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Captain [REDACTED] related that [REDACTED] owns [REDACTED] real estate in Pinellas County, Fla., for the past several [REDACTED] months has been severely criticized by the press, as it appeared that his clients were among the select few able to obtain liquor licenses in Pinellas County, Fla. Captain [REDACTED] related, further, [REDACTED] allegedly had been closely associated with the former Governor of Florida, HAYDON BURNS.

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Captain [REDACTED] related that his department was well aware of the FBI's criteria in making FBI identification records available to private detective firms; however, in view of the Governor's appointment, the Chief of Police, St. Petersburg, had desired clarification as to whether or not FBI Identification records could or should be made available to representatives of the Wackenhut, Corp.

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After conferring with the Special Agent in Charge on this matter, on January 6, 1967, Captain [redacted] was advised that no FBI records should be made available to any representatives of the Wackenhut, Corp., as they did not meet the requirements necessary to be furnished this type of information.

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The above information is submitted as a matter of record.

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Airtel

To: SAC, Jacksonville (80-403)

From: Director, FBI

GEORGE R. WACKENHUT
WACKENHUT CORPORATION
MIAMI, FLORIDA

Re Jacksonville airtel 1/10/67 captioned, "George R. Wackenhut, Wackenhut Corporation; Miami, Florida; Governor-Elect Claude R. Kirk, Jr., of Florida," copies of which were directed to the Miami and Tampa Offices.

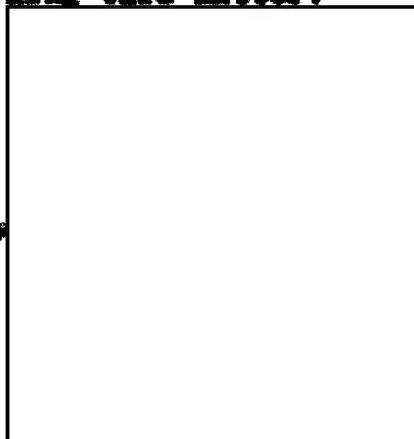
Extensive publicity has been afforded the appointment of the Wackenhut Corporation by Governor Claude R. Kirk, Jr., to investigate crime conditions and corruption particularly in the southern part of Florida. Press reports have indicated that agents of the Wackenhut Corporation, a private investigative agency, will contact regular law enforcement agencies in conjunction with their investigative activities.

The Bureau does not recognize the Wackenhut Corporation as a properly constituted law enforcement agency. You should therefore, take all necessary steps to insure that no records or information is given to this organization or its representatives by the FBI. All Special Agents and other personnel in your office who might possibly be contacted by Wackenhut representatives must be fully aware of the Bureau's position in this matter. ①

You must be fully alert to all possible infringement by this investigative agency on the jurisdiction of the FBI. Keep the Bureau fully informed on all significant information received concerning this matter. ②

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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FROM : SAC SANTOIANA

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WACKENHUT CORPORATION
MIAMI, FLORIDA

For your information and so that you will be aware of the Bureau's position in this matter should you be contacted by any representative of the captioned corporation for information in our file or name checks, note the following:

The Bureau does not recognize the Wackenhut Corporation as a properly constituted law enforcement agency. Therefore, no records or information in our files are to be given to this organization or its representatives by the FBI. If you receive any such requests, refer the person requesting such information to me, or the ASAC in my absence.

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From: Director, FBI

JUDSON LUTHER HOBBY
SHERIFF, SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Re Tampa airtel 1/3/67.

A review of the letterhead memorandum enclosed with re airtel indicates that a substantial amount of the information therein recounts background events involving local law enforcement, most of which are already known to the Florida authorities. In the absence of specific current information about improper conduct on the part of Sheriff Hobby obtained in the course of our investigations and which information should be disseminated to responsible local officials, it is not a necessary function of the FBI to compile historical data for the benefit of the state executives.

It should also be noted that at this time it is not appropriate to furnish information on corruption by local sheriffs to the Governor inasmuch as Governor Claude R. Kirk, Jr., has recently appointed the Wackenhut Corporation to conduct investigations of organized crime and related matters throughout the State of Florida. You are being separately advised concerning this matter.

Accordingly, dissemination of letterhead memorandum submitted in re airtel should not be made at this time.

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INSIDE KIRK'S ADMINISTRATION . . . The following information is exclusive to this column:

Gov. Kirk instructed his mansion staff to purchase liquor for the mansion from retailers in Tallahassee on a rotation system. The first month from one, the next month from another and so on until each retailer has sold liquor to the mansion. Then the cycle begins again with the first retailer.

The Governor also informed his staff he would pay for the packaged liquor personally. He doesn't want to be obligated.

At a meeting, two weeks ago, he told his aides not to attend parties sponsored by individuals in Tallahassee during the pre-inaugural week-end. He permitted them to go to parties related directly to his inauguration, such as the press party, the Republican Party affair, and his area supporters' party.

He explained that if they went to an individual's party and not to another's, misunderstanding and problems might be created unnecessarily.

At least three of Kirk's aides worked three weeks, putting in many extra hours, prior to his inauguration, without pay. They still haven't been paid. Several were privately embarrassed during this period because of their inability to pay their expenses.

Gov. Kirk has more aides in his office than any other governor of Florida before him. He holds daily staff meetings with his aides at 7:30 A.M. and at 5:30 P.M., conditions permitting.

Gov. Kirk has created an elaborate and detailed table of organization within his office which would be comparable to any in private industry.

He has gone away with the "little kingdoms" within his office. Every aide has been charged with detailed responsibilities and for the first time in Florida's history, the governor's office will through one aide or another be knowledgeable of and in touch with every conceivable aspect of the government and the important liaison with county and local governments.

Here is the general outline of Gov. Kirk's table of organization and the name of the aide in charge of his respective department.

While we list only the title of each aide's department, there are a number of sub-titles under each heading. Some having as many as twenty boards or branches of government to be concerned with and responsible for.

Administrative - Policy:

Sensitive Boards and Appointments—Tom Ferguson.

Major Boards and Cabinet Relations—Wade Hoppin.

Legal Matters and Licensing Boards—(Not filled) This was the position offered to Tampa Attorney Paul Sead.

Administrative - Special:

Finance and Taxation—Sen. B. C. Pierce. Sen Pierce will remain with the Kirk administration for about two years. While he will not receive a salary, his expenses will be paid.

Press and Public Relations—John Smolko.

Minor Boards and Bulk Correspondence—Jim Wilson, of Tampa.

Communications, Research, Crime Prevention Coordinator—Jack Ladden. Among his many responsibilities he will act as the liaison between the governor, Mr. Wackenhut and the law enforcement officials throughout the state.

Industry and Conservation—Nat Reed. Young Mr. Reed, a millionaire, will devote full time and service to this important post without pay. He is completely dedicated to the Governor and his formula for good government.

Education—Dr. Frank Brown, Superintendent of Schools, Charlotte County; and Dr. Hugh Adams, principal of Melbourne High School.

Governor's War on Crime—George Wackenhut. As previously announced this gentleman will serve full time without pay.

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Special Assignments:

Personnel Aide—Malcolm Mick, of Tampa.

Aide to the Governor—Lt. Stafford.

Personal Secretary—Mrs. Lucille Rogers.

Clerical Management—Paul Marko III.

Two aides still not permanently assigned are Allan Robinson, formerly a newsman with the Pensacola News Journal and Stan Parker, a Kirk aide and travelling companion during the campaign.

We have already stated Gov. Kirk will not permit the creation of "little kingdoms" ruled by powerful aides within his office such as was the case during past administrations, where one or several aides called all the

shots and kept the governor shielded from "outside" influences or advice.

Under Kirk's system all aides will have equal access to him—no aide will have to go through a higher ranking aide to see him or get his ear.

Particular responsibilities have been given to particular aides . . . each aide must shoulder his respective duties, alone, thus under Kirk all aides will have complete responsibility and authority in the particular phase or departments of government assigned him. Meaning each will have strong authority but limited to the areas falling strictly within his particular responsibilities.

Each aide is required to study and research the individual budgets of every board assigned to his attention. He details his findings and then outlines them in a resume to the governor. Each aide must search for the "extra fat" in all budgets studied.

Our source insisted that under this table of organization, originated by the Governor, that within a reasonable period Mr. Kirk should be Florida's best informed governor.

While Gov. Kirk will make the ultimate decision in all cases, he will depend on the findings of his aides and heed their advice and recommendations.

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Wackenhut Vows Stop To Crime

MIAMI (U) — Tampa, Fla., trained George E. Wackenhut said yesterday Gov. Claude Kirk "gave me a mandate" to crush organized crime and corruption in Florida "and I intend to carry it out."

But the 46-year-old chief of the nation's third largest security and investigative organization said he would make no attempt to usurp the powers of any duly-constituted law enforcement agency.

"We are in no way a police force," he said. "We will act only in a fact-finding capacity, funnel our information to state attorneys, grand juries, sheriffs and police chiefs, and they will follow through."

IN AN INTERVIEW at this Coral Gables office, from where he directs a staff of 5,000 employees working in many countries, Wackenhut expressed amazement over sudden opposition cropping up against Kirk's planned war on crime.

Rep. Richard Fincher said the plan "smacks of gesture police state tactics." Atty. Gen. Earl Birchcloth said, "People are not ready to go back to the days of the vigilantes."

Others criticized Kirk's plan to finance the force with private rather than public funds. And a number of police officers said their secret would not be open to Wackenhut without FBI approval.

"I want to dignify the term 'vigilante' by commenting on it," said the new-cut Wackenhut.

"All of all this grew out of a misunderstanding that arose from our press conference in Tampa," he said. I was asked if I ex-

pected to have access to police files and I replied only that I was seeking the cooperation of the police.

"I tried hard to get across to the press that in no way will we perform any police function or superimpose ourselves over duly constituted law enforcement agencies. Why, we haven't even asked to see any files yet."

"We will have no police function, unless you want to call investigation a police function."

But Wackenhut said there could be no question of his powers to carry out his assignment.

"I was commissioned by the governor to do this job," he said. "Every one of my investigators will be commissioned by him and carry his credentials. The governor has the power by law and the Constitution to name such investigators."

"This is the first time," Wackenhut said, "that I ever heard anybody scream about not using the taxpayers' money. You don't hear the man in the street scream about it."

"There was no state police force to do the job — only a Highway Patrol. The State Sheriff's Bureau couldn't function, because it can't go into a county without being invited."

"Sheriffs and police chiefs were confined by county and city boundaries. Federal agencies were interested only in federal cases."

Wackenhut opened Post Office Box 248 in Coral Gables in the name of "the governor's war on crime" and invited the people to write.

"I got into it four days later," he said, "and found a state of letters a foot high from people offering tips on crime."

and volunteering money and other services. There was validity to some of the tips."

Asked about a monthly bulletin issued by the corporation, which has said that coexistence with communism is dangerous, Wackenhut said:

"THE BULLETINS have been quoted in a way that makes being anti-Communist sound wrong. If that's true, then I'm sure wrong. The Communist threat is very real, internally and externally, and the main reason it exists is because of lack of knowledge by the public. We try to acquaint our people with it."

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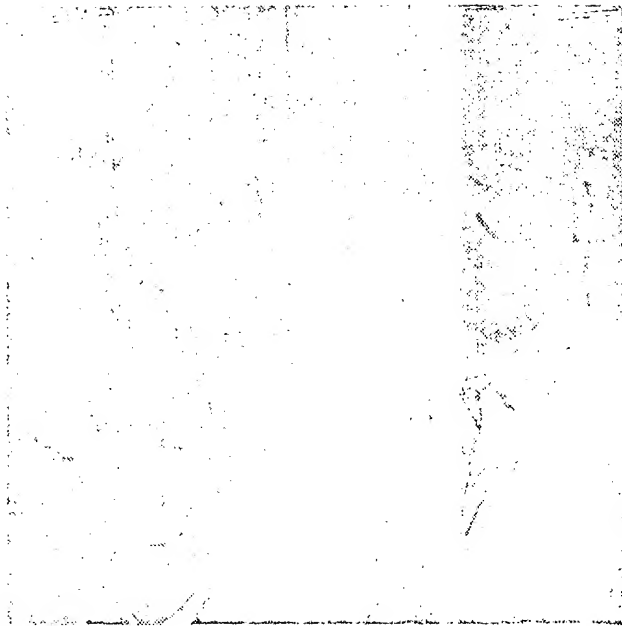
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Wackenhut Emphasizes Point in Interview

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Investigate Everyone

It has been almost two weeks since Gov. Claude Kirk announced the sketchy outlines of his plan to launch a privately financed investigation of organized crime in Florida. With every passing day, well-founded concern over Kirk's plans has mounted in every part of the state.

Kirk responded yesterday to this concern by promising the names of cash contributors. This will help. But there is still need for assurance that the tremendous responsibilities for police state measures inherent in this scheme will not materialize.

We urge Gov. Kirk to recognize this and to take efforts to clear up these doubts in the minds of the people of Florida.

The most alarming aspect of the plan comes from the apparently unlimited intentions of Kirk's investigator George Wackenhut ("We'll investigate everyone and anyone who needs investigating").

Gov. Kirk has not yet settled the fears that arose from this statement.

The Times is not alone in this feeling.

THE POLICE chiefs of St. Petersburg, Miami, Tampa and Gainesville say they cannot and will not open their files to a non-public agency. The Florida Intelligence Unit, an official inter-city organization for exchange of information about crime, has raised questions about the legal standing of the Kirk investigators. Sen. George S. Shulkin, Atty. Gen. Earl F. Tamm and Secretary of State F. Lee Johnson have questioned the wisdom of allowing private investi-

gators to exercise the state's police power.

Three basic questions run through all these statements of concern:

✓ How will the law-abiding public's rights be protected against unlawful snooping by Wackenhut's private agents?

And although it is every citizen's duty to cooperate with the police, doesn't the request for information from the public open the door to a flood of unvalued information and unprofessional police work?

✓ Will some contributors be Wackenhut's clients, some of whom are either actual agencies or potential customers? Would not dollars from these sources be taxpayers' dollars?

✓ What assurances will the public have that information collected by the Wackenhut agents will not later be sold to private clients?

More than 30 per cent of all Floridians would like to cooperate with an energetic campaign to make organized crime unwelcome in the state. But it is unrealistic and naive of anyone to expect the public to support on blind faith and without detailed information a private effort of the Florida Wackenhut has designed.

Despite Gov. Kirk's statement on disclosure of financing, unless the anxiety that correctly has been aroused is laid to rest, the Legislature should take no time in passing laws to prohibit this highly dangerous, private snooping campaign that already has fanned out across the state.

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Antinori Offers His Help in Kirk's Drive on Crime

By RON HUTCHISON

Times Staff Writer

State Atty. Paul Antinori said today he will "cooperate fully with any duly authorized representative of Gov. Kirk" including Wackenhut investigators. Gov. Kirk has received criticism from police and other prosecutors for his intention to use

the private investigative firm to probe crime in Florida.

"IF THE REQUEST for our cooperation represents the wishes of the governor then I'll cooperate. It makes no difference if the governor's representative is a private or public investigator," Antinori declared.

"I have no reason to question

Gov. Kirk's motive, and I'll do everything in my power to cooperate. After all, he's the governor of Florida and that means he's my governor too."

The Hillsborough prosecutor said he endorses Kirk's proposal of an all-out war on crime in the state.

"I AGREE THAT crime is a

major problem for the state and that an energetic effort should be made to curtail and curb crime. The use of private investigators may be an effective means for the governor to gather intelligence data on the situation.

"My attitude," Antinori added, "is to give the man a chance to demonstrate his idea before making a judgment. It may be a dud or it may be a brilliant success, but I don't know until it's given a chance. Some other vigilante groups in the past have been failures."

Antinori said his office has not been contacted by the private investigative firm.

KIRK INDICATED that the Wackenhut operatives may fill the void created by a lack of a statewide police organization.

On the subject of a state police Antinori observed, "There may be merit for a state police organization that would be answerable mainly to the governor. It could be an effective tool in combatting crime, corruption and the laxity of public officials throughout the state."

On one of his own investigations, Antinori said the suspended probe of the Hospital and Welfare Board would be resumed later this month.

Antinori's staff, early last year, was investigating auditing and accounting procedures of the board. The investigation was delayed when Antinori began the lengthy investigation and prosecution of school system officials.

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There's Profit in \$1 a Year

A major reason for Governor Claude Kirk's "war on crime," say he and George Wackenhut, the Miami private investigative firm head he has named to direct it, is to improve Florida's business climate.

One thing's for certain: In a little more than a week, the war on crime certainly improved Wackenhut's business climate. The Miami Herald reports stock in the Wackenhut Corp. jumped more than \$2 a share in that time.

Before Kirk's announcement, the stock was selling over the counter for a little more than \$7 a share, says the Herald. It zoomed to \$9.25 afterward. Wackenhut put 247,300 shares on the market last April at an offering price of \$12.50 a share; like nearly all stocks it slumped with the 1966 market.

Buyers interested in the stock might well figure that an investigative firm which has received, through the Governor's patronage, entree to all the state and county law enforcement agencies is bound to pick up new customers. The publicity alone, picturing Wackenhut at the Governor's side and the Governor on Wackenhut's yacht, has business-getting value. Then there is the unspecified amount, presumably running into thousands of dollars, which Wackenhut's investigators will draw from the privately-donated fund for the crime fight.

At any rate, it's easy to conclude that George Wackenhut isn't going to lose money at that \$1-a-year Kirk is paying him for directing the war on crime.

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AT AAUP MEETING

Kirk Crime Probe Attacked

CLEARWATER — Fletcher Baldwin, associate professor of law at the University of Florida, compared Gov. Claude Kirk's plan to use a private investigating agency to fight crime to a resurrection of the Johns' Senate Investigating Committee.

Commenting at a panel discussion on public universities during the opening session of the Florida conference of The American Association of University Professors (AAUP), Baldwin was referring to appointment of George Wakenhut, owner of a Florida investigating agency.

THE SENATE committee he referred to was headed by former state Sen. Charley Johns of Starke and investigated state universities for alleged homosexual practices involving faculty members.

Baldwin did not elaborate on his comments about Kirk's appointment of Wakenhut, at \$1 a year, to fight crime in Florida. And there was no discussion on the subject by the 15 AAUP

members who attended the panel discussion.

Only other activities at yesterday's session of the AAUP conference were panel discussions for faculty members of private colleges and public junior colleges.

Featured speaker at today's session will be Prof. Clark Byse of Harvard University, School of Law, national president of the AAUP.

IN YESTERDAY'S discussion on public universities, it was suggested that universities which violated a professor's academic freedom be discredited and deprived of federal funds.

Faculty members, including Baldwin, who proposed the penalties did not stipulate how — and who — would determine if academic freedom had been violated.

A state committee to be appointed by the AAUP was suggested to support academic privileges and legal rights of state university professors.

Amos White, a member of A & M University's faculty, criti-

cized the Board of Regents' recommendation to the legislature that faculty salary scales at the various universities should be different.

The Regents have not established salaries of the respective faculty members in the university system. However, in their proposed budget for the 1967-69 biennium, they have asked for a higher average for the University of Florida and Florida State University than the other universities because of more extensive graduate programs — which command higher salaries for professors.

THE AVERAGES suggested for A & M were lower than all the other state universities. Dr. J. Broward Culpepper, chancellor of the university system, said A & M's proposed salaries were based on average salaries for universities of comparable enrollment.

The meeting will end at 4 p.m. today after a business meeting in the teaching auditorium of the Clearwater Campus of St. Petersburg Junior College.

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Antinori To Back 'War On Crime'

State Attorney Paul Antinori said yesterday his office will "cooperate fully" with any duly authorized representative of the governor, including investigators from the Wackenhut organization.

Prosecutors and law enforcement officials throughout the state have been highly critical of Gov. Claude Kirk's announced plan to use the private investigative firm to investigate crime in the state.

But Antinori said he endorses the proposal for an all-out war on crime and will work in any way to help.

"If the request for our cooperation represents the wishes of the governor, then I'll cooperate," he said. "It makes no difference if the governor's representative is a private or public investigator."

"I have no reason to question Governor Kirk's motives and I'll do everything in my power to cooperate," he said.

"My attitude is to give the man a chance to demonstrate his idea before making a judgment," Antinori said. "It may be a dud or it may be a brilliant success but I don't know until it's given a chance."

Antinori said his office had not been contacted by any of the Wackenhut people.

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BOB SPOONER

Spooner Backs Claude Kirk's Crime Plan

Police Chief Bob Spooner said this week he favors the 'private police force' plan proposed by Gov. Claude Kirk.

"I welcome any kind of help the governor can give us," Spooner said, "and we will work with him on his war against crime in Florida."

However, Spooner echoed the sentiments of several police chiefs in other cities when he said he would not allow private detectives to examine confidential police records.

When the new governor was inaugurated last week he announced that George J. Wackenhut, head of a nationwide detective agency, would be in charge of a pri-

vate police force to drive organized crime out of Florida. The police force would be paid from money donated by individuals with the state paying Wackenhut \$1 per year. He would report only to the governor.

"Police records are open to the public," Spooner pointed out. "But I wouldn't open the strictly confidential records to anyone."

He added that he believes Gov. Kirk's intentions are good in setting up the private police force since crime in the state is on the increase. Spooner said there are times when his force needs help from the outside in solving cases and this is where a member of the gov-

ernor's private police force could work to advantage since he would not be recognized as would a local policeman.

Police chiefs of Tampa and St. Petersburg reportedly said they would not allow the governor's police to go through their files.

U.S. Sen. George Smathers condemned the idea "contrary to the democratic system of government."

State Attorney General Earl Faircloth said he was uncertain about the legality of a private police force and noted that "the exercise of police power is a delicate and sensitive responsibility and should be conducted by officials of the state."

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Pros And Cons On Gov. Kirk's Crime Fighters

Florida Crime Fighters

The crime fighters of Florida seem to be a private Johns Committee, supposed to deal with one thing (crime) but extremely interested in other areas (communism and ultra-liberals).

SCOTT A. WORMWOOD
St. Petersburg

In just one week our governor demonstrated his strength. He advanced Mr.



Wackenhut's stock issue 200 per cent a share.

That is more than Wall Street has been able to accomplish with major stocks.

H. PLUMMER
Pass-a-Grille.

Anyone who has a clear conscience will not object to the functions and investigations of Kirk's crime commission. Your suggestion for the Legislature to join this commission is clearly political warfare against the Republican Party.

CHRIS STAMBAUGH
4930 9th Ave. S.

Does our governor's "private eye" connote government of the people by the peephole for the peephole?

RALPH ROYER
Clearwater

The Times article "Wackenhut Was Here" and the editorial "Investigate Everyone" seemed in very poor taste.

Your attempt to shoot down a program even before it has been tried proves again the narrow-minded attitude that you take on anything that doesn't come from the Democratic side.

You admit that we do have a serious crime problem, both nationally and locally, yet when someone makes an honest attempt to try and do something about it he is open to ridicule.

FRANK PICMAN
Largo

Wasn't it a fortunate coincidence that a member of Kirk's "Gestapo" should uncover a scandal in Brevard County just when "Wacky's Super Snoops" needed a spot of favorable publicity? And wouldn't it make an interesting story if you could find out just how the regular

law-enforcement authorities were snookered on this one?

ALEX MacGINNIS
Clearwater

I would like to commend Gov. Kirk for his war on crime. More power to you,

Mr. Governor, go out and get the law-breakers and watch who does the most crying.

CHARLES J. REMINGTON
Bradenton

Is the correct spelling "Wackenhut" or "Witchunt"?

PATRICIA A. HARBAUGH
Gulfport

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'I Trust You'll Only Be Using This Stuff In The
Interest Of National Security, Mister . . .



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, TAMPA (62-256)

FROM : ASAC SHERIDAN

SUBJECT: GEORGE R. WACKENHUT
WACKENHUT CORPORATION
MIAMI, FLORIDA

DATE: 1/24/67

Mr. VIC KEAY, Wackenhut Corporation, Coral Gables, Florida, telephonically advised that he was calling to clarify any possible misunderstanding regarding use of FBI information or files by Wackenhut Corporation. He pointed out that he is a former Bureau employee and that a large number of employees of Wackenhut Corporation have served with the Bureau in the past. He stated that recently Chief Police SMITH at St. Petersburg told one of Wackenhut Corporation investigators that he (SMITH) did not intend to cooperate with their corporation by making available "FBI information."

KEAY stated that in the event they desired FBI information, which they certainly do not, they would approach the Bureau or the Director for this information. He stated that Mr. WACKENHUT and a [] of the Governor's office are scheduled to appear before the Sheriffs' convention at Orlando, Florida, on 1/24/67 to inform that the Attorney General has ruled Mr. WACKENHUT is not working as an agent of the Wackenhut Corporation but has been given a commission and is a member of the Governor's staff in connection with their "war on crime." In addition, Wackenhut investigators working on this same assignment will be also considered as official State employees and will be given a commission as employees of the Governor's staff. As such, these employees will have credentials, etc., officially recognizing and representing them as employees of the Governor's staff.

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KEAY pointed out that as a result of these individuals' being on the Governor's staff, no sheriff's office or police department in the state of Florida can refuse to cooperate with them, according to the Attorney General's opinion.

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Mr. KEAY requested that I relay this information to Mr. SANTOIANA in order that there could be no misunderstanding as to the relationship between their corporation and the FBI. He stated that the same information had been made available to SAC, Miami. He again pointed out that in no instances would they seek information locally, but would approach the Bureau direct with any requests.

SAC (166-265)

January 23, 1967

SA Joseph J. Pieper

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Previously Sheriff Don Genung, Pinellas County S. O., Clearwater, Florida, had advised us that he had referred the results of their investigation in this matter to the Governor of the State of Florida, Robert Kirk.

On January 16, 1967 Sheriff Don Genung advised that he had received a call from two representatives of the Wackenhut Services, Tampa, Florida, advising him that the matter had been referred to them, and arrangements were made for them to come to the Sheriff's Office on January 17.

Genung advised that inasmuch as he had referred this to the Governor, he was going to make available to the Wackenhut representatives the results of the investigation conducted by his detectives. He felt that he was in the position of having referred the matter to the Governor, and that he could then hardly refuse to furnish the details of his investigation to the persons designated by the Governor to obtain further details.

On January 17, 1967 in discussing the [REDACTED] case with Captain [REDACTED] P.D., St. Petersburg, they advised that they had not been contacted by Wackenhut in regard to the matter, and that Chief of Police Smith had set out policy that inasmuch as Wackenhut is not a regularly constituted police agency the St. Petersburg P.D. will not make their files, or the contents thereof, available to them.

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ACTION:

Although the action of Sheriff Don Genung does not involve furnishing FBI Identix records to Wackenhut, consideration may be given to advising Sheriff Genung of the policy expressed in MM teletype dated 1-10-67 re Wackenhut that "these records are for the official use of duly constituted government, state and local law enforcement agencies and any misuse could eliminate the service to these law enforcement agencies."

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

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SUBJECT: GEORGE R. WACKENHUT
WACKENHUT CORPORATION
MIAMI, FLORIDA

Re Bureau airtel to Jacksonville dated 1/13/67.

The Tampa Bay area Chief of Police Association held their regular monthly meeting on 1/18/67 at Lakeland, Florida. During the discussion portion of this meeting J. P. MULLINS, COP, Tampa, Florida, and newly elected President, spoke to the group relative to the action taken by newly elected Florida Governor CLAUDE KIRK in the designation of Wackenhut Corporation to conduct investigation within the State of Florida.

Chief MULLINS stated that in his opinion the Wackenhut Corporation is not a duly authorized law enforcement agency and on this basis no information will be made available to personnel of this corporation and specifically no information from FBI records.

Chief MULLINS stated that it is his intention to take up this matter with EARL FAIRCLOTH, Florida State Attorney General and he recommended to the group that no action be taken by any of the members of the Tampa Bay

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Area Chiefs of Police until such time as the Attorney General has made a ruling as to whether the Wachusett Corporation is a duly authorized law enforcement agency and whether they are entitled to any information from the PD files. He stated regardless of the opinion of the Attorney General, no information from FBI records would be given without prior Bureau approval.

All of the members in attendance at this meeting agreed with Chief MULLINS that no information would be made available to the Wachusett Corporation and specifically no information from FBI records and no action would be taken until Chief MULLINS received a reply from Attorney General FAIRCLOTH.

This matter was then left on the basis that it would be discussed at the next monthly meeting to be held on 2/23/67, at which time it is anticipated Chief MULLINS will have heard from the Attorney General.

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Gov. Kirk's Private Crime Fighters Get Boost

Editor: Assuming that Gov. Claude Kirk and George Wackenhut are telling the truth, and there is no reason to believe that they are not, concerning the connection between the highly-regarded detective agency and the state of Florida, it is hard to figure out what the state's Democrats are screaming about.

To quote Wackenhut: "They (the operators) carry credentials from the governor, but they have no arrest powers nor can they subpoena anyone. Their findings will be turned over to police authorities in the areas where we have reason to believe there's crime and action will come at that local level."

F. H. STEVENSON

(There are dangers in personally-controlled, privately-financed detective systems. — Editor.)



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Florida Needs State-Operated Crime Commission

IT'S NOT SURPRISING that Gov. Kirk's personally controlled private-eye operated crusade on crime has sparked much national and unfavorable comment.

Reaction of observers is that the new Republican governor's dramatic move to use private detectives to root out crime and dig up dirt is as unwise as it is unprecedented.

One national columnist has reminded us that the nearest thing to a precedent for Mr. Kirk's naming of Private Detective George Wackenhut to run his private crime crusade was the selection of William J. Burns of the Burns Detective Agency to head the FBI. Private Detective Burns was named by another handsome Republican, President Warren G. Harding.

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PRIVATE DETECTIVE Burns made a sorry mess of the FBI. Justice turned into a shambles and corruption ran rampant, as anyone knows who remembers Harding's private prober and the scandals which shook the nation.

This previous experience with law enforcement conducted by a well-known private detective, while not completely analogous, is sufficiently close to suggest that a personally controlled and privately paid private-eye system of law enforcement is fraught with potential dangers.

It has been observed, too, that the dollar-a-year arrangement with the private detective agency caused the stock of the private-eye firm to immediately jump 25 per cent in value, which is, to say the least, an interesting development.

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WHILE DETECTIVE Wackenhut insists he is not directing a "gestapo" or private police force for the governor, fears do exist and dangers do suggest themselves in a detective-eye probing operation.

Mr. Wackenhut justifies the pri-

vate financing of the crime-spying operation on the grounds that "no public funds are available."

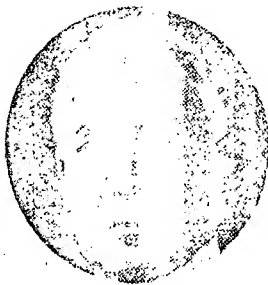
But if the great state of Florida can't provide funds for its own law enforcement it obviously should throw in the sponge and give the state back to the Seminole Indians.

We are encouraged that Gov. Kirk seems to be backing away from his first, and we believe impulsive, concept of law enforcement by private detectives.

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WE HOPE HE WILL completely abandon his hasty idea and will take the lead in the establishment of a State Crime Commission under direction of the duly elected governor and attorney general and responsible to the state cabinet which is legally constituted and truly responsible to the people.

The sooner this is done the better, for none of us likes the raised eyebrows and suggestive remarks by the nation's press and by other national media.



Warren G. Harding

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A Race With Kirk

IT SEEMS almost incredible that the state's sheriffs, in convention in Orlando, should have to be told to start fighting crime. Yet, that's just what state Sen. John Spottswood, the former sheriff of Monroe County, told the group.

He warned them to start their own war on crime before Gov. Kirk beat them to the punch. That's not particularly good motivation, but we agree with the senator that the sheriffs should get crack.

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Nontransferable Badge

LAW-ABIDING Floridians generally support the objective of intensifying the war against organized crime in the state. There has been ample evidence—especially from the Miami-Fort Lauderdale area—to show the need for sterner enforcement.

But there is a right way and a wrong way to wage the war.

Governor Kirk's plan of using the private detective force of George Wackenhut to investigate crime and paying them with private donations, is, in our judgment, wrong.

SPEAKER Ralph Turlington of the House of Representatives joined the numerous critics of the plan this week with a statement to the Florida Sheriffs Association in which he called the plan "immoral." We wouldn't call it that—but it definitely is poor policy.

As Turlington pointed out, those engaged in law enforcement should not be subject to "two masters—the state and private contributors."

No one knows now who is contributing to the investigative fund or for what motives. Governor Kirk has promised to release the names later.

Turlington properly said that this investigation work should be financed by the Legislature and, if anyone wishes to contribute, the

money should be paid into the state treasury.

We would say, further, that any investigator acting for the State of Florida should be a duly appointed and commissioned employee of the state, not an anonymous worker for a commercial firm operating under vague blanket authority from Governor Kirk.

The two-master situation is bad enough in any government operation but worst of all in law enforcement.

Who would know, for example, which master a private detective was serving when in the name of the Governor he gained access to private police or sheriff's files? Would he possibly be seeking information desired by a private "contributor" — or by a private client?

Wackenhut assured the Florida sheriffs that his men would not attempt to usurp their powers. He said his firm would act as a "coordinating" agency to pull together the activities of local law enforcement officers.

This is no job to be handed to a private firm.

The Governor, as the chief law enforcement officer of the state, wears the constitutional badge of responsibility for fighting crime. That badge cannot be transferred to outsiders, who are not accountable for their actions to the government itself.

WHEN the Legislature deals with this problem it ought to provide for a strengthened Sheriffs' Bureau, or a criminal investigation unit in similar form, and require that anyone investigating on behalf of the state be employed or commissioned by the state.

The war on crime is a continuing battle, necessitating a permanent professional organization. To the extent that Governor Kirk's wrong plan stimulates legislative action to provide a right one, it will have served a useful purpose.

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Kirk's Crime Fighters To Aid Local Officials

By JEAN REIMAN
Staff Writer

George Wackenhut told the Florida Sheriff's Association Tuesday the governor's plan to use his organization in the fight against crime is to support them, not usurp the powers of the counties.

"This will be a most effective plan once we get past the misunderstandings," he stated at a later press conference, explaining that the cooperation from the grass roots level has been excellent.

"LETTERS ARE coming in at a rapid rate, and we have opened many cases on the strength of these," said Wackenhut.

He explained a ready one case has been turned over to the local state's attorney for grand jury action. Another large gambling operation is under investigation and at the "proper time" the local police will make the arrests and take action.

With Wackenhut was Jack Ledden, assistant to the governor. In the newspaper business for 39 years, he is now in charge of communications for the war on crime.

Both Ledden and Wackenhut made the point that it is not new for a governor to have his own investigative forces, and this is provided for in state statutes.

"We hope to serve as an investigating force coordinating the existing agencies into an all-out war... and believe me, this is war!" Wackenhut stated grimly.

HE POINTED out the

governor has no jurisdiction over municipalities, but he does have jurisdiction over the offices of sheriff in the 67 counties of the state.

"The process of getting records will be through the office of the sheriff, with the agent requesting individual cooperation with city officials and police," he stated, adding that there was no way to force cooperation if it was not forthcoming.

His investigators will follow wherever leads take them. However, in the event there is no action taken on information which has been turned over to local agencies, and the attorneys for the investigating force feel that a prima facie case is presented, the governor's office may well look further to ferret out any corruption which may exist.

"IT IS the governor's belief that organized crime cannot exist if law enforcement is not in its meshes," he stated firmly.

In answer to critics who would have preferred organization of a police force by legislature, Wackenhut and Ledden pointed out that this was, first of all, against constitutional government.

Secondly, it would take five years to train such a force. With Wackenhut's force of more than 22 investigators long familiar with Florida and frequently trained and experienced

FBI men, the wheels for the "war on crime" got rolling the day the governor took office," stated Ledden.

BOTH POINTED out that the investigators are commissioned directly by the governor and the company is serving strictly as "an employment agency, investigative plant and offices," with the corporation playing a small part in the over-all plan. It was emphasized the decisions are made in the governor's office, and all announcements will come from there as progress is made.

"We're not playing with Boy Scouts, this is a tough bunch playing in a big ball game. It is public knowledge that Gov. Kirk's life was threatened in Palm Beach, it is up to him to release any other announcements of threats, but his security and that of his children has been tightened," Ledden concluded grimly.

"We've been given a mandate to do our best to eliminate organized crime in Florida, and that is exactly what we intend to do," Wackenhut concluded.

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Court Order Exonerating Wackenhut Of Criminal Contempt Is 'Exhumed'

MIAMI (AP) — A 2-year-old sealed court order exonerating George R. Wackenhut — Gov. Claude Kirk's crimebuster — of criminal contempt has been exhumed from Circuit Court records here.

The move Monday was made at Wackenhut's request. Circuit Court Judge Ray Nathan opened the order after receiving a petition from Wackenhut's attorney saying he wanted to free his client from "embarrassing hints" that anything was being covered up.

The order was signed by the late Circuit Court Judge Pat Cannon on Dec. 2, 1964. It erased criminal contempt convictions against Wackenhut, then a private detective, and also against former Assistant State Atty. Fred A. Jones, and attorneys Joseph Price Jr. and Edward M. Welsh.

THE ORDER also directed other officials to erase all records and law enforcement files involved in the criminal contempt proceedings and convictions.

The men were cited for criminal contempt in May 1955 when Cannon found them guilty of intimidating a witness, Irving Latner, in connection with a civil damage suit stemming from an automobile accident.

Wackenhut, a private investigator for the defense in the trial, admitted to Cannon that he falsely told Latner he had worn a concealed microphone in his shirt during an interview, and would play this back to the judge if Latner did not back up an alleged pre-trial statement.

Latner claimed he had been "threatened." Cannon then held the four in criminal contempt, expressing great distress over the matter. The penalty was 30 days in jail or a \$100 fine, and the four men did spend one night in county jail before being released on a writ of habeas corpus by the State Supreme Court.



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Wackenhut: 'Sheriffs' On Team'

ORLANDO (UPI)—By his own estimate, private investigator George Wackenhut is favorably regarded by the sheriffs of Florida.

Wackenhut, whose investigating agency has been commissioned by Gov. Claude Kirk to conduct a private war on crime, met in a closed session with the Florida Sheriff's Association Tuesday. It was his first official meeting with Florida law officers since Kirk made him a dollar-a-year official.

"They seemed to be quite happy and anxious to render support," he said. "They know we are in the fight together. I think I made it perfectly plain to them we wish to augment and supplement them and elicit their support rather than usurp their powers."

Another speaker at the session was less enthusiastic.

Before he went into the meeting House Speaker Ralph Turlington was critical of Kirk's use of a private agency supported by private donations.

"Law enforcement people should be public employees," he said. "They should be paid by public funds. Donations to pay for law enforcement work like this is fine but it should go into the state treasury and be paid and appropriated just like any other public funds."

Turlington said he did not think there were any "ulterior motives" in working up the plan, but he added that "this could be a very easily abused situation."

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Wackenhuts Investigate Gov. Kirk Appointees

MIAMI (AP) — The Wackenhut Corp., a private detective agency, said today it has been hired by Gov. Claude Kirk to investigate his appointees.

"The checks are to show they have no criminal records and are not deadbeats," said G. Ralph Kiel, Wackenhut public relations director.

He said agents also were checking appointees' voting records.

"Voter registration shows whether people are U.S. citizens and whether they are qualified voters and citizens of this state," said Kiel. "It would be embarrassing to appoint someone who was not a U.S. citizen or a qualified voter to a major position."

Wackenhut agents have been in the Leon County (Tallahassee) election office at least four times this month.

"THEY WERE just ordinary looking people," said Wilma Sullivan, supervisor of elections.

Kiel emphasized that agents investigating the background of state appointees were not connected with the governor's controversial war on crime, which is being spearheaded by the Wackenhut organization. Asked what the financial arrange-

ments were for this job, Kiel said he didn't know but added that the governor was footing the bill in some way.

"The governor wants all people checked who are working closely with him," Kiel said. He said the investigations began before the appointees took office.

The Wackenhut company is headed by former FBI agent George Wackenhut, who is directing the investigation.

"THEY CAME in right after inauguration and checked out several names. I didn't pay too much attention," said Mrs. Sullivan.

"I think they have been here four times. Each time they'd call out the name and we'd see if the person was registered," she told the Associated Press. Mrs. Sullivan said that voter registration records are open to the public and "we have all kinds of people coming in checking our records."

The agents, who usually came alone, would give their names, their organization and had credentials... "a regular little wallet thing they flip open," Mrs. Sullivan said. She could not recall the names of any of the agents.

The agents checked on the party registration and voting records.

"They seemed most interested in seeing if they (appointees) voted regularly. They didn't offer an information," Mrs. Sullivan said.

However, she said that the "young, real clean cut" man, whom she described as "the first little boy" to visit the office, told her Kirk was checking each appointee from every angle that could "possibly be checked."

"I THOUGHT he said financial or credit records (were being checked), too. I thought maybe he said bank accounts, he might have said their credit records," Mrs. Sullivan said. "He said he thought that it was smart to check them out."

Mrs. Sullivan said that an agent came in "right after inauguration" and other visits following.

She estimated that the agents have checked on 15 persons.

"My own supposition is that they wanted to be sure they (appointees) were Florida residents. That might have been the angle. They never said why," Mrs. Sullivan said.

She described another agent as older, "with a tweedy sport coat and a northern accent." All were "very courteous and thanked us," she added.

IT WAS known that the agents checked on the following: Wade L. Hopping and Gerald Mager, aides in the governor's office; Lucille Rogers, Kirk's personal secretary; Cecil Sewell, head of training and information with the State Beverage Department; Beverage Director Don Meiklejohn; Hotel Commissioner Ad Brautigam, and Bobby Roesch, Kirk's inaugural committee chairman.

John Smolko, Kirk's press secretary, was emphatic today in saying there would be no comment. He said it is routine for governors to check voting records of their appointees.

"We're not in a headline war," he said.

IN TAMPA, former Gov. Doyle Carlton said state appointees' voting records were not checked during his administration.

"I wouldn't think it was necessary," said Carlton, who served from 1929-33.

Asked if he would have used a private detective agency to investigate any appointees, Carlton said, "I think I could have found out about someone without doing that."

Another former governor, who asked that his name not be used, said, "My speculation is that the investigations are indicative of an espionage type of mind and a police state philosophy. They are not a reassuring symptom."

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Law Agency Coordination Is Supported

Donald Meiklejohn, State Beverage Department director, said last night there is a need to coordinate Florida's law enforcement agencies.

"The sheriffs don't talk to each other or to the local police or to the Sheriff's Bureau," he said. "And nobody talks to the Beverage Department."

MEIKLEJOHN, a former reporter for The St. Petersburg Times, spoke to about 100 persons at a meeting of the Florida West Coast Professional Chapter of Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalism society. The meeting was at Damato's Restaurant, 4125 Fourth St. N.

The Beverage Department director did not say how this coordination should be achieved. In answer to questions, he indicated he felt newsmen were right to ask questions about Gov. Claude Kirk's controversial private investigators.

But, he said, the threat of the Wackenhut investigators probably has made a lot of local police forces do their jobs better.

On other matters, Meiklejohn said:

✓ He may ask the Florida Legislature for laws to stop speculative purchasing of liquor licenses merely for their resale value.

✓ HE PLANS to crack down on illegal liquor in dry counties by tracing it to its source and revoking those licenses.

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Wackenhut Hired To Check Appointees

MIAMI (AP) — The Wackenhut Corp., a private detective agency, said Tuesday it has been hired to check the backgrounds, including the voting records, of Gov. Claude Kirk's appointees.

Kirk's press secretary, John Smolko, said it was routine for governors to check such records.

Four former governors, all Democrats, said they never did it.

"The checks are to show they (appointees) have no criminal records and are not deadbeats," said G. Ralph Kiel, Wackenhut public relations director. "Voter registration shows whether people are U.S. citizens and whether they are qualified voters and citizens of this state.

"It would be embarrassing to appoint someone who was not a U.S. citizen or a qualified voter to a major position."

Kiel said the checks were started before appointments by the Republican governor were confirmed but had not been completed in some cases.

Agents Show Up

Wilma Sullivan, supervisor of elections for Leon County (Tallahassee), said one Wackenhut agent entered her office "right after inauguration" and others followed — usually on the day an appointment was announced or shortly afterwards.

"I want to emphasize these investigators are in no way connected with the Governor's war on crime," Kiel said.

The Wackenhut company has been hired for the crime campaign.

Asked what the financial arrangements were for this job, Kiel said he did not know but he added that the Governor was

paying the bill in some way.

"The Governor wants all people checked who are working closely with him," Kiel commented.

In Tampa, former Gov. Doyle Carlton said appointees' voting records were not checked during his administration.

"I wouldn't think it was necessary," said Carlton, who served from 1929-33.

Not Reassured

Another former Governor, who asked that he not be identified, commented: "My speculation is that the investigations are indicative of an espionage state of mind and a police state philosophy. They are not a reassuring symptom."

He said he did not make such checks and would not have hired someone he felt it necessary to investigate.

In Washington, Sen. Spessard Holland said he ran no security checks when he was Governor from 1941-45. If he did not know the man personally, Holland reported, he checked with friends in the man's home town.

State Supreme Court Justice Millard Caldwell, another former Governor, said in Tallahassee that a member of his staff, not a police officer, checked the reputation of possible appointees and made recommendations.

"I don't remember checking voter registration records," Caldwell said. "But you must

bear in mind that at that time there were not many Republicans in the state."

Caldwell served from 1945-49.

Former Govs. Haydon Burns and LeRoy Collins could not be reached for comment. Farris Bryant declined to give his

Mrs. Sullivan said one investigator — "young, real clean cut" — told her Kirk was checking each appointee in every way that could "possibly be checked."

"I thought he said financial or credit records, too," she said. "I thought maybe he said bank accounts; he might have said their credit records."

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Gov. Kirk, Wackenhut To Discuss Crime War; Agents Poised Throughout State

McFarland, but he later cleared her.

Gov. Claude Kirk arrived yesterday to talk over his controversial war on crime with George Wackenhut, head of the private detective agency hired to spearhead the war.

At the same time in Tallahassee, the governor's office said Wackenhut agents stood ready to enter criminal investigations all over the state.

The statement was prompted by the disclosure that Wackenhut is looking into a Broward County murder case.

Arriving at Miami International Airport in his private jet plane with two aides, Kirk confirmed he would meet with Wackenhut but he gave no details.

Commenting on reports he might meet with city of Miami police officials, Kirk said, "We had to change some plans because certain people we planned to talk to have not arrived."

Before driving from the airport, in an unmarked car driven by a Florida Highway Patrol trooper, Kirk met briefly with newsmen. Along with comments on his meeting with Wackenhut, Kirk plugged Miami, saying it was becoming a major world business capital.

Kirk, smiling, said Miami was a crossroads for Africa, Europe, Latin America — "and that includes Rio."

The governor's bride-to-be, Erika Mattfeld, has lived in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil.

The new Republican state attorney in Broward County, Roger Harper, said he asked Kirk for Wackenhut to check into the 1963 murder of Floyd McFarland, a controversial

"During the relatively short period of time I have been in office," said Harper, "it has not been possible for me to investigate the ramifications surrounding the defendant's confession of this crime."

A Raiford convict, Curtis Adams Jr., pleaded guilty to the murder. After he did, T. A. Buchanan, then Dade County sheriff, announced that he had been under suspicion in the case. The guilty plea, he said, cleared him.

Harper said he wanted the investigation completed before Adams was sentenced.

"Because of the many conflicting facets of this case, I feel totally unable to assist the court with a sentence recommendation until I have had the benefit of a full investigation into the matter," Harper said.

He said he had been given permission to use Wackenhut agents by a Kirk aide.

Asked who would pay for the special investigation, Harper said, "not the Broward County taxpayers. That's all I know."

The governor's office said the probe would be made by regular Wackenhut agents assigned to the war on crime and would be repaid from private contributions. They said any future request from a public official for such aid would be considered when it is received.

A Wackenhut spokesman in Miami said, "All I can tell you is that we have no comment at this time."

McFarland, a gas station attendant, was found dead in a swampland in August, 1963. Adams originally said a Bartow woman helped him kill

The war on crime has run

into sharp opposition from newspapers, state representatives and two members of the cabinet.

One state senator said it smacked of gestapo tactics. Atty. Gen. Earl Faircloth said he was concerned whether it was legal.

The Wackenhut Corp., the nation's third largest private detective agency, acknow-

ledged Tuesday that it was also looking into the background of Kirk's appointees. That has nothing to do with

the war on crime, Wackenhut said.

Kirk's press aide said it was routine for governors to

check out their appointees. Four former governors said they had never heard of the practice.

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For the information of the Bureau, Sheriff DON GENUNG (NA), Pinellas County, Florida, has advised that according to information he has obtained from WACKENHUT, Governor KIRK is in the process of organizing a Governor-Advisory Council on Crime. GENUNG indicated that WACKENHUT informed him that he would be one of two sheriffs to be selected for this council, which would consist of two sheriffs, two chiefs of police, and one or two other state officers. GENUNG further indicated that WACKENHUT had inferred that DALE CARSON (former SA), Sheriff, Duval County, Florida, would in all probability be the second sheriff on the council.

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Wackenhut Men Are Watching Us

Two agents of the Wackenhut Agency have already been in Tampa checking Sheriff's Office records in background checks on prospective state employees.

Sheriff Malcolm Beard said yesterday that representatives of the private detective agency which Gov. Claude Kirk has commissioned in his drive against Florida crime had been "looking into the backgrounds of some prospective state employees."

Beard said he thought such checks were healthy and added that many larger companies make similar checks on employees' backgrounds.

"We conduct checks on our own people before we hire them," said Beard. "We check for any criminal record, for unpaid debts and try to find out what their reputation is among their neighbors."

"I think it's healthy."

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, TAMPA (62-256) (P)

DATE: 2/8/67

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: DONALD S. GENUNG
PINELLAS COUNTY SHERIFF
CLEARWATER, FLA.

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On 2/2/67, while conducting investigation in Tampa file 7-137, SA [REDACTED] and SA ROYAL L. BLASSINGAME came in contact with DONALD S. GENUNG, Sheriff, Pinellas County, Fla., and at this time he furnished the following information. He wanted the Bureau to be aware that on 1/30/67, he had held a conference with the Chief of Police, Clearwater, Fla., Chief of Police, St. Petersburg, Fla. PD, and members of the Florida Highway Patrol. He stated that this meeting had been primarily held for the purpose of discussing a survey that he had prepared concerning the failure of the Pinellas County State Attorney and the Pinellas County attorney to prosecute cases. He pointed out that in his survey he had determined that in one year's period of time, 500 cases had been presented for prosecution to the State Attorney who thereafter had only actually prosecuted ten of the 500 cases. He pointed out that 22 cases, which had been prepared for prosecution, had just completely disappeared from the court docket and the files of the State Attorney's office. He pointed out that he did not readily have the results of this statistical survey available but would make same available to SA [REDACTED] at a later date. He stated he had forwarded the results of this survey to the Governor's office of the State of Florida. He stated he thoroughly expected that the Wackenhut Corporation would more than likely be called in by the governor to conduct an investigation concerning this situation in Pinellas County, Fla.

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Sheriff GENUNG at this time stated that he intended to fully cooperate with the Wackenhut Corporation when they were conducting investigations at the direction and instruction of the governor's office. He pointed out that the Florida constitution specifically authorizes the governor to hire investigators and he has hired 18 investigators, all employees of the Wackenhut Corporation to conduct investigations concerning organized crime in the State of Florida. He stated as a state officer, he cannot refuse to comply with the demands of duly constituted authority and in this case, the Governor's office.

At this time, it was pointed out to Sheriff GENUNG that the Bureau's position was very firm in this matter concerning Wackenhut, namely that the FBI would not, under any circumstances make available information to any private detective agency or their employees and accordingly expected that local authorities would not furnish information from their files which they had obtained from the FBI, such as, fingerprint records, etc. Sheriff GENUNG assured SA [] that he would not furnish this type of information but pointed out that in all other respects, he intended to fully comply with the demands of the Governor insofar as cooperating with the Wackenhut Corporation.

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After this discussion, he pointed out to SA [] that the Governor of Florida is presently in the process of organizing a governor-advisory council on crime. GENUNG stated he had been approached at a recent sheriff's convention in Orlando, Fla. by GEORGE R. WACKENHUT, and at this time, WACKENHUT had informed GENUNG that he would be one of two sheriffs to be seated on this council. The council would consist of two sheriffs, and two chiefs of police, and one or two other state officers whom GENUNG did not know. He stated WACKENHUT had indicated to him, however, that DALE CARSON, the sheriff at Jacksonville, Fla. would in all probability be the second sheriff on the council.

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The above information is being furnished for the information of the appropriate files and the SAC.

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Kirk Will Keep Wackenhut Setup

TALLAHASSEE (AP) — Gov. Claude Kirk says he'll keep Wackenhut private detectives in his "war on crime" even if he gains new powers through the Florida Sheriffs Bureau.

Sources in Kirk's administration said Kirk must be completely satisfied he has power over the quasi-governmental agency and that it is adequately staffed and financed before he disbands the controversial Wackenhut Crime Commission.

But in Miami, Kirk said, "I'll never phase out the fight and George will carry on." He referred to George Wackenhut, president of the detective a staff of investigators depu-

KIRK MET in Miami Wednesday with Wackenhut to discuss strategy. The governor declined to say if Wackenhut would use a staff of investigators deputized by Kirk.

"We're going to talk about it some more when I come to Miami for a Lincoln Day dinner speech," Kirk said.

Meanwhile, Sheriffs Bureau Director Ed Yarbrough said Florida sheriffs are not offering Kirk "a state police force," but only asking the legislature to grant Kirk the power to order bureau agents into any county to conduct an investigation.

AGENTS STILL would not have arrest powers.

"I think the sheriffs would rather not be responsible for all of the crime in Florida immediately," said Yarbrough. "Anyway, we certainly don't advocate that."

At present, the governor sits as chairman of a seven-member board which sets policy for the sheriffs bureau. Other members include attorney general and five appointed to staggered two-year terms by the governor.

Agents may carry on an investigation in a county only at the request of the local sheriff.

Yarbrough feels the sheriffs bureau can "break the back of organized crime in Florida," which is what Kirk said he intends for his crime commission to do.

BUT THE BUREAU will need much more men, money and time, he said. It now has 80 employees, but only seven are investigative agents.

The bulk of the bureau's work is the fields of fingerprint identification, criminal laboratory work, keeping tabs on known hoodlums, files on stolen property and arrest records, and teaching the bureau's law enforcement academy.

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Sheriffs Deny Offer To Replace Wackenhut

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Legal changes proposed by the Florida Sheriffs' Association, said Yarbrough, would be subtle, something sheriffs have advocated for years, and had nothing to do with the Wackenhut crime war.

"We didn't do this as a result of the Wackenhut thing," said Yarbrough. "I think some of the press thought we did."

Also yesterday a spot poll of some appointees indicated they don't mind the Wackenhut probes in their backgrounds and one thinks it's a good idea.

DON MEIKLEJOHN, state beverage director, said that "I don't know what all the confusion is about."

"I, number one, think it's a fine idea and, two, encourage any state official to do it," Meiklejohn said when asked about the investigative checks carried out by agents of Wackenhut — who heads Kirk's war on crime.

Meiklejohn, Mrs. Lucille Rogers, Kirk's secretary, and other Kirk appointees were mentioned this week when Mrs. Wilma Sullivan, Leon County elections division supervisor, disclosed that Wackenhut agents had been in her office at least four times

checking the voting and registration records of some 15 persons.

MEANWHILE, sources in the governor's administration said stories based on Kirk's remarks about disbanding the privately-financed Wackenhut crime war "were unfortunate."

Kirk may not do away with the use of Wackenhut Corp. agents after all, said the source, it would depend on whether the

Legislature adequately staffs and finances the sheriffs' bureau.

AFTER FRIDAY'S news conference, Kirk was asked if he thought the sheriffs' bureau could replace the Wackenhut firm if the bureau were given power to go into any county.

"I absolutely do," was the reply. "This gives me the very arm and hand I need. Mr. Wackenhut can then go back to his business."

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Kirk Defends His 'War on Crime'

TALLAHASSEE (AP) — "No one in Florida has anything to fear from the governor's office."

"The governor is in charge of the war on crime," Gov. Claude Kirk said quietly as he fielded a question on George Wackenhut, who heads the controversial Kirk-war-on-crime.

"Mr. George Wackenhut and his investigators are employees of the governor... exclusively the arm of the governor. I've had people, total strangers, come up and thank me for making them feel safe," Kirk said as he discussed the one part of his administration which has drawn the most criticism.

The Republican governor, in an interview with the Associated Press on the month's anniversary of his day in office, said he will make a major speech on the war on crime, and Wackenhut, on Feb. 8 in Miami.

Meanwhile, there's the chores of governor and, Kirk explained his jet-age way of operating: Sudden flights, hastily confirmed appointments and prompt returns to office duties.

Kirk made it clear he con-

siders the private jet flights an integral part of his administration.

"The governor should be able to move. The governor should sell his point, get out of there, and come back," Kirk said. As he spoke, Kirk raised his clenched right fist and brought it down slowly upon the desk.

"I think one of the things I'm pleased with is we have accomplished... a businesslike approach to the mechanics of the office — the jet for example," Kirk said. He said last week's quick visit to St. Louis with the president of McDonnell Aircraft Corp., was a case in point.

Another, he said, was the trip by jet to New York City to help promote Florida citrus products.

"Get up there, sell the citrus and get back to the business of government," Kirk said. "The governor must take an active part in the economics of the state," he said.

"The ESSA thing is typical," Kirk said, referring to the recent visit of an Environmental Science Services Administration team which is seeking a site for a new multi-million dollar oceanographic research center. Kirk made quick trips to see the team.

"I'm scuba diving now," Kirk said. "As I told the ESSA team: 'Have you got another governor who scuba dives?'" (It was confirmed later that Kirk has taken up the sport, but aides would not disclose where he's taken lessons. His bodyguard, Lt. Garland Stafford, is a scuba diving expert.)

Kirk was relaxed during the interview. He wore a blue suit and red and blue tie. A request for the interview had been made four days previously. Press Secretary John Smolko was present throughout the interview.

Kirk apparently assumed office with no pre-conceived notions about how it could be run. He indicated he takes things as they come.

"I think we meet every day as a new day, a new work process, a new learning process," Kirk said.

"Our long range plans have been implemented as we can plainly see. At the end of 30 days we can't see ultimately how they'll result... we see no need to change directions," the governor said.

"We take things as we find them," he said and then suddenly mentioned last Tuesday's cabinet exchange with Secretary of State Tom Adams.

"Such things as finding this conflict of interest," Kirk said. "The press can enjoy its secretary of state coffees. I call it an obvious threat of conflict of interest," Kirk said. "As I find things it's going to be normal to speak about them. Nobody ever had that much nerve," the governor said.

He referred to his criticism of Adams' allowing four office attorneys to "moonlight" — do legal work outside of their state jobs. Kirk made it clear he feels strongly about the matter and feels past governors had not spoken up about such activities.

Kirk was asked when an announcement might be expected on his plans to marry Erika Mattfeld, the blonde Brazilian beauty he introduced to Florida on inauguration night. He said this "depends on the federal courts" and the reapportionment issue.

"What is the news?" Informed of the Feb. 8 hearing, Kirk visibly winced. "Those guys could have moved faster than that. They've been dilatory." "Those guys" was a reference to three federal judges in Miami.

Kirk shows little emotion during an interview, (although he frequently will burst into a laugh). But during normal conversation, serious talks and jokes come without much expression. He uses his hands frequently in making a point — sometimes cupping them together, tapping the desk or waving them. He went "off the record" three times during the interview.

Asked to appraise his first 31 days in office, Kirk indicated he felt it wasn't completely accurate to say 31 days — but more like three months.

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"We want to work on Nov. 3 and have been at it ever since," Kirk said. The governor said that "the team started functioning on Jan. 3. I am very proud of the staff."

Kirk said that, contrary to press reports, he isn't an inaccessible governor.

"I couldn't be more sincere about anybody who wants to talk with me, if they have the interest of six million citizens. This is the function of the governor's office," Kirk said.

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Sheriffs' Bureau Director Denies Agency Offered As Kirk's Police Force'

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The proposal of the sheriffs' association to give the governor power to send the bureau into any county is nearly identical to Kirk's proposal in his "white papers" issued last year.

"During my administration I shall recommend that the sheriffs' bureau be reconstituted so that it will report to the governor and cabinet and that it have power to conduct investigations in any county where there is suspicion of collusion between criminals and public officials and where it may give technical and manpower assistance in special situations," he stated in the papers.

This would allow the Florida Sheriffs' Bureau to become a "Florida bureau of investigation," continued the papers.

Yet the source in the governor's office said it was "absolutely possible" that the Wackenhut crime war would go on indefinitely, even with a more potent sheriffs' bureau, until organized crime in Florida was curbed.

Yarbrough said the idea of converting the bureau into a statewide police agency "has never been discussed" by members of the Florida Sheriffs Association.

"I think the sheriffs would rather not be responsible for all of the crime in Florida immediately," he said. "Any-

way, we certainly don't advocate that."

Authority over the 80-employee bureau is shared by the state and the sheriffs. The controlling body is a seven-member board composed of the governor, who sits as chairman, the attorney general, and five sheriffs appointed by the governor to two-year staggered terms.

At present, the sheriffs' bureau has 80 employees — but only seven investigators — ready to enter a county at the request of a local sheriff.

Yarbrough said the proposed legal change would empower the governor to send the bureau somewhere in the state to investigate crime, but would not add arrest powers for agents.

However, the former Baker County sheriff said he thinks the bureau can "break the back of organized crime."

But he was quick to add it will take time and money.

Other officials feel it will take a substantial amount of money.

The bureau is operating on a \$1.7 million budget, supplied entirely by the state, this biennium. Just to meet its present demands, Yarbrough has proposed 44 new workers and a 1967-69 budget of \$2.6 million.

The agency presently has relatively little to do with investigation. Most employees are engaged in fingerprint identification, criminal laboratory work, keeping tabs on known hoodlums, files on stolen property and arrest records, and teaching the bureau's law enforcement academy.

Two of the seven special agents normally are assigned to some 30 counties in north Florida. The other five are spread almost as thin across south Florida, with two concentrating all of their time to researching the mafia's organization on the lower east coast.

In addition, sensational crimes may demand all of an agent's time for months. One agent has been working on Tallahassee's triple-murder

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Yarbrough said his staff of investigators, technicians, chemists and clerical help is as highly-trained as state salaries permit.

Authorities point out that the bureau's agents start at \$6,600 per year, compared with the FBI base pay of nearly \$8,000.

The bureau was formed in 1958, but officials point to several big crimes it already has solved.

One is the 1955 murder of Palm Beach County Circuit Judge C. E. Chillingworth and

his wife. Field Investigation Chief Emory Williams said the bureau cracked the brutal murder case with "information developed from confidential sources."

Floyd Holzapfel and Joseph Peel were convicted of the crime and are serving life sentences.



Ed Yarbrough.
...Wackenhut not involved

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Wackenhut Agency Enters Manatee Sheriff Investigation

By ROGER ROSS

BRADENTON — Wackenhut Detective Agency investigators, apparently sent at the request of Governor Claude Kirk, have entered the investigation of the Manatee County Sheriff's Department, Sheriff J. Kenneth Gross said Friday.

However, an administrative assistant to the governor would neither confirm nor deny that private detectives were sent by order of the governor.

Two investigators from Wackenhut joined an investigator from the Florida Sheriff's Bu-

reau Thursday in an investigation stemming from the resignation of Lt. William Evers, Sheriff's Department juvenile officer.

"Yet, they came in yesterday," Gross said of the private detectives Friday. "They are from Wackenhut." The sheriff said they had interrogated Evers already and had talked briefly with him.

Statement Today

In regard to a letter addressed to Gross from Assistant State Attorney Earl Cox which was received from Gross

Thursday, the Sheriff said he would have a statement Saturday.

The letter charged Gross's office with incomplete investigations which caused many cases to be not prosessed or declined by the State Attorney's office.

Gross Questioned

When asked whether the Sheriff's Bureau investigator and the Wackenhut men were working together, the sheriff said: "I think together separately." He noted that the sheriff's bureau and Wackenhut men "have been busy."

Gross was questioned by the first investigator to arrive on the scene, Richard Wright of the Sheriff's Bureau, Thursday. "I have no information concerning it (the investigation)," the sheriff said. "I don't suppose they will (tell him anything) until they file a report. I have nothing."

Jack Ledden, administrative assistant to Governor Kirk, stated late Friday when asked whether the governor had sent the investigators to Manatee County: "I couldn't tell you."

"When the governor's office has any kind of an investigation" in progress, Ledden said, "we don't get out a brass band." He said that if the governor had ordered such an investigation of the sheriff's department, the last thing he would want would be publicity.

"Any time in your area," he told the Herald-Tribune in a telephone interview, "a local indictment or suspension is ordered, the local papers will be notified."

Ledden refused to confirm whether or not the Wackenhut detectives were working for the governor.

Refuses Confirmation

Meanwhile the Manatee County grand jury apparently has not entered the investigation of charges of "filth and corruption" in the Sheriff's Department which Evers made in his letter of resignation.

State Attorney Frank Schaub stated Friday the jury had not met "for about a week" indicating that the incident, which

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came to light Tuesday, was not under its investigation at this time.

Gross stated the deputy's resignation apparently stems from a violation of security regulations concerning prisoners which began sometime around the first of the year.

Three jailers at the Manatee County Jail were suspended without pay by Gross at the investigation of the incident. Gross called in the Sheriff Bureau investigator Tuesday to probe the situation.

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Adams Raps Kirk's Method of Fighting Crime in State

By NASH STUBLEN
Tribune Staff Writer

ST. PETERSBURG — A verbal shot at Gov. Claude Kirk's private gangbusting agency was fired here yesterday by Secretary of State Tom Adams.

In an apparent reference to the hiring of the Wackenhut investigative organization, Adams told the Rotary Club here:

"The war on crime is a public responsibility, and, in my opinion, it will require more than a group of private investigators to break the back of organized professional crime in Florida."

Calling crime the "greatest evil" facing the state today, Adams urged the state legislature to create a state crime commission which would work with existing authorities in an investigative capacity.

Local authorities and law enforcement agencies are handicapped by "restricted authority," he said, and the federal government lacks the manpower and jurisdiction. "The state must and will assist," he said.

Noting a board of inquiry and other approaches have been suggested, Adams said, he would support any measure to fight crime providing:

— It is a public agency designed to gather evidence necessary for conviction.

— It is independent . . . yet representative of both the ex-

ecutive and legislative branches of government.

— It is capable of recommending legislation which is "necessary to improve law enforcement."

Adams pointed out Florida, while ninth in the nation in population, is rated third in crime.

"It is a teen-age pastime . . .

and it is an adult profession," he said.

"Either way it is a growing threat to Florida," he added.

As for the teen-age problem, Adams said, the legislature has a challenge to create a division of youth services to establish programs aimed at preventing the growth of juvenile delinquency and to provide for the rehabilitation of offenders.

Other challenges facing the legislature in other areas which the cabinet member cited included:

— Establishment of a water quality control board to curb pollution, set standards for water quality and protect the state's natural wealth as well as public health.

— Creation of a state commission on oceanography to examine the promise and potential of this new and rapidly growing scientific field.

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FLORIDA GOVERNOR'S WAR ON CRIME

Concern Mounts Over Secret Police Force

BY JACK NELSON
Times Staff Writer

MIAMI—Gov. Claude Kirk's privately financed secret police force is causing increasing concern in Florida, not only because of the semipublic approach to his wide-ranging war on crime, but because of the people who are conducting it.

The situation well may ignite into a burning national issue.

Kirk, Florida's first Republican governor in 94 years, appointed the force of private detectives to carry out his campaign promise to conduct a war that would be centered in Florida, but carried out nationwide. Already, investigators are in the field, and Kirk has sought the cooperation of officials in California, New York, Illinois and other states.

Gov. Reagan, who discussed the crime problem with Kirk, says he has no plans to hire a private force in California, but an anticrime bill now before the state Legislature could provide for one.

To head the Florida-based crime-busting operation, Gov. Kirk appointed George R. Wackenhut, a square-jawed, salty-talking ex-FBI agent and self-made millionaire. To finance it, the governor received pledges of funds from business and industrial leaders whose identities have not been disclosed. (Kirk, replying to criticism, said he would identify donors.)

Wackenhut, whose nationwide detective firm has extensive operations in California, is a right-winger with a record of vehement opposition to organized labor.

He has expressed the opinion that

the country would be better off if "all union organizers" and a "goodly number" of union members would "drop dead." Once, after a Wackenhut employe was beaten by a union man, he told an official of his firm to take the law in his own hands if necessary and "form an army and break some clubs over some skulls."

Wackenhut's violent antiunion views and his fears of socialism (asked during a civil trial whether he had referred to the United States as a rapidly developing socialistic country, he replied, "Hell, yes; many times, many times") are documented in inter-office memoranda that are part of a voluminous file in a three-year-old civil case here.

In a recent interview with The Times, Wackenhut said he expressed the antiunion views when "the union was bugging us to death" and said one memo was written in anger because one of his employees

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had been beaten. He still opposes unions, but says, "you can't judge a person's philosophy from things that are developed about a lawsuit."

His firm, the Wackenhut Corp., has had a number of unfair labor practice suits filed against it in the United States and Puerto Rico. On Nov. 10, 1964, a National Labor Relations Board examiner found the firm guilty of an unfair labor practice by firing an employe for engaging in union activities. The company finally settled the case by giving the employe \$3,500 in back pay and offering him his job back.

The Wackenhut Corp. has deep conservative roots. Several well known ultraconservatives are on its board of directors, including Ralph E. Davis of Los Angeles, manager of the firm's West Coast region, a member of the national council of the John Birch Society, and Loyd Wright, also of Los Angeles, who ran unsuccessfully against Sen. Thomas H. Kuchel (R-Calif.) in the 1962 GOP primary. Wright denied being a Birch member, but said he wished "we had 10,000 or 10 million more members like those I know in the John Birch Society."

Hoover Warning

Wackenhut trades heavily on the fact that he and many of his investigators are ex-FBI agents.

FBI director J. Edgar Hoover in 1962 warned his agents of indications that Wackenhut men were implying they were still with the bureau and gave orders they were not entitled to any special information or cooperation.



George R. Wackenhut

(AP Wirephoto)

The nationwide crime problem, as seen by Kirk and Wackenhut, was discussed by the Florida governor with Gov. Reagan in California Jan. 13. Reagan declined to be questioned about the meeting, but a spokesman said Reagan has no plans for a private force and believes police in California "are of the highest caliber."

The spokesman said Reagan is thinking more in terms of bringing in private foundations to assist California's war on crime. Reagan has proposed setting up a California Crime Foundation as a public corporation to be financed and served by private and public sources.

Leaves Way Open

A bill introduced in the California Legislature to implement the proposal leaves the way open for hiring a private detective firm. It provides for a board of directors, com-

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But many are wondering whether serious questions of conflict of interest and possible political manipulations are not raised by programs and proposals to bring private enterprise into a field traditionally left to public law enforcement officers who are accountable solely to public officials.

A look at the Kirk-Wackenhut war on crime gives an indication of some of the problems.

People at the State Capitol in Tallahassee already are finding they don't know whether they are talking to a Wackenhut private eye or a Wackenhut crime buster. Some of the officials and employes there have been questioned by Wackenhut men dispatched by Kirk to investigate the backgrounds of his key appointees.

Wackenhut says he thought this was done as part of the war on crime because the governor wanted to be "sure" of the people around him. However, the governor's office says the investiga-

tions will be financed separately with funds collected at several \$100-a-plate Kirk appreciation dinners held since his election.

Kirk says he will serve as permanent chairman of an advisory group that will handle a trust fund set up to finance the war on crime.

Not everyone at the Capitol takes the Kirk-Wackenhut program seriously.

'Man From C.L.A.U.D.E.'

Legislators joke and peer behind pictures for hidden mikes or cameras. A newspaper headline refers to "Wackencops." Democratic officeholders call Wackenhut "the Man from C.L.A.U.D.E."

But Kirk, in a Lincoln Day talk to the Dade County Republican executive committee here Wednesday night, made it clear that neither jokes nor serious criticism will deter his war on crime. He emphasized that Wackenhut "is and will be my general for four years."

Kirk, an investment broker, met Wackenhut three years ago during an unsuccessful campaign to unseat Sen. Spessard L. Holland (D-Fla.), a conservative Kirk accused of being an "ultra-liberal." Kirk and Wackenhut, both staunch backers of Barry Goldwater in the 1964 Presidential race, became fast friends.

Immediately after his election, the 40-year-old Kirk, who is divorced, took on an ocean cruise aboard Wackenhut's swank yacht Security Risk. With him was the Brazilian beauty he plans to marry Feb. 18, Erika Mattfield, a divorcee.

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Whether the files are kept separate from the firm's own investigative files on some 3 million Americans depends upon Wackenhut's promise that his firm's activities will be divorced entirely from the war on crime. Yet some Wackenhut men are working full-time for the firm and part-time in the state crime fight.

"I've warned the Wackenhut investigators that if they're ever caught using the governor's credentials to get information for Wackenhut they will be immediately dismissed — and they will be," Wackenhut told a reporter.

The governor refuses to identify the investigators in the crime fight, but insists it is not a secret force.

The trust fund administered by Kirk will funnel funds for the investigation into the Wackenhut Corp. Wackenhut says the firm's profits will be "one-third to one-half as much" as it normally receives for investigative services. Even that could be lucrative; Wackenhut himself has written of the "fabulous

profits" in investigative work.

In 12 years Wackenhut has built his firm from an \$89,000-a-year operation into the nation's third largest investigative and industrial security company (behind Pinkerton and Burns). Today it grosses \$23 million, has 5,000 employees and 28 offices in the continental United States, Puerto Rico, Venezuela and Colombia.

Security Business

About 95% of the company's business is furnishing physical security — protection against theft and other crimes, breaches of government security regulations, and fire, accident and other casualties.

The company does investigative work for individuals and businesses, industrial and law firms, and performs related services, including lie detector tests, personnel screening, burglar and fire alarm systems and electronic "sweeping" to detect listening devices. In the Los Angeles area, Wackenhut's staff of 1,000 operates a central station fire and burglar alarm system serving 400 clients.

His 10 largest customers in 1965 were the Atomic Energy Commission, Lockheed Aircraft Corp., Mack Trucks Inc., the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, National Airlines Inc., Republic Aviation division of Fairchild-Hiller Corp., Shell Oil Co., Tidewater Oil Co., Transworld Airlines Inc., and Westinghouse Electric Corp.'s Astro-Nuclear Laboratory.

Used FBI Name

Along the route of phenomenal success, Wackenhut has worked hard, warred with unions and fellow executives, bought out competitors and conducted high-pressure sales

campaigns, in addition to using the name of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to publicize his firm.

In the cloak and dagger business, Wackenhut has a reputation of getting his man. His investigators did the spade work that has Rep. Adam Clayton Powell Jr. (D-N.Y.) in hot water with his colleagues.

In industrial security, Wackenhut recommends that job applicants be required to take lie detector tests and undergo thorough preemployment investigations, and he insists on the same for his key employees.

"Any employer who doesn't investigate his employees is a damn fool," Wackenhut told a reporter.

The Wackenhut firm says it does not conduct industrial espionage, but conducts counter-industrial espionage.

Some of Wackenhut's most volatile labor problems have occurred in Puerto Rico. Ironically, some of his violent comments about organized labor are recorded in a little known civil case involving a breach of contract suit brought against him and his firm by one of his executives in 1963.

The executive, M. Fred Rayne, former vice president in charge of Puerto Rican operations and now an official with the Burns' Detective Agency, lost his suit, but the file of that case in Dade County Circuit Court tells a fascinating story of Wackenhut's rise to power.

Among the evidence introduced by Rayne were several memoranda from Wackenhut complaining of union activities. In one, dated June 15, 1960, Wackenhut, commenting on a report that a Wackenhut guard had been beaten by a Teamster Union organizer in San Juan, told Rayne:

"If the need arises we will even form a 'goon squad' of our own and start to hunt down these assailants and meet out to them many times what they are attempting to meet out to us. If the police can give you no protection against such gangsterism we will take matters into our own hands.

"You have a force in Puerto Rico far exceeding in numbers the force of any group of union organizers. If need be, form an army and break some clubs over some skulls. I am very serious about

this, Fred. We will go down in the annals of union history, if need be, as an organization that will not be cracked through intimidation, beatings or anything else."

Wackenhut urged that guards be given "more than adequate instruction" in the use of the club because "it is the finest weapon, aside from fire arms, known to man. It can beat a knife, fists or any other form of personal encounter."

Another matter raised in the suit by Rayne was the way the Wackenhut Corp. got the Puerto Rican government to exempt it from a new law requiring an hour lunch break for all employees. Wackenhut employed a Miami attorney and a Puerto Rican attorney to confer with government officials and "highly influential industrial leaders" about the law.

Wackenhut got the exemption ("the only company in Puerto Rico that has this deal," Rayne testified) and, according to an inter-office memo, paid a \$2,000 fee to the Puerto Rican attorney. The attorney's time on the matter, according to Rayne, was confined to a two-hour conference with the minister of labor.

Wackenhut, 47, a native of Philadelphia, joined the FBI in 1951 when the bureau dropped its requirements for a background in law or accounting. He had a master's degree in physical education.

After leaving the FBI in May, 1954, he and three other ex-agents founded Special Agent Investigations, Inc., in Miami. The other founders eventually left the firm and in 1958 Wackenhut changed its name to the Wackenhut Corp.

Strapped for Funds

The firm was still relatively small and Wackenhut wrote of being "extremely strapped for operating funds."

Two years later he was complaining of overtime payments to guards in Puerto Rico and wrote Rayne: "Please understand thoroughly that you cannot engage in business and not make a profit—not even for one month dare we operate at a loss."

Meanwhile, the firm was moving into the area of high finance and expanding operations. It purchased Ralph Davis' California-based General Plant Protection Co. and its subsidiaries in 1962 for \$1,024,000 in cash and assumed liabilities. In 1964 it purchased Dawn Patrol, a company furnishing security services in the Los Angeles area, for \$733,000 in cash and assumed the liabilities.

Wackenhut floated the first public stock issue of his corporation in April, 1966, and realized more

than a million dollars in the sale, according to a prospectus which showed he and his wife sold 112,300 shares to underwriters for \$11.60 a share. After the offering Mr. and Mrs. Wackenhut retained voting control of the company and still owned 71.58% of the capital stock.

Wackenhut warns of the Communist menace at home and abroad through a monthly publication, the Wackenhut Security Review. The corporation's 1966 prospectus reported a circulation of 60,000 to clients and friends.

Wackenhut ridicules charges that the publication is a right wing scare sheet.

"All I know is if you're vocal on any point at all you're branded as an extremist," he said. "I'm a pro-American who genuinely feels there is a threat of communism within and without."

Left-Wing Critics

Wackenhut says criticism of him since he accepted the crime post has come largely "from the left wing and the pretty far left wing at that." And Gov. Kirk says opposition to his war on crime has come "from the press, not from the people." He advised Wackenhut, "Let me suggest that you only worry about the people, George."

Kirk is right. So far the people have said little about how the governor and his general are waging their war on crime. But the issue is beginning to catch fire.

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Kirk's 'Secret Police' May Ignite National Issue

By JACK NELSON

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MIAMI — Gov. Claude Kirk's privately financed secret police force is causing increasing concern in Florida, not only because of the semi-public approach to his wide-ranging war on crime, but because of the people who are conducting it.

The situation well may ignite into a burning national issue.

KIRK, Florida's first Republican governor in 94 years, appointed the force of private detectives to carry out a campaign promise to conduct a war that would be centered in Florida, but carried out nationwide. Already, investigators are in the field and Kirk has sought the cooperation of officials in California, New York, Illinois and other states.

Gov. Ronald Reagan, who discussed the crime problem with Kirk, says he has no plans to hire a private force in California, but an anti-crime bill now before the State Legislature could provide for one.

To head the Florida-based crime-busting operation, Kirk appointed George R. Wackenhut, a square-jawed, salty-talking ex-FBI agent and self-made millionaire. To finance it, the governor received pledges of funds from

been disclosed. (Kirk, replying to criticism, said he would identify donors.)

WACKENHUT, whose nationwide detective firm has extensive operations in California, is a right-winger with a record of vehement opposition to organized labor.

He has expressed the opinion that the country would be better off if "all union organizers" and a "goodly number" of union members would "drop dead." Once, after a Wackenhut employe was beaten by a union man, he told an official of his firm to take the law in his own hands if necessary and "form an army and break some clubs over some skulls."

Wackenhut's violent anti-union views and his fears of socialism, asked during a

civil trial whether he had referred to the United States as a rapidly developing socialistic country, he replied, "Hell, yes; many times; many times") are documented in inter-office memoranda that are part of a voluminous file in a three-year-old civil case here.

His firm, the Wackenhut Corp., has had a number of unfair labor practice suits filed against it in the United States and Puerto Rico. On Nov. 10, 1964, a National Labor Relations Board examiner found the firm guilty of an unfair labor practices by firing an employe for engaging in union activities. The company finally settled the case by giving the employe back his job and a

THE WACKENHUT Corp. has deep conservative roots. Several well known ultra-conservatives are on its board of directors, including Ralph E. Davis of Los Angeles, manager of the West Coast region, a member of the national council of the John Birch Society, and Loyd Wright, also of Los Angeles, who ran unsuccessfully against Sen. Thomas H. Kuchel, R-Calif. in the 1962 GOP primary. Wright denied being a Birch member, but he said he valued "We had 10,000

or 10 million more members like I know in the John Birch Society."

Wright and another Wackenhut director, Gen. Mark Clark (USA, ret.), also served as members of the national strategy committee of the American Security Council, which conducts educational programs about "Communist conspiracies" and serves

member companies by checking out job holders and applicants for subversion and other failings.

ANOTHER DIRECTOR is Edward V. Rickenbacker, retired board chairman of Eastern Airlines, who has crusaded against the income tax, the United Nations and other irritants of the right wing.

Wackenhut trades heavily on the fact that he and many of his investigators are ex-FBI agents.

FBI director J. Edgar Hoover in 1962 warned his agents of indications that Wackenhut men were implying they still were with the bureau and

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The nationwide crime problem, as seen by Kirk and Wackenhut, was discussed by the Florida governor with Gov. Reagan in California Jan. 13. Reagan declined to be questioned about the meeting, but a spokesman said Reagan has no plans for a private force and believes police in California "are of the highest caliber."

The spokesman said Reagan is thinking more in terms of

bringing in private foundations to assist California's war on crime. Reagan has proposed setting up a California crime foundation as a public corporation to be financed and served by private and public sources.

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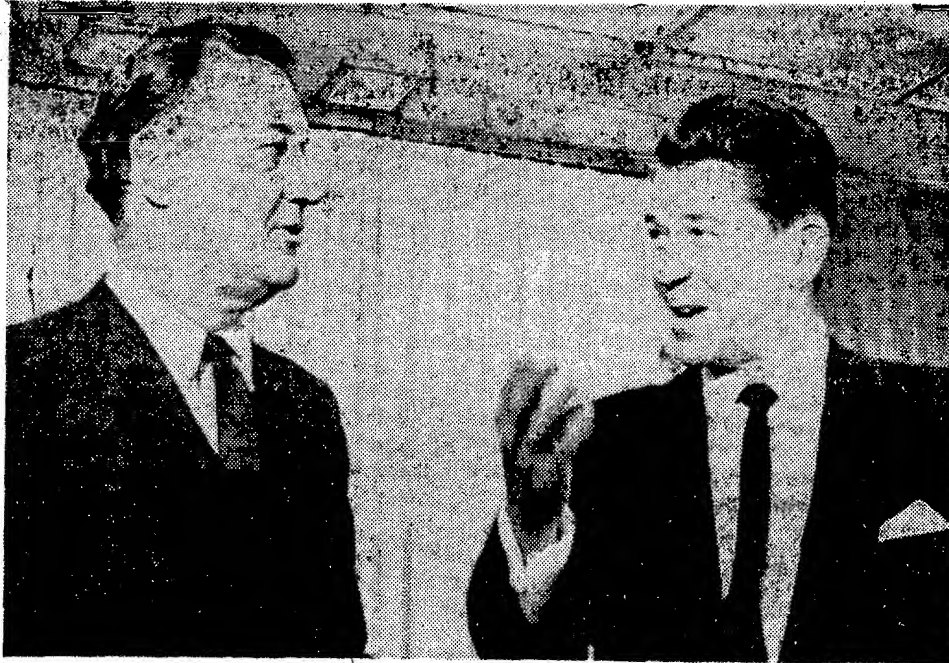
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— Kirk (Left) At Meeting With California's Gov. Reagan —



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— Wackenhut Discusses His Assignment —

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Kirk's Crime Buster Hires Press Agent



George Wackenhut

to "inform" public

TALLAHASSEE (UPI) — The Chief of Gov. Claude Kirk's war on crime made a double-barreled bid yesterday for increased public support of hiring private detectives to seek out state lawbreakers.

Miami private investigator George Wackenhut, the man Kirk selected to head up the fight against crime, hired a former newspaper man "to keep the public informed" about the governor's on crime and tell citizens how they can continue to help the program.

He also made public a Coral Gables telephone number which he said citizens could call to relay information that might be helpful to law officers, either public or private. Wackenhut said the number was 445-9636, adding that no collect calls would be accepted at the number.

Wackenhut, in a prepared statement released by the governor's office, said a new "citizens' awareness program" would be headed up by former Miami News magazine editor Mike Thompson. The 27-year-old Thompson, who will make speeches in support of the crime fight, was an unsuccessful Republican candidate last November against Democratic incumbent Congressman Dante Fascell of Miami.

"It will be Thompson's task through speaking engagements and other means to keep the public informed on the war on crime and how citizens can continue to assist it," Wackenhut said.

"The citizens' awareness program is one of the most important parts of the campaign since it is impossible for law enforcement to be fully successful unless it has the wholehearted and enthusiastic support of private citizens."

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Kirk Vows End Of Crime

Gov. Claude R. Kirk says he will administer the law and that "we will wipe out crime" in Florida.

Defending his controversial use of the Wackenhut fleet of private investigators, the governor told a Governor's Day audience here yesterday he has set this guideline:

"The Wackenhuts will always work for the governor's office and the governor will always work for the people — not the press."

MANY SEGMENTS of the Florida press have questioned Kirk's reliance on the private investigating firm to help wage his war on crime.

As he did in his inaugural address last month, Kirk told the Governor's Day group he also will combat the crime of "inaction — of not seeking full advantage of every potential" available to the state and all its people.

"As your governor, I assure you we . . . will fight that crime every day."

KIRK, FIRST Republican governor of Florida in this century, said he will give awards for crime fighting, law enforcement and for other achievements.

Calling Florida a "go-go state," the visiting official said it can become the jet, oceanographic, thought and research center of the nation and the world.

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Wackenhut Aide Quits; 'Cruel Hoax'

MIAMI (P)—Hank Messick, who quit The Miami Herald to take a top-echelon job with the Wackenhut Corp., yesterday said the privately financed war on crime is a "cruel hoax upon the people of Florida."

Messick is a former contract rackets writer for The Herald. He resigned his post with the private investigative firm Wednesday and yesterday issued a one-paragraph statement to newsmen quizzing him about the circumstances around his resignation.

The statement, in full:

"I quit the Wackenhut Corp. because I have reluctantly concluded a cruel hoax is being perpetrated upon the people of Florida. This is the only statement I have made and the only one I intend to make at this time. Later, at the right time and place, I expect to have more to say."

The Wackenhut Corp. is under contract with Gov. Claude Kirk to investigate organized crime and corruption in government. Messick, whose exposes led to grand jury action in south Florida, joined the firm after resigning from The Herald Dec. 13.

Wackenhut issued an even briefer statement in rebuttal. "I do not find it necessary to dignify Mr. Messick's remarks with a reply," was all he would say.

Messick joined Wackenhut before Kirk announced his privately financed war on crime. Wackenhut was first approached by Kirk on the matter three days after Kirk was elected.

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Wackenhuts Said In Manatee Probe

BRADENTON (AP) — Manatee County Sheriff Kenneth Gross' office is under investigation by the Florida Sheriffs' Bureau and, he says, by private detectives sent by Gov. Claude Kirk who like Gross is a Republican.

Ten members and former members of the sheriff's department also have been subpoenaed to appear before a grand jury that holds sessions daily.

Gross himself requested the sheriff's bureau probe, after a near veteran of the department, Lt. Bill Evers, resigned in a public blast against "a department that is filled with corruption as is our state."

EVERS DID not go into specifics in his letter to Gross, with copies to Gov. Kirk and The Bradenton Herald. The ex-lieutenant is one of the persons subpoenaed.

Others include three jailers indicted by Gross after Evers leveled his charges, several other officers resigned or were suspended.

Gross is Manatee County's Republican sheriff. The former Bradenton police lieutenant was elected in 1960 and reelected in 1964.

The sheriff's department was criticized in a letter to him from Asst. State Atty. Gen. Cox of Bradenton for alleged

ineptness and laxity in preparing cases.

Cox said the sheriff's staff had provided "absolutely no evidence" to support murder and assault charges against a migrant farm worker — who thus far has not been brought to trial.

Sheriff Gross said he has been working on some information which would justify his department in matters mentioned by Cox.

"I thought I had all those things Cox mentioned squared away with Frank Schaub (state attorney) back at Christmas time," Gross said recently.

"At present, the whole situation remains status quo. The Wackenhut men are working with the sheriff's bureau investigators on the charges made by Evers and I don't know, maybe this other thing too."

The "Wackenhut men" was the sheriff's designation of agents of George R. Wackenhut's private investigative firm. Wackenhut was named by Kirk on the governor's inauguration day as head of the governor's privately-financed crime-fighting campaign.

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Ramifications Of Gov. Kirk's Crime War

Gov. Kirk's privately financed anti-crime effort is receiving more and more national attention. Here is an evaluation by award-winning reporter Jack Nelson of the Los Angeles Times.

By JACK NELSON

Special To The Times From The Los Angeles Times

ATLANTA — The political, ethical and civil rights ramifications of Florida's privately financed, secret police force may soon dwarf the problem the force was recruited to solve — organized crime.

The same problem is real, and Florida Gov. Claude Kirk is under a campaign obligation to do something about it. But by turning the job over to a private detective agency, instead of seeking additional government powers to deal with the problem, he has opened a Pandora's box of conflicting vested interests and has raised serious concern about infringements on individual rights.

By saying his war on crime will be waged in Florida, but waged throughout the country with the cooperation of state and federal law enforcement agencies, Kirk, Florida's first Republican governor in almost a century, has made it a national issue.

AUTHORITARIAN governments are notorious for their secret police organizations, of course, but governments of the United States have always assiduously eschewed such forces. The country has even been willing to tolerate the inefficiencies of overlapping local police units in order not to centralize police systems and run the risk of their developing into a national police force that might eventually evolve into an agency of political investigations.

And with few exceptions (such as Grand Jury investigations where outside sources sometimes are retained for investigative work), Americans of this century have insisted that law enforcement be left to government officers whose names are on public payrolls, who are accountable solely to public officials and who are controlled by special laws and regulations. The days of bounty hunters

and vigilantes are long buried in history books.

But Gov. Kirk has set up a strange system that breaks with this tradition. And if he is not just "using" the name of the FBI, as his crime war general, George R. Wackenhut, often has done in promoting his private detective agency, the national government wants to aid his secret police force.

For Kirk says "conferences have been held with FBI officials, the Treasury Department and Internal Revenue agents for the purpose of receiving their cooperation. All have shown a desire to join in a mutual effort to rid Florida of one of its greatest problems — organized crime."

IN SOME QUARTERS there are fears the war on crime, which is being financed mostly by business and industrial leaders, also could be aimed at organized labor. Or at other irritants of some of the sponsors. Perhaps even business competitors.

Would the investigative records of the FBI and the Treasury Department and the income tax records of the Internal Revenue Service be opened to the privately financed investigators? What would prevent the use of information gained therefrom for purposes other than criminal investigations?

Access to confidential files of state or federal law enforcement agencies could be a tremendous business boon to any agency. It also could result in wide-

spread harassment of private citizens and invasion of privacies because much of the information in confidential files is raw material — opinions, hearsay and unsworn conclusions.

WACKENHUT HAS given his assurance, of course, that files developed by his crime-busters will be kept separate from those of his firm. But there is no way to erase the information gained from confidential files from the minds of Wackenhut's state agents who also will handle civil cases and other private detective work for the firm.

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The specter of political persecution is bound to be great in any situation where privately financed police, whose identities remain unknown to the public, are charged with official investigative responsibilities.

A fear of some Democrats in Florida, a state with few Republican office holders, is that, if information developed by Wackenhut's men cannot be used to convict them in court, it can be used to convict them in political campaigns.

THE SOURCE of funds for the crime war creates several potential conflicts of interest. Kirk's office reported that even before he took office he was assured of adequate financing by business and industrial leaders and that, before he began actively soliciting, money was pouring into the war chest.

Kirk and Wackenhut both have vested interest in the crime war, of course. The

governor is trying to make a name for himself in national GOP circles. Wackenhut is trying to make his firm — the nation's third largest private detective and industrial security business — "the No. 1 professional investigative agency in the country."

Kirk, an investment broker, seems oblivious to any conflicts of interest. He says he is mystified by criticism of the financing because it is designed to save the state money.

It also is designed to make money for his personal friend, Wackenhut, whose firm will be paid for investigative services through a trust fund set up to handle contributions and disbursements. Kirk plans to serve as chairman of an advisory committee appointed by himself to administer the fund.

AND WHAT ABOUT the pressure of the governor's office—either exerted or implied — to get businessmen and industrialists to contribute to the fund?

Firms that either do business with the state — or are licensed by it — might feel obligated to contribute regardless of whether they agree with the program. They also might feel it wise to hire the Wackenhut agency for plant security or some other service.

Kirk and Wackenhut may not be concerned about such questions of conflict of interest, but some of Florida's law enforcement officials are. Several police chiefs have said they will deny Wackenhut men access to their confidential files.

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3 Democrats Attack State Crime Fight

By RICHARD NELLIUS
Of The Times Staff

Pinellas County's primary campaign moved ahead yesterday with three Democratic hopefuls sharply attacking Gov. Claude Kirk over his private crime fighter, George Wackenhut.

Clearwater lawyers Emory Brown and John Duffy questioned the Wackenhut arrangement in remarks before the Mid-County Democratic Club.

Duffy was concerned about the legality of the relationship and possible invasions of privacy. Brown flatly called Kirk's move a return to "feudalism when there were private police reporting to only one individual."

BOTH BROWN and Duffy urged strengthening the existing enforcement agencies. And Brown hit at Kirk's repeated campaign promises to reduce crime and the cost of living.

"The records fail to show any reduction in crime or prices," Brown said, "or any ending of the war in Vietnam. These were the main Republican planks last November, when their candidates avoided discussion of Florida problems."

Brown is in a primary battle with Joseph F. Desmond, a Clearwater marina operator, for the Group 50 House seat.

Duffy is in a three-way primary battle for the Group 54 House post, and at least one of his opponents — Robert P. King of Redington Beach — agrees with him about Wackenhut.

KING SAID the public has the right to know:

"What was Kirk's relationship with Wackenhut (head of a private detective agency) before running for governor? Were there any previous dealings be-

"How much did Wackenhut or any of his associates contribute to Kirk's campaign? Why was Wackenhut picked for the job? Were there any other candidates considered? Who are the private contributors?"

Duffy issued a legislative platform saying "the attorney general, as the state's chief law enforcement officer, should direct and coordinate the Sheriff's Bureau in a statewide war on crime."

He also urged safeguards from "the indiscriminate use of wiretapping and other eavesdropping devices."

THE THIRD candidate in the Group 54 primary race, Eugene Glennon of St. Petersburg, pledged to fight for an "exemplary educational system," build highways where needed, improve state services, end the intangible tax and begin a comprehensive study of the state's over-all tax structure.

Desmond, meanwhile, issued a statement urging a "hard look" at Florida's insurance laws.

"The insurance financial responsibility law is now being used as a club by insurance companies to arbitrarily raise the cost (of insurance) to soaring proportions," Desmond charged.

"I have been reliably informed by automobile owners who have been forced to pay exorbitant rates to keep their automobiles . . . that slight infraction of the law have been used as a subterfuge to raise their rates," Desmond added.

ON THE REPUBLICAN side, Robert C. Mitchell, a St. Petersburg insurance man running in the GOP primary against State Sen. Henry B. Saylor, issued a platform proposing stronger regulation of private rest homes, nursing homes and other

facilities for the aged; creating separate Junior College School Boards; expanding the present university system; strengthening laws to protect consumers, and calling for a severance tax on spoil material dredged from bay bottoms to restrict indiscriminate filling.

Mitchell is to attend a coffee today at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Harold Grundset, 14298 Hettrick Circle W., Largo.

SAYLOR, meanwhile, replied to a series of questions from Clayton C. England, president of the Florida State Employees Association. Saylor said he favors expanding the state's civil service system to cover more employees, and having the state share in the cost of employee group insurance.

R. Samuel Rileigh, Belleair Shore mayor who is opposing State Rep. Mary Grizzle for the GOP nomination, told a group of supporters:

"My opponent has a record of attending many meetings and accomplishing nothing."

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Word To Law Enforcers: Aid Wackenhut

By Times Staff Writer

A form letter under Gov. Claude Kirk's signature has been sent to state law enforcement officials asking them to cooperate with George R. Wackenhut in the "War on Crime."

"Appropriate assistance should be given to him (Wackenhut) when requested," the letter says.

The letter dated Feb. 20 asks "all state and local law enforcement officials including sheriffs, constables, chiefs of police, state attorneys, county prosecutors and investigatory and enforcement bodies of state government" to assist Wackenhut's investigators.

A pamphlet reprinting articles which have appeared in the St. Petersburg Times and Miami Herald about Wackenhut is sent along with the letter.

Officials receiving the letter will be informed that Wackenhut is an "official member of my (Kirk's) staff and has been vested with the necessary powers for directing the War on Crime."

Wackenhut and his investigators are responsible to and are to report only to Kirk, according to the letter.

The letter says Wackenhut has been instructed to cooperate with the local law enforcement agencies to "the fullest extent possible."

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Wackenhut Corp: Sprawling Sleuth

Times Bureau

WASHINGTON — The private police force that Gov. Claude Kirk has hired to purify the Sunshine State must be one of the most fertile business ventures ever.

In just a dozen years, four private eyes have multiplied into a force of 4,200.

It opened as a four-man agency in 1954.

Today, the Wackenhut Corp. is a sprawling super sleuth doing an estimated \$23-million business every year.

"It is such a fast-burning business rocket that it is still something of a mystery to a number of people in the investigative field," reported author Vance Packard when he wrote his "Naked Society" in 1964.

But Packard hadn't seen anything yet. The Wackenhut

Corp. of 1964 had barely caught fire — in the two years since, it has gone international and redoubled its income.

Today it's No. 3 in its field — behind Burns and Pinkerton — and trying harder than ever.

One of the more interesting parts of the growth is that founder George Wackenhut seems to have managed to keep the better part of it in his own pocket.

In 1954, Wackenhut was an ex-FBI man, striking modestly into free enterprise with his four-man agency.

Today, that agency lists assets of more than \$6-million and did an estimated \$23-million business last year — and Wackenhut still should personally own at least 70 per cent of it, according to records on file with the Securities

and Exchange Commission here.

IN 1965, the last year for which financial records of the corporation are yet available, Wackenhut and his wife should have realized more than \$600,000 — They held 750,000 shares of stock and profits were 86 cents a share.

Last year, Wackenhut finally parted with a block of stock, but still retained about 70 per cent.

Included in the sale was a group of shares, owned personally by Wackenhut and his wife, that were worth \$1.3 million at the advertised sale price.

LATER in the year, according to reliable reports, a rise in the value of Wackenhut Corp. stock would have increased the value of shares still held by Wackenhut by about \$2.5 million.

Some of the increase came after widespread state and national publicity surrounding Kirk's appointment of Wackenhut to fight the state's crime war.

From its founding to 1958, no one much noticed the young Wackenhut business.

Probably the most conspicuous thing that happened in those years was a contempt of court conviction for allegedly telling a reluctant witness a previous conversation had been taped, when it really hadn't.

THE WACKENHUT star must have been rising in 1958, when he first incorporated, and certainly was on the way up in 1960 when he formed a second corporation.

The second corporation got him around a legal block to contracting for guard services with the U.S.

By 1961, the first year for which public records of Wackenhut's total business are available, he had more than 1,000 employees and turned over \$5.4 million in business.

Today, by his own account, Wackenhut does about 40 per cent of his business either directly with the federal government or under subcontracts

with other government contractors.

Packard, in his "Naked Society," blamed a large measure of Wackenhut's success on the "FBI label," but said it wasn't necessarily so.

IN CHAPTER 2, entitled "Five Forces Undermining Our Privacy," Packard states:

"All its announcements, and all public reports about it that I have seen, have stressed the fact that it was founded by ex-

special agents of the FBI and is led by an ex-FBI man.

"This is correct," Packard continues.

"But the client signing a large contract with Wackenhut Corp. in the expectation that he would be getting the exclusive services of ex-FBI men would be disappointed. In 1961 less than 1 one per cent of its total staff was listed as ex-FBI men in the membership directory of the society of former special agents of the FBI," wrote Packard.

He reported, however, that the FBI label had a particular value in the politics of getting government and private contracts in the not too competitive and flexible area of guard services.

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He quotes reports that "a high percentage of industrial security officers," who have some sway over things like guard contracts, are ex - FBI men.

When Wackenhut was charged on the Senate floor yesterday with being involved in politics, that charge was grounded largely on the monthly "Wackenhut Security Review," started in 1961 when business was prospering; and some politically active directors, oriented toward the right, some of whom joined during a business lull in 1964.

Indications are that the Security Review, an anti - Communist sheet that's usually the most immediately controversial thing about Wackenhut, hasn't been the success someone first had hoped that it would be.

THE FIRST edition boldly told how extra copies could be purchased and ventured that soon "millions" of people would be reading the Security Review.

Indications are that the sheet circulates about 60,000 copies, all unpaid, today.

One edition reported Communists are people "who continually lie, murder, cheat and steal, who break agreement after solemn agreement and then blandly maintain they have done no wrong." It said the Communists consider "morals" a "trick of the bourgeoisie to keep the proletariat in bondage."

Directors of the corporation, who apparently joined more out of dedication than profit motive because the latest available reports indicate they own almost no stock, include several right-leaning persons and one John Birch Society leader.

RALPH DAVIS, Los Angeles, is a director of both Wackenhut and the Birch Society; Loyd Wright, an attorney from Los Angeles, has said he's not a Bircher but he believes the nation could use 10-million more people like Birch members; Eddie Rickenbacker, a war hero now prominent in commercial aviation and for his advocacy of things which include abolishment of the income tax and the United Nations; Gen. Mark Clark, who's known as somewhat of a conservative, and Stanley J. Tracy, a former FBI executive who's been associated with Wright.

The politics of most of the other directors, who mostly are industrialists and big businessmen, aren't known.

Although most of Wackenhut's business has been, and still is the relatively unglamorous task of providing suited guards, he's looking more and more like a private FBI.

A little over a year ago he went international.

He reports business in virtually every part of the U.S. and 27 established offices.

NOW WACKENHUT has been exposed to publicity all over the nation through his association with Kirk. When people think of private detectives, a lot more will think about Wackenhut than ever before.

For sleuthing — where profits are higher than in just guarding — he's built a lie - detector division, and claims to have crime laboratory facilities.

But probably the most important is his massive file on individuals.

He claimed last April to have dossiers on 2.5-million persons, and was adding to the file at the rate of 10,000 names a month — at that rate he would now have about 3-million names in his file list, more than 1 per cent of all the people in the U.S.



AP Wirephoto

George Wackenhut: A Booming Business

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Senator Raps Kirk's Crime War

By HAROLD RUMMEL
Times Bureau

WASHINGTON — A Wisconsin senator flayed Gov. Claude Kirk and his crime war yesterday, citing "innocent citizens" and "secret, police state tactics."

Sen. Gaylord Nelson lumped Kirk's war with five other recent "deplorable developments," and called for reform.

He said all six share "secrecy and dishonesty."

The Wisconsin Democrat said he sees a "developing trend" in the CIA scandals, widespread wiretapping, the U.S. Information Agency subsidizing authors, General Motors' probe of author Ralph Nader, industrial spying and Kirk's crime war.

"I think we have reason to be gravely concerned as to

whether the United States of America, perhaps unwittingly and unwittingly, is veering away from its traditional role as a free society and drifting toward a passive acceptance of the repulsive practices of a police state," he declared.

Nelson hit hard at the right-wing political connections of the Wackenhut Corp., the big private police firm hired by

Kirk to war on crime in Florida.

He charged that George Wackenhut "is deeply involved in politics, both national and international."

SEN. NELSON, press secretary Smolko said that the senator's office has no comment on these statements.

Nelson cited a 1955 contempt conviction of Wackenhut for "intimidating a witness," said his "board of directors include members of the John Birch Society" and others active in politics and cited government guard contracts.

"Now this gigantic organization, with its tentacles involved in politics and other affairs over much of the globe, has gone to work for a high

public official. Presumably it will have access to all police files, FBI files and other material generally available only to responsible public officials."

Nelson cited the CIA using ruthless tactics because Communists are ruthless, and Kirk using "a good, free enterprising corporation ... for a job that needs doing."

"WE CANNOT conquer communism or crime by adopting Communist or criminal tactics," he declared.

Nelson recalled how "the president of General Motors has assured us that he did not know that his firm (was) probing into every aspect of the personal life of Ralph Nader," who wrote critically of Detroit safety standards.

"I am sure we will soon hear of something done by the Wackenhut Corp. of which the governor of Florida was bliss-

fully unaware," he added.

"It is not enough to say that 'It couldn't happen here.' These recent developments have shown that it can — without our knowing it."

HE SAID past and present developments "show that democratic institutions cannot control police-state tactics once they are set in motion."

"If secret agents are given millions of dollars to dispense in secret, if investigators are allowed to break into homes and install eavesdropping devices, then the people given these special, secret powers become a kind of new government all their own."

"That is why the secret police in Germany and Russia became so powerful, once they were allowed to do things which were outside the law and forbidden to other agencies."

"ONCE THEY acquired these powers and gathered their secret information, they became a law unto themselves," Nelson said.

He called for a congressional inquiry into the use of "police-state tactics," urging all levels of government and private enterprise to immediately abandon use of the tactics.

Nelson said wiretapping should be limited to cases involving national security, all private bugging should be outlawed with stiff penalties and the CIA jurisdiction and methods of supervision should be overhauled.

He said wiretapping in the interest of national security, including supervision of organized crime, would require court authorization and be subject to annual review by Congress.

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... 'developing trend.'

Director, FBI

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**THE WACKENHUT CORPORATION
GOVERNOR'S WAR ON CRIME**

Today [] presently an employee of The Wackenhut Corporation and formerly an Agent of the Bureau, contacted me and advised that The Wackenhut Corporation is having difficulty getting information from local law enforcement agencies. [] said he is fully familiar with the Bureau's regulations but he said he does feel they are being hampered by not getting information from local law enforcement agencies.

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He said they have four or five excellent cases as far as local corruption is concerned and they intend to proceed on these cases in the near future. He stated the Governor recently contacted GEORGE WACKENHUT and advised him that he wanted to proceed against the hoodlums in Florida and requested that he get full background on them. [] said, of course, not having any inroads into this information, it would be almost an impossible situation.

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[] said it was a situation that has to be resolved. I pointed out to [] the Bureau's regulations in connection with the dissemination of information to private investigative agencies and told him we were precluded by law. He said he fully realized the Bureau's position and stated it is his understanding and he gave me this information confidentially.

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Governor Calls Question 'Political'—

Faircloth Challenges

Kirk's War on Crime

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TALLAHASSEE (UPI) — Atty. Gen. Earl Faircloth said yesterday Gov. Claude Kirk's privately-run war on crime was "fraught with danger" and could be illegal, but Kirk accused Faircloth of playing politics in the midst of a legislative election campaign.

"This is all political. There is a campaign on, you know," Kirk said.

"I can't help it who wants to be head of the Democratic Party," said Kirk in apparent reference to attacks on him in recent days by Faircloth and two other members of the All-Democratic state cabinet.

Faircloth earlier had said that giving private detectives access to secret files could lead to "terrorism," and a "police state." He urged Kirk to seek a ruling from the State Supreme Court on the relevance of using private investigator George Wackenhut in his agency in the war on crime.

Kirk said he had not seen Faircloth's full statement, "but I don't think he's said anything new — it sounds political to me. I think we can go ahead."

"We have been trying to bend over backwards to follow the law," said Kirk. Asked if he thought the Wackenhut anti-crime campaign was on solid legal ground, he replied, "We know we are."

Faircloth said "agents of the governor, private or public, have no more legal right to examine and-or copy confidential police files than any other citizen."

This was the opinion he used as the vehicle for his whole denunciation of the Wackenhut deal.

His opinion was requested by Tampa Chief of Police J. P. Mullins, who wanted to know if he should make police records available to Wackenhut agents on the governor's payroll.

Faircloth's announcement is the second blow to a Kirk proposal in as many days. On Wednesday, State Insurance Commissioner Broward Williams knocked in the head a scheme under which the governor had made a campaign aide, Jack Behringer of Fort Lauderdale, his agent to handle group insurance of state employees in agencies under the governor's office.

Williams said it was illegal and could not be done.

~~Senator~~ ~~Wackenhut~~ ~~advised~~

The governor is required by the constitution to see that the laws are faithfully executed, Faircloth said. But his power in this respect is limited severely.

"The mandate to see that the laws are faithfully executed does mean that the governor enforces the laws at his will and discretion or that he must have agents of his own nomination in order to execute the mandate.

"Rather," Faircloth added, "the origin, history and philosophy of the American form of government lead me to the conclusion the people of Florida and their legislature have placed responsibility of protecting and preserving the peace and enforcement of the criminal laws upon the sheriffs of the state."

The investigative, inquisitorial, accusatorial and prosecuting functions and powers are vested in the grand jury, state attorneys and the courts, he said, and "denied to and withheld from the governor."

The grand jury is the bulwark and guardian of the people's rights and liberties, he said.

He said the legislature not only provides for appointment by the governor of officers not specifically provided for

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in the constitution but also must fix their duties.

He cast doubt on legality of the governor's plan to set up a trust to hold private donations to his crime war and from which agents will be paid.

There is no law authorizing establishment of any private trust for the purpose of paying investigative personnel of the governor employed in "criminal and political investigations," he said.

The governor's agents not only seek out crime, but have checked on the background, including voting record, bank accounts and moral character of most of the personnel hired in the administration, from the state beverage director down to secretaries.

Faircloth said only the legislature can decide how, when and for what purpose public money shall be applied in carrying on the state government.

"Employment and use of private investigators, paid from private sources with their job rights and security divided between an agency of the government and private enterprise, is fraught with danger to both the citizens and their government," the attorney general said.

He urged the governor to use his authority to get an advisory ruling from the su-

preme court justices on any matter involving his duties and powers to determine the legality of the private eye.

plan for investigators paid from unknown sources.

He also suggested that Kirk lay his plans before the leg-

islature in April and ask "both the authority and sufficient funds to carry out his purposes."

Kirk has said he will make public the names of contributors to the war on crime just as soon as a trust fund is established and he gets a ruling from the government on whether contributions are tax-deductible.



Tampa's Mullins
... asked for ruling

(Suggested letter or Memorandum to local and state officers and officials
from Governor)

I originally announced in my inaugural address that I had appointed Mr. George R. Wackenhut as the Director of the War on Crime to be launched immediately by the Governor. I also stated that I had authorized Mr. Wackenhut to obtain the necessary investigative personnel from The Wackenhut Corporation.

This is to advise you that Mr. Wackenhut is an official member of my staff and has been vested with the necessary powers for directing the War on Crime. I have commissioned a number of investigators and will commission others as needed in the future to perform investigations under the direction of Mr. Wackenhut and under the authority of my office. Both Mr. Wackenhut and these exclusive investigators are responsible to and are required to report in full to the Governor only.

Mr. Wackenhut has been instructed to cooperate with and operate through locally constituted law enforcement and prosecuting agencies to the fullest extent possible.

I want to call upon all state and local law enforcement officials including sheriffs, constables, chiefs of police, state attorneys, county prosecutors, and investigatory and enforcement bodies of the state government to extend their fullest cooperation to the Director of the War on Crime and his official representatives. Appropriate assistance should be given to him when requested.

It is through the united efforts of all concerned that we will be successful and I pledge to you my utmost support in your endeavors to eradicate crime from this great state of ours.

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(Letter to all law enforcement officials to be sent by G. R. Wackenhut)

The Governor has previously advised you of my status as a member of his staff for the purpose of directing the Governor's War on Crime and of his authorization to employ investigators. I wanted to hasten to advise you that all of the activities in this War on Crime will be carried out in cooperation with and through regularly constituted law enforcement officers and agencies who have jurisdiction.

I firmly believe that law enforcement should be primarily a local responsibility and that the sheriffs offices and police forces and the local prosecutors are the first line of defense in this War against the criminal element and I intend to proceed accordingly. I further firmly believe that law enforcement officers and prosecutors are honest and trustworthy except where the opposite is proven in specific cases.

The War on Crime cannot be won without the support and assistance of all of the state and local law enforcement agencies and I expect to do my part in promoting such cooperation.

Sincerely,

G. R. Wackenhut
Director



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GOVERNOR

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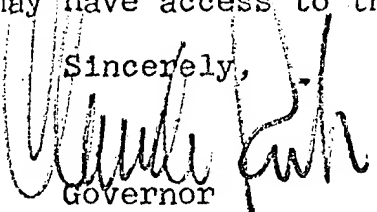
Mr. George R. Wackenhut, Director
The Governor's War on Crime
3280 Ponce de Leon Boulevard
Coral Gables, Florida

Dear Mr. Wackenhut:

Since the reports and correspondence prepared by you and the personnel employed by you on the Governor's War on Crime are the property of the Governor's office, you are instructed to maintain them separate and apart from the files of the Wackenhut Corporation. The files concerning the Governor's War on Crime are to be released to no one without my permission.

You are further instructed to prepare and utilize the necessary administrative and security procedures to insure that the files accumulated on the Governor's War on Crime are maintained not only separately but also in a secure manner so that no unauthorized person may have access to them.

Sincerely,


Governor

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WACKENHUT CORPORATION
GOVERNOR'S WAR ON CRIME

Enclosed are two copies of a letter directed to GEORGE WACKENHUT by Governor CLAUDE KIRK and two copies of a memorandum sent the Governor by WACKENHUT. The memo by WACKENHUT has been signed by the Governor and is being mailed to all state and local officers.

This matter will be followed.

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Trust Fund for Crime Fight Delayed

TALLAHASSEE (UPI)—Establishment of a trust account for deposit of private donations to Gov. Claude Kirk's war on crime campaign is being delayed by the application to the federal government for tax-exempt status, an aide to Kirk said yesterday.

Meanwhile, an aide to Atty. Gen. Earl Faircloth said that office is checking the legality of the donated funds and would report "soon." The statement came amid reports that the cabinet or the legislature would have to

approve the financing of the war on crime if it is to be legal.

Jack Ledden, the assistant in charge of coordinating the war on crime between the governor and his investigators, said most of the paper work has been completed in forming the trust foundation.

An advisory committee and board of directors has been recommended to the governor but names will not be made public until the foundation is chartered.

Nor will the names of contributors to the private trust fund that will finance the hundreds of thousands of dollars in expenses for the big investigative arm being directed by George Wackenhut, a former FBI agent and head of the nation's third largest investigative agency.

Kirk wants contributions to the fund to be deductible, and this application is being processed by federal authorities which so far had not let the state know its decision, Ledden said. Meanwhile, contributions

are being held in a special bank account in Tallahassee, labeled War on Crime, Claude Kirk, trustee.

He said disclosure of the contributions is not being held up because of a lack of response to the governor's call for donations from private business.

The plea got a boost over the weekend when General Telephone Co. president Fred Learey, who also is Kirk's president of the Council of 100, disclosed he has written about 130 Florida businessmen urging them to contribute.

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FAIRCLOTH TO COMMENT ON PROBE

War On Crime Legality Studied

TALLAHASSEE (P) — Florida Atty. Gen. Earl Faircloth has been studying questions on the legality of Gov. Claude Kirk's controversial "War on Crime" for some time and will comment on his investigation soon, it was learned yesterday.

A spokesman for the attorney general said, however, that Faircloth would have no comment now on a Miami News story saying that the War on Crime will require approval from the State Cabinet or the Legislature before it can be legal.

"There's been a lot of people asking about its legality," said the spokesman, who declined to identify those who had made queries about the privately - financed anti - crime campaign. The questions, he said, generally have been on the legality of using a private organization for war on crime.

FAIRCLOTH has said previously that it's a very delicate responsibility and should be exercised by officials of the state. He said that "at the very least" the names of donors to the campaign should be made public.

The Miami News said that a portion of the state's financial resources gives full control of money matters for "purposes authorized by law" to the comptroller, Budget Commission or Legislature.

George Wackenhut, head of the private detective agency that is in charge of the crime war, said he had not received any money to finance his investigations for Gov. Claude Kirk, the News said. Wackenhut said he had been underwriting the



EARL FAIRCLOTH
... people are asking.

cost so far through personal loans, the paper said.

IN A MIAMI speech Feb. 8, Kirk said private donations to finance investigations by Wackenhut agents would be funneled through a trust foundation with Kirk as permanent chairman. The proposal has never been presented to the Budget Commission, which is the State Cabinet, for a vote.

Kirk has made it clear repeatedly that his crime war is an undertaking of the state. He says the Wackenhut detectives will be agents of the governor's office.

Last night in St. Petersburg, Kirk said, "If you check the record — total research has been done. The governor has total authority and the governor is exercising that authority. I don't blame the Democratic party and newspapers for being embarrassed, but I will go ahead and meet the crime need."

Trust funds or agreements are permitted under subsection (b) of the law, which also says,

"The Budget Commission shall have the power and authority to approve the establishment of any trust fund it deems necessary to preserve the integrity of any moneys received or collected by a state agency for a specific use or purpose."

TWO SECTIONS of another law permit Kirk to hire investigators as former governors have done. Formerly, however, investigators have been paid from funds appropriated for operation of the governor's office, or his contingency fund.

Section 14.06 of the statutes says, "And the governor is further authorized to employ such persons as may be required from time to time to make such investigations as may, in the judgment of the governor, be necessary or expedient to efficiently conduct the affairs of the state government, especially to make investigations and report of matters concerning taxation and finance throughout the state."

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For the information of the Bureau and recipient offices, the Florida Intelligence Unit is having a meeting in Orlando, Florida, on March 16 and 17, 1967. On March 16 at 9:30 a.m. there will be an open meeting which will be held for the benefit of all law enforcement agencies. The speaker will be GEORGE WACKENHUT, Director of Florida Governor CLAUDE KIRK's war on crime. In addition, WACKENHUT will hold a question-and-answer period. The senior resident agent at Orlando has been invited to attend this meeting, which should last until about 12 noon.

I am aware of the Bureau's policy of not participating in meetings of the Florida Intelligence Unit. Therefore, even though the invitation to attend that portion of the meeting which is open has been extended, the senior resident agent has been instructed to advise that due to other commitments he will not be able to attend UACB.

The Bureau will be kept advised of what occurs at the open meeting as well as the closed meetings through contacts with established sources.

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CLAUDE R. KIRK, JR.
GOVERNOR

Dear Sir:

I originally announced in my inaugural address that I had appointed Mr. George R. Wackenhut as the Director of the War on Crime to be launched immediately by the Governor. I also stated that I had authorized Mr. Wackenhut to obtain the necessary investigative personnel.

This is to advise you that Mr. Wackenhut is an official member of my staff and has been vested with the necessary powers for directing the War on Crime. I have commissioned a number of investigators and will commission others as needed in the future to perform investigations under the direction of Mr. Wackenhut and under the authority of my office. Both Mr. Wackenhut and these exclusive investigators are responsible to and are required to report in full to the Governor only.

Mr. Wackenhut has been instructed to cooperate with and operate through locally constituted law enforcement and prosecuting agencies to the fullest extent possible.

I want to call upon all state and local law enforcement officials including sheriffs, constables, chiefs of police, state attorneys, county prosecutors, and investigatory and enforcement bodies of the state government to extend their fullest cooperation to the Director of the War on Crime and his official representatives. Appropriate assistance should be given to him when requested.

It is through the united efforts of all concerned that we will be successful and I pledge to you my utmost support in your endeavors to eradicate crime from this great State of ours.

Sincerely

[Signature of Claude R. Kirk, Jr.]
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Kirk's 'Secret Police'

By JACK NELSON

Special To The Times
From The Los Angeles Times

MIAMI — Gov. Claude Kirk's privately financed secret police force is causing increasing concern in Florida, not only because of the semi-public approach to his wide-ranging war on crime, but because of the people who are conducting it.

The situation well may ignite into a burning national issue.

KIRK, Florida's first Republican governor in 94 years, appointed the force of private detectives to carry out a campaign promise to conduct a war that would be centered in Florida, but carried out nationwide. Already, investigators are in the field and Kirk has sought the cooperation of officials in California, New York, Illinois and other states.

Gov. Ronald Reagan, who discussed the crime problem with Kirk, says he has no plans to hire a private force in California, but an anti-crime bill now before the State Legislature could provide for one.

To head the Florida-based crime-busting operation, Kirk appointed George R. Wackenhut, a square-jawed, salty-talking ex-FBI agent and self-made millionaire. To finance it, the governor received pledges of funds from business and industrial leaders whose identities have not been disclosed. (Kirk, replying to criticism, said he would identify donors.)

WACKENHUT, whose nationwide detective firm has extensive operations in California, is a right-winger with a record of vehement opposition to organized labor.

He has expressed the opinion that the country would be better off if "all union organizers" and a "goodly number" of union members would "drop dead." Once, after a Wackenhut employe was beaten by a union man, he told an official of his firm to take the law in his own hands if necessary and "form an army and break some clubs over some skulls."

Wackenhut's violent anti-union views and his fears of socialism (asked during a



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Wackenhut Discusses His Assignment

civil trial whether he had referred to the United States as a rapidly developing socialistic country, he replied, "Hell, yes; many times; many times") are documented in inter-office memoranda that are part of a voluminous file in a three-year-old civil case here.

His firm, the Wackenhut Corp., has had a number of unfair labor practice suits filed against it in the United States and Puerto Rico. On Nov. 10, 1964, a National Labor Relations Board examiner found the firm guilty of an unfair labor practices by firing an employe for engaging in union activities. The company finally settled the case by giving the employe \$3,500 in back pay and offering him his job back.

THE WACKENHUT Corp. has deep conservative roots. Several well known ultra-conservatives are on its board of directors, including Ralph E. Davis of Los Angeles, manager of the West Coast region, a member of the national council of the John Birch Society, and Loyd Wright, also of Los Angeles, who ran unsuccessfully against Sen. Thomas H. Kuchel, R-Calif. in the 1962 GOP primary. Wright denied being a Birch member, but he said he wished "We had 10,000

or 10-million more members like those I know in the John Birch Society."

Wright and another Wackenhut director, Gen. Mark Clark (USA, ret.), also served as members of the national strategy committee of the American Security Council, which conducts educational programs about "Communist conspiracies" and serves

member companies by checking out job holders and applicants for subversion and other failings.

ANOTHER DIRECTOR is Edward V. Rickenbacker, retired board chairman of Eastern Airlines, who has crusaded against the income tax, the United Nations and other irritants of the right wing.

Wackenhut trades heavily on the fact that he and many of his investigators are ex-FBI agents.

FBI director J. Edgar Hoover in 1962 warned his agents of indications that Wackenhut men were implying they still were with the bureau and gave orders they were not entitled to any special information or cooperation.

The nationwide crime problem, as seen by Kirk and Wackenhut, was discussed by the Florida governor with Gov. Reagan in California Jan. 13. Reagan declined to be questioned about the meeting, but a spokesman said Reagan has no plans for a private force and believes police in California "are of the highest caliber."

The spokesman said Reagan is thinking more in terms of

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bringing in private foundations to assist California's war on crime. Reagan has proposed setting up a California crime foundation as a public corporation to be financed and served by private and public sources.

A **BILL** introduced in the California Legislature to implement the proposal leaves the way open for hiring a private detective firm. It provides for a board of directors, composed of public and private officials, which could "retain and employ technical and other specialized consultants on a contract basis or otherwise."

Kirk's hiring of Wackenhut was made against a background of growing concern here — as elsewhere in the nation — over the increase of crime in the streets and the growing power of organized crime.

But many here are wondering whether serious questions of conflict of interest and possible political manipulations are not raised by programs and proposals to bring private enterprise into a field traditionally left to public law enforcement officers who are



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Kirk (Left) At Meeting With California's Gov. Reagan

accountable solely to public officials.

Not everyone at the Capitol takes the Kirk - Wackenhut program seriously.

LEGISLATORS poke and peer behind pictures for hidden mikes or cameras. A newspaper headline refers to "Wackencops." Democratic officeholders call Wackenhut

"The Man from C.L.A.U.D.E."

Wackenhut, by accepting the \$1 a-year crime post from Kirk, has brought his firm invaluable national publicity. The stock of his firm jumped \$2 a share soon after the announcement. Rival detective-industrial security firms have complained privately that the aura of authority and

political connections of the crime post give the Wackenhut Corp. an unfair competitive advantage.

But Wackenhut also has opened himself and his firm to searching questions concerning the public's interest in the unusual undertaking. For he is now a public official. In the firm's main office in Coral Gables, a plush Miami suburb, is the headquarters of the war on crime and the depository of investigative files it develops — files which Wackenhut says will be state property.

Wackenhut: What I

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seizure laws may not apply to private individuals.

"If a cop breaks into a house and catches me in bed with a broad, that can't be used in court against me. But if my wife does the same thing, it's a different story and it can get into a divorce case."

"If a policeman beats somebody over the head, then the state or the county or the city is liable. If a private citizen does the beating, it's a different matter. I know where I stand with a policeman. I know my rights and his authority. I don't know that with a private investigator."

Wackenhut says Simon is badly misinformed. "We're not a private police force. The 23-man squad working for the governor doesn't carry firearms; they have no arrest power, no subpoena power, no search and seizure power."

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"WE HAVE ONLY one objective — one function — to investigate. To gather information. Some people have tried to make us out as police, prosecutor, judge and jury all in one. We aren't."

"If any of my men break the law in any way, even the slightest, they'll be dismissed and I'll see that they're prosecuted. If a private citizen breaks into a home or roughs up another citizen, he can be charged with breaking and entering or assault. It would be hard to make that charge against a policeman carrying out an investigation. The public may actually have more safeguards."

Simon also points out that virtually every civil rights law in the country protecting citizens from abuses by policemen involves the policeman acting "under color of law."

The laws were written to protect private citizens from governmental officers who stepped beyond their legal authority, and were able to do it because of the power of their badge.

Wackenhut says civil rights laws would apply fully to his agents. Each man on the special squad has received a signed commission and credentials from the gov-

ernor. Although he is not paid by the state, he is acting on behalf of the governor, under the governor's authority.

Because he is commissioned, anything he does for the governor is under "color of law," Wackenhut maintains.

Article IV, Section 6 of the Florida Constitution directs the governor to "take care that the laws be faithfully executed." The constitution gives him the power to suspend all officers not liable to impeachment for misfeasance, malfeasance, neglect of duty, drunkenness, incompetency, or the commission of a felony.

Wackenhut cites Florida Statutes, Chapter 14.01 — "The governor may employ as many persons as he, in his discretion, may deem necessary to procure and secure protection to life, liberty and property."

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IN CHAPTER 14.06, the governor is authorized "to employ such persons as may be required from time to time to make such investigations as may, in the judgment of the governor, be necessary or expedient to efficiently conduct the affairs of the state government."

Wackenhut says the entrenchment of organized crime in Florida is a threat to life and the property of private businessmen who cannot compete against the unlimited money and muscle tactics of organized crime when it invests in legitimate business.

The question of how Wackenhut will be paid has raised many eyebrows. Wackenhut, as director, will receive \$1 a year from the state.

His agents, however, will be paid from money donated by private individuals and corporations. Critics have asked if one group of racketeers might not contribute to finance a crackdown on their competitors.

The financial arrangements had not been ironed out when Kirk announced his private financing plan in his inaugural speech.

Wackenhut says there was simply not enough time. He had met Kirk during his 1964 senatorial campaign, and wrote a letter to him during last year's campaign which was never answered.

They ran into each other at a political gathering last summer. Shortly before the Nov. 8 election, Kirk approached Wackenhut and told him, "You and I are going to run the criminals out of this state."

Wackenhut relished the idea, but still knew no details. In December, they met to begin planning. "Why private funds?" Wackenhut asks. "Because he didn't have any public funds. And he didn't want to wait until April for the Legislature to grant them. He wanted to begin carrying out his campaign promise the day he took office."

★ ★ ★ Coming Furor Not Foreseen

NEITHER KIRK nor Wackenhut realized the furor the private financing would cause. At a Lincoln Day dinner here last week, Kirk announced that a non-profit trust corporation will be created in the next few weeks.

With five prominent Floridians as a board of directors, the trust will accept donations and supervise spending, with both contributions and expenses published and available to the public.

The books will be audited. Wackenhut says Kirk explored running the money through the state controller's office, but so many legal complications were involved the idea was scrapped.

Wackenhut's corporation will be paid on a cost-plus basis. In the accounting system for his firm, Wackenhut is able to determine the exact cost for any investigation run by any of his 28 offices.

Wackenhut declined to say what his profit percentage will be, only that he will be paid 30 to 50 per cent less than his fee for private clients. The going rate for

private investigators in the Miami area is \$100 a man a day.

Many people have wondered if the information gathered for the governor might not end up in the company's files, for future use by Wackenhut in investigations for other clients.

"Absolutely not," Wackenhut snaps. He has moved his Miami investigators into another building, blocks away. The War on Crime squadroom is a tightly packed, newly paneled upstairs section of his building at 3280 Ponce de Leon Blvd. A little sign on the door reads "Authorized Personnel Only."

★ ★ ★ Access to Files One-Way Street

THE FIRM'S regular files, including information on 2.5 million individuals, are downstairs. Information in those files is accessible to the anti-crime squad, Wackenhut says, but it is a "one-way street."

"Under no circumstances is information from the War on Crime files to be used for other purposes. It would be grounds for immediate dismissal."

Agents with credentials from the governor have also been told they'll be fired should they use them for any other purpose. Investigators in the regular Wackenhut organization have been told to make it clear in their investigations that they are NOT working for the governor.

Three attorneys are available to review evidence gathered by the War on Crime squad. "They will advise my men, just as a U.S. attorney advises federal investigators, on what elements are needed to prove a criminal case."

"They will also advise the governor when they feel the evidence is sufficient for him to suspend a corrupt official."

Serving on the squad are former FBI agents who fought organized crime in

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KIRK CALLS OPINION 'POLITICAL'

War-On-Crime' Legality Challenged By Faircloth

TALLAHASSEE — Atty. Gen. Earl Faircloth said yesterday that Gov. Claude Kirk's private "war-on-crime" was "brought with danger" and could be illegal. Kirk, in turn, accused Faircloth of playing politics during a legislative election campaign.

"This is all political. There is a campaign on, you know," Kirk told newsmen as he declined to return to Tallahassee after his wife's bride. "Goodbye as I board a plane to Rio."

"I can't help it who was the head of the Democratic Party," said Kirk in apparent reference to attacks on him in recent days by Faircloth and two other members of the all-Democratic State Cabinet.

Faircloth said yesterday that giving private detectives access to state records would lead to "terrorism" and "police state." He said he would seek a ruling from the Supreme Court on the legality of private investigators like George Wackenhut and others for the "war on crime."

Kirk said he had not seen Faircloth's full statement, "but I don't think he's said anything new. It sounds political to me. I think we can go ahead."

"We have been trying to bend over backward to follow the law," said Kirk. Asked if he thought the Wackenhut anti-crime campaign was on solid legal ground, he replied, "We know we are."

Faircloth said, "Agents of the governor, private or public, have no more legal right to examine and/or copy confidential police files than any other citizen."

A mandate to enforce the laws given the governor doesn't mean he can put together his own police force, Faircloth said in an advisory opinion requested by Tampa Police Chief J. P. Mullins.

He also said the use of private investigators "is fraught with the possibility of danger to citizens . . . raises the specter of fearful ghost . . . centuries past and . . . creates the atmosphere of and climate for a police state."

Noting his opinion was limited to consideration of general legal principles, Faircloth advised Kirk to seek a State Supreme Court ruling and ask the 1967 Legislature for "such authority and funds as he conceives will be necessary to carry out his purposes."

KEY POINTS in the awaited opinion were:

✓ Kirk's agents "have no more legal right or authority to examine . . . confidential police files than any other citizen."

✓ The law does not permit Kirk to create new positions in excess of those authorized by the Legislature.

✓ Even if it did, "serious questions arise" as to the legality of paying such employees "by

private subscriptions from unknown sources."

✓ The law does not permit setting up a private trust fund such as Kirk envisions for financing the war-on-crime for paying employees engaged by the governor in "criminal and political investigations."

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Faircloth said he agreed with Kirk's desire to rid Florida of organized crime, but thought it should be done through legal bodies such as state attorneys, grand juries and the courts.

He said, "We must not allow the Democratic House — or Republican, if you will — to be burned down in order to get at the rats."

FAIRCLOTH said there is no constitutional or statutory provision making the governor a peace officer. No law says he can enforce criminal law, apprehend criminals, detain or prosecute criminals, issue subpoenas, said the attorney general.

Tracing many cases in U.S. legal history, Faircloth concluded enforcement powers are vested "upon the several sheriffs of the state."

"By so doing," he continued, "the people have denied to and withheld from the governor any such executive and administrative responsibility or power."

Giving secret police the right to pry through confidential files leads to usurping the rights of citizens, he said.

IT CAN eventually reach the point where the secret police agency "is above and beyond the very law that created it, and the disciple becomes the master," he added.

Faircloth said, "Such is the nature of the NKVD (secret Russian police), the Gestapo and every secret policing organization in the history of civilization."

The attorney general apologized to Chief Mallins for "this much detail" in his answer, but said he hoped "it will help to dispel many of the concerns of the general public evidenced by the growing comments from citizens generally."

Kirk has said he will make public the names of contributors to the war on crime just as soon as a trust fund is established and he gets a ruling from the government on whether contributions are tax-deductible.



EARL FAIRCLOTH

... sees 'fearful ghosts.'

IN MIAMI, Dade County Republican chairman Paul O'Neill came to the governor's defense with a statement accusing Faircloth of being "in the forefront of those denouncing this tax-free effort to rid the state of crime."

O'Neill asked of Faircloth, "Why do he and his party leaders fear an investigation that will only bring harm to criminals or those who abet criminals by corrupting the public trust?"

He charged Faircloth had "accomplished almost nothing in the way of reducing crime," and that the crime rate had gone up under Democratic administrations.

"I submit that Faircloth is throwing up a smokescreen. For some reason he doesn't welcome an impartial, comprehensive investigation. I suggest that he and his fellow Democrats are either incapable of or not inclined to do the job themselves."

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Still Considering Anti-Crime Billboards

TALLAHASSEE (UPI) — Gov. Claude Kirk said Thursday he is still considering using billboards showing the yellow hand of crime menacing Florida cities in his war on crime and disputed claims of tourist officials that this might scare away visitors to Florida.

State Development Commission Chairman C. W. Beaufort and Executive Vice President of the State Chamber of Commerce Harold Cole had both said they understood the yellow hand planned by the Wackenhut Corporation as part of its anti-crime campaign had been shot down. But then George Wackenhut, head of the Miami detective agency, and later Kirk said they were wrong.

"IT'S ON A CONTINUED look and see basis," Kirk said in Miami when asked whether the yellow hand program was off or on.

He said it was "very definitely" under consideration. Kirk added that, "it's not going to scare any tourists here, or

course. It will make them feel safer — if anything."

"Anyway, these billboards are not going to be where tourists can see them! Only where residents can see them," Kirk said. Wackenhut earlier had disputed Beaufort's report that the billboards had been canceled.

"The billboards are still in the process of being prepared. I don't know why he said that. It's not involved in the war on crime. It's just a misunderstanding," said Wackenhut in Miami.

"Tell him not to get excited. Anybody who says the billboard plan has been dropped is wrong," said the detective agency head.

BEAUFORT SAID earlier the billboards featuring the hand would scare tourists to death. They'd take one look and go back over the Georgia border."

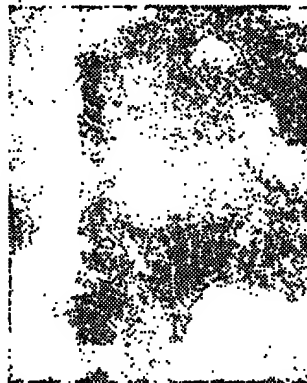
Beaufort was appointed to the Development Commission by Kirk to build up Florida's tourism as well as try to bring new industry to the state.

On Kirk's suggestions, Beaufort said, he called Wackenhut and was assured the billboard campaign would be talked over with Beaufort and kept in moderation.

Wackenhut had announced plans to erect nearly 900 billboards around the state showing a great yellow hand threatening the skyline of a metropolis. In glaring white against an ominous black background the skyline and the hand would be the word, "Crime." The hand would be some appropriate slogan, such as "Crime Does Not Pay."

"I TOLD the governor I thought this would be a serious mistake, that this scare type advertising and it would scare the tourists to death," said Beaufort.

"The governor told me to contact Wackenhut. I called Wackenhut and he told me that actually no decision had ever been made ahead with this project. He said the publicity about the picture and made it sound like it was definite."



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Wackenhut Says Agents Not Police

MIAMI (AP) — While the furor over Gov. Claude Kirk's use of Wackenhut Corp. agents in his war on crime escalates, the field marshal of the forces maintains that his men "are in no sense private and in no sense a police force."

Said George Wackenhut, former FBI agent now of the Wackenhut Corp., whose investigators "carry credentials" that they have been commissioned by the governor to wipe crime out of the Sunshine State:

"They have no police powers. They have no powers of arrest. They have no authority to carry firearms. They have no power of search and seizure."

These, he says, have been "salient points of the governor's war on crime."

Still, however, their use fighting crime has set Florida ailing.

Atty. Gen. Earl Faircloth, Democrat under a Republican governor, questioned the legality of Wackenhut agents' intentions, if any, to gain access to confidential police files.

Faircloth made a statement in an advertisement in the Tampa Police Journal. J. R. Mullins, who is head of

stand yesterday not to open any confidential police files to Wackenhut agents.

Mullins said he would make the files available only to "lawfully constituted law enforcement agencies who are authorized to see them."

To Gov. Kirk, who made a campaign issue of crime in his successful uphill battle against Democrat Robert King High, there is nothing illegal about using Wackenhut agents and sponsoring them with private donations.

"He's (Faircloth) just saying the same things he's been saying," Kirk replied to Faircloth's opinion. "He doesn't say it's illegal. It's all a series of double negatives."

In another development, a circuit court judge yesterday issued an injunction against Atty. Gen. Gordon Oldham Jr. and his use of private Wackenhut agents in a probe of Dixie County officials' bank statements.

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Legal Question Mark

ATTORNEY General Earl Faircloth has dropped a crucial legal question mark across Governor Kirk's use of a "private police force" to fight crime in Florida.

In fact, he has raised doubt whether any Governor's agents, private or public, currently can be empowered to perform "investigative, inquisitorial, accusatorial and prosecuting" functions.

The issue is not whether the Governor's (or any other) fight on crime is a worthwhile battle. Obviously, it is. The issue is simply whether the fight is conducted legally.

Faircloth suggested that if the Governor wants to continue exercising an investigative arm from his office, he should tell the Legislature what he has in mind and seek "both the authority and sufficient funds to carry out his purposes."

ANTICIPATING Kirk's disagreement on his advisory opinion, the Attorney General challenged the Governor to obtain a ruling from the State Supreme Court.

Although Kirk may not be anxious to test the legal ground on which he has consistently taken a stand, along with his Wackenhut Corporation investigators, somebody else undoubtedly will test it sooner or later.

When the Governor's use of private agents, by a privately-collected trust fund, comes under judicial scrutiny, the issue should be settled. As matters now stand, law enforcement officials widely in their reactions to "Wackenhut men."

The opinion came in response to an inquiry from Tampa's Sheriff J. P. Mullins on whether he should open his department's confidential files to the Wackenhut agents working for the Governor.

The Attorney General replied that they "have no more legal right to examine and-or copy confidential police files than any other citizens." On the basis of this advisory, Mullins said the files would be closed.

However, Hillsborough County Sheriff Malcolm Beard has shrugged off the legality questions as "a mountain . . . being made out of molehill" and said he will cooperate with Wackenhut investigators "in everything."

Well, the "molehill" may be of some moment, if the Supreme Court agrees with Faircloth's appraisal. For a legal cloud may overhang all the actions of the private probers.

Governor's investigators (on the public payroll) have been justified in the past by the Constitutional provision that the Governor see to it that the state's laws are carried out in good faith.

But the Attorney General now declares that this power to oversee is limited severely. Faircloth suggests investigators would be legal only if empowered by the Legislature with specific duties.

He also points out that there is no law authorizing the creation of a private trust to pay for "criminal and political investigations" by employees of the Governor.

ALTHOUGH Faircloth's opinion has been dismissed as "all political" by Governor Kirk, the Attorney General's points may well carry weight in court. The state would be benefited by a State Supreme Court answer to his legal question mark.

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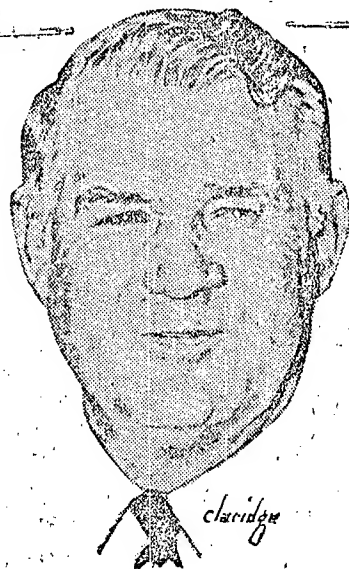
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Wackenhut Firm's Gross Revenues Up

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MIAMI (P) — The Wackenhut Corp., which is handling Gov. Claude Kirk's "war on crime," achieved a 26.3 per cent increase in gross revenues for 1966, President George Wackenhut reported today.

Gross revenues for the year ended Dec. 31, 1966, were \$22,427,303, compared with \$17,755,544 for the same period in 1965.

Net income — after taxes — for 1966 was \$670,184. Comparable 1965 figure was \$665,757.

Commented Wackenhut:

"The reasons for the small improvement in net income, despite the large gain in gross revenues, were increased costs — especially those related to the opening of new offices which represent investments for the future, the expansion of our management personnel to direct our enlarged operations, and increased costs due to the overall tight manpower situation."

The Wackenhut Corp. and its wholly owned subsidiaries, Wackenhut Services, Inc., and Wackenhut Electronics, Inc., have 30 offices in the U.S. and Puerto Rico and two companies 50 per cent or more owned by Wackenhut in Venezuela and Colombia.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
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Dear Mr. Hoover:

Florida Gov. Claude R. Kirk has designated the Wackenhut detective agency as his special consultant and representative in a "War on Crime."

There has been considerable reaction ~~through~~ throughout Florida to the concept of a private detective agency working under the sanction of government and supported by private subscription.

The Florida Attorney General has since ruled that the detective agency has no standing other than that of any other private citizen in obtaining access to private police files.

The ruling was requested by Tampa Police Chief J.P. Mullins.

Tampa Mayor Nick Nuccio said one of the reasons the attorney general's opinion was sought was that FBI records are on file in the police department and that opening them to the detective agency would endange the department's standing with the FBI.

Question: What is the position of the F.B.I. in relation to cooperation with the Wackenhut Detective Agency as a representative of Florida Gov. Claude R. Kirk? Are the Bureau's files open to the Wackenhut agency? What would be the Bureau's position if local police agencies made F.B.I. records available to the Wackenhut Agency? Have you issued any instructions to special agents in Florida covering these situations?

Thanking you in advance for a prompt reply,
sincerely,

Willard F. Cox

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Mr. Willard F. Cox
The Tampa Tribune
Box 191
Tampa, Florida 33601

Dear Mr. Cox:

In response to your letter of March 3rd inquiring about the Wackenhut detective agency having access to FBI records, I want to make it clear that the files of this Bureau are confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice and that the FBI does not make its files available to this company.

The receipt of FBI identification records by duly authorized law enforcement agencies is, under Congressional enactment and ruling of the Attorney General, subject to cancellation if such records are used for other than official purposes. All police agencies are aware of this situation which exists to prevent the misuse of arrest records.

I trust this will clarify our position. Should you have any questions about the Departmental ruling on this matter, you may desire to direct them to the Attorney General.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Crime War Aide Flails The Times

Times Bureau

DUNEDIN — "Is Erika finking on her husband?"

Mike Thompson, who heads up the new "Citizen Awareness Program" in Gov. Claude Kirk's widely criticized war on crime, asked the question during a talk here yesterday before the Dunedin Rotary Club.

Thompson blasted The St. Petersburg Times for reporting after Kirk's inauguration that the governor said the list of private contributions to finance the program would be "secret."

Thompson retorted the governor hadn't said that in his address and had granted no press conferences from that time until after the Times editorial appeared.

Thompson suggested the only way the Times could have come up with such a quote was to have smuggled someone along to the governor's brief honey-moon, or, he asked, "is Erika finking on her husband?"

Thompson's talk was entitled "The War Against the War on Crime," and he spent quite a bit of his time rapping press coverage of the governor's program. He said much of the criticism is not based on fact but on opinion and misinformation. Thompson charged, "Some newspapers are not telling all the truth about Governor Kirk."

Speaking a few feet away from Pinellas County Sheriff Don Cerning, who was a guest at the head table, Thompson said the Florida Sheriff's Bureau couldn't have headed up the program because it can't conduct investigations in counties not authorized to do so.

Thompson raised the question of whether Atty. Gen. Earl Faircloth was ignorant of the law or engaging in politics when he gave an opinion that agents of George Wackenhut, who Kirk has hired to fight the early battles of the "crime war," have no more right to see the records of the Tampa Police Department than any other citizens.

Thompson disagreed on the basis the agents are acting for the governor and not for Wackenhut in the investigations.

The onetime Miami News Sunday magazine editor, who was briefly on the Wackenhut payroll before taking his present post, defended the governor's quick action in retaining Wackenhut by suggesting a wait, until the investigation could have been sanctioned by the Florida Legislature, might have delayed the "war" until next January.

Thompson said he welcomes criticism of the war on crime and thinks it is necessary for the program to function properly.

He said the so-called secret list of financial contributors to the "war" eventually would be published, just as soon as a ruling on tax deductibility of gifts could be determined.

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Remove the Shackles

THE REACTION of the Florida Sheriff's Bureau and sheriffs individually to a crime survey report that there "is a virtual absence of statewide assistance or correlation of law enforcement efforts" is better understood in a political than a law enforcement context.

It is natural for Bureau Director Ed Yarborough to defend his agency, and especially to point out that his budget request to the 1967 Legislature includes many items, such as a uniform crime reporting system, urged by the Committee on Law Enforcement and Administration of Justice, which is part of a national crime study sponsored in Florida by Attorney General Earl Faircloth.

It is equally natural for sheriffs such as Hillsborough Sheriff Malcolm Beard to come to the defense of the Bureau. The Bureau is the sheriffs' creation. They were responsible for the provision that the Bureau can enter no case except by invitation of local law enforcement officers; sheriffs traditionally oppose a statewide law enforcement agency with power to investigate and act where the need is, with or without invitation.

Sheriff Beard's assertion that law enforcement can be handled adequately on a local level falls in the face of virtually all the evidence. The existence of Federal law enforcement agencies to fight interstate crime is argument enough that surely some state agency is needed to combat inter-county crime. But the committee survey noted, too, that many state officials and bureaus have law enforcement duties but are "almost totally void of powers" of enforcement.

There is, further, the fact that there may exist situations which local law enforcement officers either will not or cannot handle at the local level.

Given the resources and the authority, we do not doubt that the Sheriff's Bureau or a similar agency could detect, from the information channeled to it from

throughout the state, patterns of criminal activity or signs of area-wide crime which might escape note by any single local law enforcement agency, but which the Bureau has no authority to pursue.

Governor Kirk's private "war on crime" is a recognition of both these possibilities; its defect is not in its recognition of them but in the private nature of its operation.

WE DO NOT minimize the accomplishments of the Florida Sheriff's Bureau; we grant that Mr. Yarborough's statistics on the number of fingerprints on file, the number of cases handled by its crime laboratory and the number of court appearances by its experts are impressive, especially considering how little money and how few people the Bureau has for its operation.

The fact remains, however, that so long as the Bureau can participate in any case by invitation only, it is shackled. If the Faircloth Committee's report can induce the Legislature to remove the shackles, it is all to the good.

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Governor any opportunity to say that the FBI is in any way preventing his War on Crime.

Today I was talking to Mr. D. K. Brown, Special Agent in Charge of the Jacksonville Office. He pointed out he was furnishing the Bureau a copy of a letter from Earl Faircloth, the Attorney General of the State of Florida, wherein Faircloth emphatically points out that the Governor's procedure in hiring Wackenhut is improper and they have no right to any confidential information from any local, State or Federal agencies' files.

I will keep you informed of any developments.

Sincerely,

Enclosures

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Kirk War On Crime Headed For Courts

TITUSVILLE (AP) — An Orlando attorney says he plans to sue Gov. Claude Kirk over his use of Wackenhut

Corp. agents as private investigators.

Ed Kirkland, attorney for Woodrow Darden, suspended Brevard County school superintendent, said he would mail his suit to Tallahassee today. He said Tuesday that Kirk had exceeded his authority in hiring Wackenhut agents for his "war on crime."

Darden was indicted on four counts of grand larceny. A Wackenhut investigator, acting upon Kirk's orders, said he found a washer-dryer set in Darden's Titusville home that had been purchased with school funds.

Darden, head of the \$53-million-a-year school system for 14 years, is free on \$1,000 bond.

Kirkland said he would name "a high government official" who reportedly asked Darden to resign from the State Board of Regents about six weeks before Darden was indicted.

Kirkland later told newsmen the official was State School Supt. Floyd Christian. Christian Report

Kirkland said prior to Darden's indictment Feb. 23, Christian reported he had been asked by the governor to seek Darden's resignation from the regents.

The exchange took place by telephone Jan. 6 and met with an unequivocal refusal, according to Kirkland.

Last week, Secretary of State Tom Adams said Kirk apparently "lost his cool" over a regents resignation dispute. Adams has charged

that Kirk tried to get two regents to resign and attempted to change the makeup of the board.

Kirk asked Adams to name the regents but he answered that the men involved had requested that their names not be revealed.

Kirkland said the Wackenhut suit would be mailed today to the State Supreme Court and would reveal the identity of the "high government official."

He said the suit would charge that the Wackenhut firm was paid by funds "not administered by law."

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (66-483)

SUBJECT: THE WACHSHEIM CORPORATION
GOVERNOR'S WAR ON CRIME

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Transmitted to the Bureau and each office is copy of a letter addressed by Attorney General RAL. FINKLOTH to J. P. MULLINS, Chief of Police, Tampa, Fla., on 3/2/67.

This letter was in response to an inquiry by MULLINS regarding the authority of the Governor to require all law enforcement officials to surrender confidential police files to Agents or employees of the Governor for examination or copy. It is to be noted that Mr. FINKLOTH's opinion is that the Governor's Agents have no more authority to examine police files than any other citizen. Further, that the Governor has no power to appoint except that granted by the legislature; that there is no constitutional or statutory provision making the Governor a police officer, and that the sheriffs are the chief law enforcement officers. The opinion further appears to state in effect that the Governor does not have authority to accept private funds and that the creating of a private investigating force is "immoral and unethical in concept (and) the antithesis of a democratic government."

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GOVERNOR'S WAR ON CRIME

TO: All Area Managers in Florida DATE: February 21, 1967
FROM: George R. Wackenhut *GRW* DIVISION: Executive
SUBJECT: Instructions for Investigators,
Governor's War on Crime

The following instructions are being furnished for your guidance in connection with investigations made under the Governor's War on Crime. All investigators, whether full or part time, who do any investigations should be familiar with these instructions. In the future, you should have each of them read and initial these instructions prior to being assigned to such investigations. A copy of this Memo should be maintained where it will be available for review by the investigators when necessary.

1. The special credentials being issued by the Governor's office may not be used for any purpose other than in connection with investigations made for the Governor's War on Crime. The use of these credentials for any other purpose, including obtaining information in connection with an investigation for The Wackenhut Corporation, will be cause for immediate dismissal.

2. The investigators have no powers of arrest and no right to carry firearms by reason of receiving the credentials from the Governor. Investigators are in no sense police officers, but are authorized only to make investigations in connection with the Governor's War on Crime.

3. All correspondence, reports, and any other documents relating to the Governor's War on Crime must be kept separate and apart from The Wackenhut Corporation's files in your office. They must be kept secure and under lock and key at all times when the office is unattended. Under no circumstances may information obtained through the investigations for the Governor's War on Crime be used in connection with The Wackenhut Corporation's matters.

4. No information should be given to representatives of any of the news media, and in response to inquiries, you should answer that you have "no comment". Refer the person making the inquiry to Coral Gables. All inquiries should be reported immediately by memorandum to the Coral Gables office, or by phone if the nature of the inquiry indicates the matter should be handled expeditiously. You should also use care to avoid discussions concerning investigations made for the War on Crime in the presence of any representative of the news media.

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5. It is the Governor's desire that the Director of the War on Crime coordinate with and operate through regularly constituted law enforcement authorities. You should refer to headquarters any complaints or information you receive indicating that an investigation may be desirable before taking any action. You should seek instructions from headquarters in order that these matters may be properly coordinated prior to referring any investigations to local or federal authorities and prior to presenting cases to county solicitors or State's attorneys for legal advice or prosecutive opinions.

6. If any state or local law enforcement officers refuse to cooperate, you should immediately advise headquarters and pursue the matter no further unless instructed.

7. In all phases of handling the Governor's War on Crime, in case of any doubts whatsoever as to proper action, you should immediately contact headquarters for instructions, by phone if necessary.

MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL INVESTIGATORS IN FLORIDA DATE: 21 February 1967

FROM: Victor P. Keay

DIVISION: Legal

SUBJECT: Investigations - The Wackenhut Corporation.

All investigators whether full or part time, when conducting interviews or seeking information during an investigation for The Wackenhut Corporation, must advise all persons contacted that the matter being investigated is NOT a part of The Governor's War On Crime. There must be no confusion and no misunderstanding on the part of the person interviewed that the investigator is acting for The Wackenhut Corporation and not on behalf of The Governor's War On Crime.

Failure to follow these instructions will result in severe disciplinary action.

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STATE OF FLORIDA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
TALLAHASSEE

CLAUDE R. KIRK, JR.
GOVERNOR

January 3, 1967

Mr. George Wackenhut
3280 Ponce De Leon Boulevard
Coral Gables, Florida

Dear Mr. Wackenhut:

As Governor of the State of Florida under
and by virtue of the authority vested in me by
the Constitution and Laws of the said State,
I do hereby Commission you Director of the
Governor's War on Crime.

Sincerely,

Governor

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, MIAMI (66-2466) (RUC)

SUBJECT: WACKENHUT CORPORATION
GOVERNOR'S WAR ON CRIME

DATE: 3/9/67

Enclosed are two copies of instructions furnished investigators of the Wackenhut Corporation for information of the Bureau, Jacksonville and Tampa.

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Kirk Sued On Crime War Fund

By THOM WILKERSON
Tribune-Gannett Service

ORLANDO — A suit demanding that Gov. Claude R. Kirk Jr. account for the money his office has collected for the war on crime was filed yesterday in the State Supreme Court by an Orlando lawyer.

In a petition for a writ of mandamus mailed to Tallahassee from Orlando yesterday, Edward R. Kirkland, 43, asked the court to compel Kirk "to account for the money presently in his possession and deposit the same in the state treasury until such time as the legislature authorizes otherwise."

Kirkland filed the petition as relator for himself and the citizens of Florida.

By his own declaration, Kirk has usurped his executive authority and virtually encroached upon the legislature as well as arbitrarily and illegally held funds which have not been deposited in the state treasury as dictated by law, the petition charged.

The attorney said all expenses for handling the suit

will be borne by his law firm.

The petition stressed that the governor has employed the George R. Wackenhut private investigative agency of Coral Gables as a public employee vested with authority to conduct probes in the war on crime.

"Gov. Kirk has no vested right or power to keep or disburse any money whatsoever except as authorized by law," said Kirkland, who is defense counsel for suspended Brevard County School Superintendent and Board of Regents member Woodrow Darden, indicted by a grand jury on four counts of grand larceny.

Kirkland said another suit against the Wackenhut agency will be filed today about 10 a.m. in Titusville. The suit will protest the alleged search of Darden's home by Wackenhut agents without a search warrant, said the attorney.

He noted that state law provides that all state funds are required to be deposited in the state treasury and accounted for by the treasurer and comptroller.

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STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

TALLAHASSEE

CLAUDE R. KIRK, JR.
GOVERNOR

March 14, 1967

In the interest of improving law enforcement throughout the State of Florida, as your Governor I have called a statewide conference of law enforcement officers in the Egyptian Room of the Cherry Plaza Hotel in Orlando from 9 A. M. to 12 Noon, Friday, March 24, 1967.

Registration will open during the afternoon and evening of Thursday, March 23, and will continue during the early morning of Friday, March 24. No fees will be required; however, those attending will be expected to pay their own expenses during the conference.

The purpose of this meeting is for me as Governor to discuss with you our War on Crime and highway catastrophes. Colonel H. N. Kirkman, Director of the Department of Public Safety, will join me in discussing means of improving cooperation among law enforcement officers at all levels.

Mr. George Wackenhut, my Director of the War on Crime, will be present to conduct an open forum question and answer period. He will be aided by [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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State Treasurer and Insurance Commissioner Broward Williams and his technical staff will discuss the continuing need for improving highway safety and how to reduce the rising toll of death, injury and property damage throughout Florida. The challenges of the National Safety Act of 1966 will also be discussed.

Sincerely,

Claude R. Kirk, Jr.
Governor

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC TAMPA (80-146)

STATEWIDE CONFERENCE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, STATE OF FLORIDA, CALLED BY GOVERNOR CLAUDE R. KIRK, JR. MARCH TWO FOUR, SIX SEVEN.

SAC TAMPA AS WELL AS SACS MIAMI AND JACKSONVILLE IN RECEIPT TODAY OF FORM LETTER DATED MARCH ONE FOUR, SIX SEVEN, SIGNED WITH FACSIMILE SIGNATURE OF GOVERNOR KIRK. LETTERS DO NOT BEAR SALUTATIONS THOUGH ENVELOPES WERE ADDRESSED TO AGENTS IN CHARGE OF RESPECTIVE OFFICES. LETTER STATES THAT IN INTEREST OF IMPROVING LAW ENFORCEMENT THROUGHOUT STATE OF FLORIDA, GOVERNOR CALLING STATEWIDE CONFERENCE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AT CHERRY PLAZA HOTEL, ORLANDO, FLORIDA, FROM NINE AM TO TWELVE NOON FRIDAY MARCH TWO FOUR, SIX SEVEN. REGISTRATION WILL BE OPEN DURING AFTERNOON AND EVENING MARCH TWO THREE. NO FEES REQUIRED, BUT THOSE

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ATTENDING EXPECTED TO PAY OWN EXPENSES. PURPOSE OF MEETING IS STATED AS "....FOR ME AS GOVERNOR TO DISCUSS WITH YOU OUR WAR ON CRIME AND HIGHWAY CATASTROPHES. COLONEL H. N. KIRKMAN, DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, WILL JOIN ME IN DISCUSSING MEANS OF IMPROVING COOPERATION AMONG LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AT ALL LEVELS. MR. GEORGE WACKENHUT, MY DIRECTOR OF THE WAR ON CRIME, WILL BE PRESENT TO CONDUCT AN OPEN FORUM QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD. HE WILL BE AIDED BY

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LETTER ALSO INDICATES THAT STATE TREASURER AND INSURANCE COMMISSIONER EDWARD WILLIAMS AND HIS TECHNICAL STAFF WILL DISCUSS CONTINUING NEED FOR IMPROVING HIGHWAY SAFETY AND HOW TO REDUCE RISING TOLL OF DEATH, INJURY AND PROPERTY DAMAGE THROUGHOUT FLORIDA.

IT IS THE CONSENSUS OF SACS IN FLORIDA THAT NONE OF US OR ANY FBI REPRESENTATIVES FROM OUR OFFICES SHOULD ATTEND THIS CONFERENCE SINCE THERE APPEARS TO BE NO ^{ADVANTAGE} EVIDENCE THAT WE COULD GAIN FROM SAME. THE CONFERENCE OBVIOUSLY WILL TOUCH ON MATTERS OF TRAFFIC SAFETY, ETC., AMONG OTHER THINGS,

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WHICH ARE OF NO IMMEDIATE INTEREST TO THE BUREAU. THE WAR ON CRIME IN FLORIDA, WHICH WILL BE DISCUSSED, IS A MATTER OF LOCAL INTEREST. IT SHOULD ALSO BE NOTED THAT IT IS MY OPINION THAT THIS COULD VERY WELL BE A POLITICAL MANEUVER ON THE PART OF GOVERNOR KIRK SINCE ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD IN FLORIDA ON MARCH TWO EIGHT NEXT, AT WHICH TIME THERE WILL BE IN CONTEST EIGHT EIGHT OF ONE ONE NINE SEATS IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND FOUR THREE OF FOUR EIGHT SEATS IN SENATE AS RESULT OF REAPPORTIONED FLORIDA LEGISLATURE REQUIRED BY A RECENT FEDERAL COURT DECISION.

UACB NO REPRESENTATIVES FROM ANY OF THE FLORIDA FBI OFFICES WILL ATTEND THIS MEETING.

AIRMAIL COPIES TO JACKSONVILLE AND MIAMI.

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Most Floridians Back Crime War, Wackenhut Says

By CLARENCE JONES
Herald Staff Writer

The man who is directing Gov. Claude Kirk's War on Crime believes that it is "misunderstood" but has the backing of most Floridians.

Square-jawed George Wackenhut resents criticism that the only controls over the privately-financed project are the governor and himself.

"I'm reporting to one man but that one man is reporting to six million Floridians," Wackenhut told a panel of Herald editors in a taped interview.

"He (Kirk) can't do just whatever he damn well pleases."

As for financing, Wackenhut says he hasn't yet collected a dime from a battle that is costing his detective-security firm "about \$1,000 a day." But he is billing Florida and hopes he will begin collecting as soon as administrative machinery is worked out.

The interview in detail:

Q: Where are you getting most of your information?

A: I think the question is better stated, where are we getting most of our leads, or complaints. From citizens around the state. People will write in, or call in, or come visit. Some 12 per cent of all complaints we're getting are well-founded. This is an extremely high percentage.

Q: Are you satisfied with the cooperation that you're receiving from law enforcement officials around the state?

A: I've found the law enforcement officials, by and large, very much to be behind the governor's War on Crime. There are only a few bad apples that have a tendency to spoil the barrel. There's a question, of course, as you know, regarding the files and information in the files and all that sort of thing, which has not yet been resolved. But let's say it's not hindering our forward march.

An Interview In Depth

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Ordinary Cases Viewed

Q: You spoke a while ago about working on common, ordinary criminal cases. I didn't know you were going to go after the common, ordinary criminal. Are you planning to do some of this?

A: In the course of our investigations, we have run into situations where criminal activity is taking place. We have immediately brought into the investigation the local authorities under whose jurisdiction this falls. And we have thereafter been more or less working the thing jointly. I think your question, probably, is are we doing police work. We are not. As I look at the governor's request of me, it's rather limited. He said he wants me to investigate organized crime and the corruption that permits it to exist.

Q: So you're not a private police force?

A: First of all, we're not private. And secondly, we're not police. We're carrying credentials of the governor. We have the official status of having been appointed by him as his investigators, which under

the law, he has the authority to do. This takes us out of the realm of being private. The only place the phrase private gets into it is the fact that he has asked the Wackenhut Corp. to administratively handle the investigation.

Grand Jury Duties Cited

Q: Are you investigating for the Dade County Grand Jury, too?

A: At this time, yes. We were retained by Bob Joseph prior to Jan. 3. I sat down and told him that there was going to be some areas here where there would be cross-purposes. And that I would want him to be assured that we would not be billing him for the service and billing the War on Crime for the service at the same time. We've been very careful to keep these two things separated.

Q: Does Gov. Kirk own any stock in the Wackenhut Corp.?

A: No.

Q: Even in his irrevocable trust?

A: Unless he has it in a "street" name, which I seriously doubt. He said that he has none, and I don't think that he has. He could have it in the name of a broker or something, but I'm sure he doesn't have any.

Q: There's always an interesting conflict of interest in government — do you know whether anyone who had knowledge of your appointment ahead of time invested in stock and has now profited by the increase in the selling price?

A: No, I've had a lot of people say to me, since the announcement Jan. 3 that they wish they had known, that sort of thing. I don't know of anybody within the organization that bought any stock. It was 10½, ten and three-quarters Friday. It's still not up where it was when we sold it.

Q: What was it selling at before the appointment?

A: I think it was 6¼ bid and 7¼ asked.

Q: George, let's get back to this matter of control, which I think is the point that worries most people. We all know that private detective agencies have, on occasion, subjected their own clients to blackmail. What assurance do we have, other than the integrity of George Wackenhut, that the material, the information that you gain, through your investigations, using the name of the governor of the State of Florida, is not going to be used at some future time in blackmail? This, I think, is a point where thoughtful people begin to worry about the war on crime, even while they applaud its objectives.

A: I don't think you have any more assurance than you do when a police officer goes out and investigates a crime. Blackmail is against the law. I mean, that's the only assurance you have. It's a violation of the law. And I, for one, don't want to go to jail.

Files Owned By the State

Q: Who owns your files?

A: The state. We have a letter from the governor stating that these files belong to the state, and they'll be maintained separately. They'll be maintained under strict security regulations.

Q: Will you turn these over to the state when this mission is accomplished?

A: As soon as the governor says to do so, they'll become his files, which means they'll be state property. He so stated in this letter.

Q: Since you're investigating corrupt officials, and presumably most of these corrupt officials are Democrats, isn't it conceivable that this would be a lot of political ammunition at some future date for Gov. Kirk or any Republican or any political opponent?

A: I have two answers to that. One, that he doesn't need the vehicle called the governor's War on Crime to gather information on his political opponents, enemies or what have you. He can get anybody to do that. Secondly, if he wants to use any of the information, say to suspend a political opponent and replace him with somebody of his own choosing, he would be committing political suicide, in my opinion, unless he had a very strong case of corruption and assurance in office or something.

of that sort. This man has a term before the next meeting of the state Senate. And he could take his case to the Senate, and if the Senate does not uphold the suspension, the man is not removed, but rather, reinstated with all back pay and allowances.

Press Stories Called Unfair

Q: From several things you've said today — something about unfair stories being written — has the press been one of your major antagonists?

A: There's no question in my mind that the press has not been fair. I have to say in this instance present company excepted because I thought your article was very fair. It was the fairest that's been written. With maybe one exception — that was written in Pensacola. A very laudatory article.

Q: Do you judge fairness by how laudatory the article is?

A: No. I added that as an aside, that it was laudatory as well as being fair in its presentation. No, I think some of them have been so tremendously slanted, even against me as a person. I'm not so egotistical or naive as to think that they are shooting at me as the object in itself. If they knock me down the governor will knock down a few of them.

Q. Have you account for the national press you've been getting?

A. I account for it in my own mind as being an attempt to attack a man who has at that point in six weeks' time skyrocketed to the national scene. And this is a man who has a different political approach to government than the establishment, and this a man then to be reckoned with politically. So they "took off at him."

Q. Do you recognize that there can be an honest concern over the arrangement that we have here?

A. There can be an honest concern over it, and I welcome the honest concern and the questions I'm being asked today. But I resent it deeply when I spend three hours of what has become very precious time to me — and these so-called reporters don't even bother to print my answers. The questions they asked me turned into statements and then they print them as facts without any rebuttal on my part at all — even as self-serving as it may be. I think that isn't reporting at all. I think that's prostituting a profession that is supposed to be highly ethical. And I've talked to some reporters who are damned unethical, and I say that without equivocation. Because fair is fair. Sure there's questions about this thing, but let's get the answers, not come in with preconceived notions and to hell with the answers.

Q. Have you been readily accessible to all these reporters?

A. I haven't turned down one. I've stayed up 'til three and four o'clock four and five nights in a row ever since this thing has started just to keep abreast of my paper work. So I could give my time during the day to reporters and newsmen and every member of the news medium — television, radio, everybody. The only thing I haven't done is go on these open mike programs around town, because I'm just not prepared to do that yet.

Q. What sort of professional requirements do you have — qualifications do you re-

quire — of the investigators who are working for you?

Ties With Kirk Are Recalled

Q. You have been closely associated with the governor — at the time he went to Ocean Reef with Miss Mattfeld — he went out on your boat. Could you tell us just a little about how you came to be so closely associated with him?

A. Well, first of all, I was not closely associated with him. I met and talked to Claude Kirk in person four times in my entire existence and this prior to his election. And that included the time he was running for office in 1964 as well as against High for the governorship. Two weeks prior to the election he was at a private house party given in his honor — a cocktail party — and I was there with my wife that night. I asked him how it was going. We went into a back room and he said that he had just gotten a report from First Research Corporation and that he was leading and gaining — and then he said 'when I became Governor you and I are going to clean up the crime in Florida.' So, I nodded and smiled, and that was about all there was to that because I frankly, even at that point, didn't feel that he had a great deal of chance to win. Then the Friday following the election he called me to his office that he had opened then in Coral Gables, and said he wanted me to get together a complete plan of action and present it to him. So then I didn't see him again until about the 10th of December. I had suggested it be done a different way — where I would report to a crime committee or an anti-crime committee or commission, or whatever you want to call it. He said no — as a matter of fact he got mad one of the few times I've seen him real mad. He said, 'If I have to go through a committee, forget the whole deal. My experience, the only time you appoint a committee is when you don't want to get something done.' So, he said, 'I want you to report to me directly as an individual — I want you to be my director of the War on Crime —'

Q. A hypothetical question: If Bob High had been elected and had come to you to conduct his war on crime, would you have been willing to do it?

A. I'd have been tickled to death to do it. There's nothing partisan about this thing. As a matter of fact, I'm a registered Democrat.

Q. I was going to ask you if you had changed yet. You're a registered Democrat, and yet you've been accused of being a near Birchite? Don't you feel uncomfortable in that?

A. Are all Birch members Republicans? I don't think so.

A Birchite? 'Not Even Close'

Q. Are you a Birchite?

A. Not even close. There's been an awful lot said about it — and this is why I say it was an attack by the left wing. I realize there are all shades of left or all shades of right. And when you get to each extreme you're right back in the same place, because each of them are the same thing in the same way, really. Internationalism against maybe national socialism. But, I am nothing more than a full-blooded pro-American man. And I believe in the free enterprise system. I believe in a man working for a living — I don't believe in handouts — I believe in America's welfare before the welfare of

the other countries of the world. I believe in no Americans shedding blood that don't have to — and I'm not the extreme right-wing monster that I'm painted to be by certain people in the press.

Q. George — you own a profit-making organization. Now what profit is there going to be for you in the War on Crime?

A. Profits for us in the War on Crime are going to be 1/2

Q. Did he have you investigated?

A. He did, as a matter of fact. As much as the profits generally obtained from investigative work. (He declined to comment further.)

Q. If you, two years hence, if you have done everything you think the War on Crime should do, what do you hope to have accomplished?

A: I think we will have rid the state of a number of corrupt officials. I think we will have rid the state of a number of members of the organized crime element. I think we will have been responsible, through the cooperation of the state and local authorities, of successfully developing cases and prosecuting a number of plain, ordinary criminals.

Q. Do you think the War on Crime is misunderstood?

A: I think it's completely misunderstood by most of the people that are writing adversely about it.

Reputation Put on the Line

Q. What's causing the misunderstanding? What are the objectives of the War on Crime?

A: Let me go back to the beginning. The governor asked me to undertake something for him. And I have placed my personal and my business reputation right on the line in this thing. If I didn't believe in his motives, I wouldn't be in it. I'm going to tell you what the governor has told me his objectives are, and what I choose to believe are his objectives. His objectives are based on his campaign promises of no taxes, and of ridding this state of the criminal element to the best of his ability. I've seen copies of letters that he has received from company presidents who wrote after seeing the climate as it exists in this particular part of Florida, vis-a-vis the crime situation, I've chosen to build my plant elsewhere. He feels that he must create a proper climate to bring in industry, and by bringing in industry and payroll, he feels

of frequent criticism of a privately financed War on Crime is that it does not have any real control, except in you and the governor. How do you feel about this?

A: Well, I completely disagree with that criticism. I have seriously wracked my brain to see where this particular arrangement can be used to the detriment of any innocent party. There's frequent criticism in the press that this thing is wrong because this "private police" reports to one man. Well, I don't really know of any investigative organization that doesn't report to one man. I'm reporting to one man, but that one man is reporting to six million Floridians. They can throw him out just as fast as they put him in. He's subject to impeachment, too. He can't do just whatever he damn well pleases. This is still the United States of America.

Q: But previously these investigators have been paid by the governor out of this contingency fund.

A: That's correct but since he doesn't have a sufficiently large contingency fund to pay us — the type money I've already discussed with you — he's had to go elsewhere. And I started earlier to tell you — this much-publicized visit we had together on my boat right after inauguration — you know, I said, 'governor, you're going to be criticized severely for this private funding.' He says, 'well, tell me where else I'm going to get the money?' It's a very logical question, and it has no answer. Now, he could wait, and he pointed this out. He said 'I could wait until April, when I hope a duly-constituted Legislature will meet, and I can then ask them for the authority to do this, and then ask them for the funds to do it. But I'm a Republican and they're all Democrats. I don't know if we'd ever get the money. Everything has been running very smoothly in this state for many years insofar as a closed corporation is concerned. So, I want to start it right now, Jan. 3, and this is how I can do it.' The law was researched.

There's no question in his mind, or in mine, or in any of his legal advisors or any of my legal advisors that there's anything outside legality in this arrangement. The constitution is clear. The statutes are clear.

The books and records of the monies contributed and disbursed will be open to the public and will be audited by the state auditors. My books and records, insofar as the War on Crime is concerned, will be open to state auditors. There's nothing to hide.

When Backers Will Be Named

Q: There has been some concern over the private financing of this War on Crime. Gov. Kirk has announced that the names will be made public. What is the timetable now for making these names public?

A: The timing is getting close. The delay has been predicated on setting up the administrative machinery. The vehicle they're talking of using is a non-profit foundation-type of trust, and they're hopeful to get Internal Revenue's blessings on a tax-free status for the foundation. The foundation will have three purposes — to receive money, to disburse money, and to contract.

Q: Have there been any large donors?

A: I say there are a few of those. I don't know if there have been any or one or two.

Q: Who does know at this point? Who's handling whatever money —

A: Well, the governor's office has received whatever money has been contributed. As of about a month ago, there was some \$4,000 of very small contributions — dollars, and five dollars and ten dollars — that the public has just submitted gratuitously. There had been no attempt by anyone to solicit money, up to that point. This money is held in a bank account in trust and it will be part of the foundation's money when the thing is set up.

Q: Are you encouraged by the support you're receiving? You mention these five and ten-dollar donations. Do you feel the average person is behind you in this War on Crime?

A: I think they are, not based, necessarily on the donations that have been submitted, as much as listening to various radio programs, meeting people.

25-30 Men Now on Staff

Q: How large is your staff?

A: The staff now totals between 25 and 30 men. I don't have an exact count. Because we're adding on a weekly basis, if not a daily basis, as fast as we can acquire the proper personnel. Investigators and supervisors, working only on the War on Crime.

Q: This is a sizable payroll. Who's meeting it?

A: I'm meeting it now.

Q: How much would you say it's cost you so far on the War on Crime — wages and expenses?

A: The bill for January will be something in the neighborhood of \$30,000. That's from Jan. 3 through the end of the month.

Q: What are you going to do, just keep a total of your bills and then later—

A: No, we're submitting them now.

Q: You're submitting them to Kirk?

A: Yes.

Q: But so far, you've not been paid?

A: Nothing yet. There's been no way to pay us yet.

Q: How far do you think the War on Crime is in the hole now?

A: I think it's running us \$1,000 a day, something like that.

Will Donors Be Screened?

Q: Will you have any screening process for large donors? If so, how would you screen them? Are you going to take money from anybody that offers it?

A: I can't answer that, of course, because I'm not the one accepting it. But I submitted a list of names to the governor's office last week. These people are to be contacted very shortly, to serve as an advisory committee to this thing, a watchdog over the trust and over the funds. In submitting these names, these people would be the ones, really, to say whether they would want to accept somebody's contribution. Should somebody from the Mafia wish to donate half a million dollars, should we accept it, or not? I think we should accept it and then go like hell after him. They're helping pay for their own demise. What's the difference who submits the money? Your implication is, does this mean that you're not going to investigate them? The answer, obviously, is we're going to investigate all those that come before our attention to be investigated. I'd like to add here that the governor does not tell me who I should investigate and who I shouldn't.

Q: Who makes the decision about who is to be investigated?

A: I make that decision. I'm the director of the War on Crime. He chose me because of my experience, and reputation in this field, and if I have somebody else telling me to lay off this fellow, when I see we have a case, or go after this one, when I see there is no case, then he doesn't need me.

GOP, Demos Facing Probes

Q: Some of the Democrats are concerned that you are only investigating them and not Republicans.

A: Another misconception. Of three sheriffs that are the most prominent at the moment...

Q: Would you care to mention these sheriffs?

A: No.

Q: Did you run a background check on Mr. (Jack C.) Behringer or Mr. (H. W.) Donovan before they were appointed as the governor's personal insurance representatives?

A: I don't recall that I did. And if I did, I don't recall what the investigation showed. That's something I wanted to check on myself. (Writes note to self).

Q: You mentioned these sheriffs under investigation. How many separate investigations of situations or individuals do you now have under way in the War on Crime?

A: We have opened 301 cases. They're not all assigned, obviously. We'd need a staff 10 times the size of what we have. There are some dandies.

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Fodder Exceeds Expectations

Q: Have you found more or less fodder for the War on Crime than you might have anticipated before you began?

A: I think more.

Q: In the sense of corruption?

A: Yes.

Q: Criminal wrongdoing apart from law enforcement officials?

A: At all levels of government. Out-and-out criminals, the organized and those that are not a part of the organized criminal activity, are operating throughout Florida, particularly South Florida, in droves. So I don't think that was any surprise to me. But the part that was a surprise to me was the corruption that exists throughout the state.

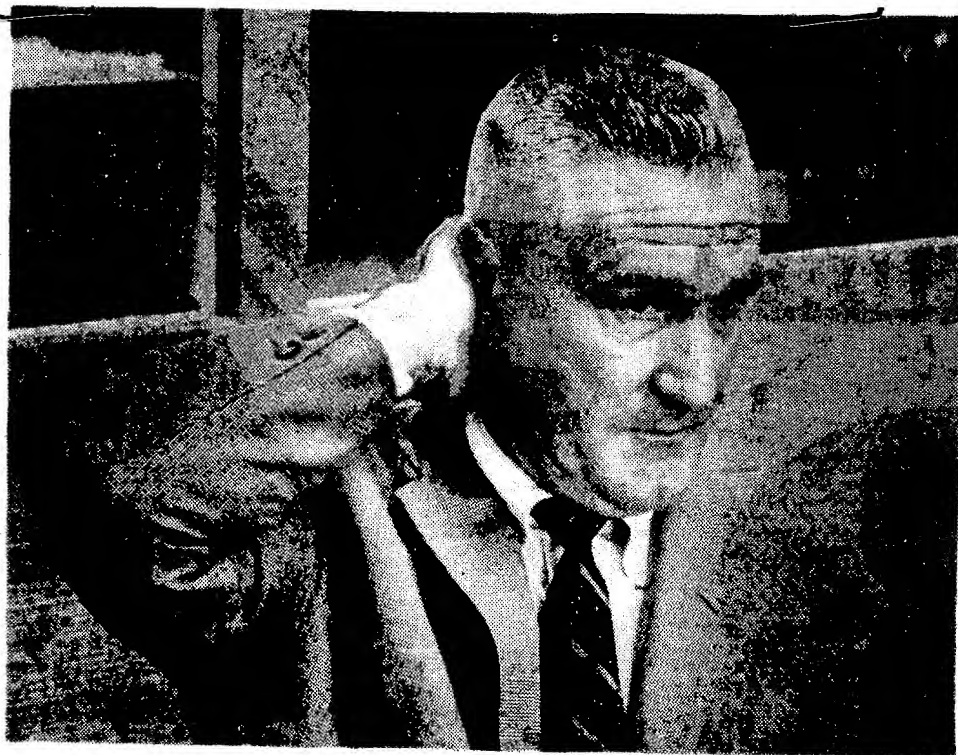
Q: Do you find this more true in the smaller, small-county areas?

A: No, I wouldn't say that. It just permeates the entire state structure. When I say state, I'm not talking about state officials, necessarily. I'm talking about all levels of government.



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George Wackenhut Ponders a Question ... in taped interview with Herald editors



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Wackenhut Gives Views on Gov. Kirk's War on Crime
... he says the cost is running about \$1,000 a day

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Police Files Open To Legal Investigators

The Sarasota Police Department's files are open to "legally authorized special investigators of the governor," said Sarasota Police Chief Francis L. Scott Monday.

He declined however, to comment on whether he believed Gov. Claude Kirk's Wackenhut investigators were part of a lawfully constituted law enforcement agency.

Scott and Venice Police Chief John Shockey both commented on statements made to the press Saturday by Tampa Police Chief J. P. Mullins, head of Tampa Bay Area Police Chiefs Association of which Scott and Shockey are both members.

Mullins stated Friday that he would "open no confidential files to any organization other than lawfully constituted law enforcement agencies who are authorized to use them."

Mullins said he was acting on advice from State Atty. Gen. Earl Faircloth, and was speaking as both Tampa Police Chief and president of the Tampa Bay Police Chiefs Association.

Scott said, "If someone comes here with credentials that he is a legally authorized special investigator of the governor's office and makes a reasonable request, the chances are that we would cooperate with him."

Shockey said if he were confronted by Wackenhut Corp. investigators who wanted information from his file, he would check with Venice Mayor Smyth Brohard and City Atty. M. A. Braswell to see what legal grounds he would be on in opening his files to anyone.

"If these people came down," Shockey said, "we would check them as we would any other private detective agency . . . we

are not refusing, but would certainly check on our legal grounds before making a decision."

Shockey added that he would not be in favor of opening his FBI files to such an agency and stated information from them should be gotten through the FBI.

Friday night Bradenton Chief of Police Harry Wilkison said Bradenton confidential police files are closed except to duly authorized officers of the law. Wilkison, past president of the police chiefs association, said he had some confidential files that would not be opened to anyone.

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Mr. George R. Wackenhut, Director
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3280 Ponce De Leon Boulevard
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Dear Mr. Wackenhut:

Acknowledgment is made of your letter dated
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Very truly yours,

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Dear Mr. Wackenhut:

Acknowledgment is made of your letter dated March 13, 1967, transmitting therewith an undated letter to the Honorable Governor of Florida, signed by [redacted] concerning the arrest of an individual in Dade City, Florida, on March 2, 1967, and an undated, anonymous letter sent to Ralph Renick, Channel 4, Miami, Florida, concerning the same matter.

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Wackenhut Says Crime War To Spur Indictments Soon

By THOM WILKERSON
Tribune-Gannett Service

ORLANDO — The 30 investigators assigned to the war on crime by the Wackenhut Corp. are probing 320 cases and indictments soon will come against violators, the leader of the group said yesterday.



Addressing the Florida Intelligence Unit here, George R. Wackenhut, head of the agency, also said public acceptance of the war on crime started by Gov. Claude R. Kirk Jr. is growing.

Wackenhut, 47, said his firm has received 587 signed letters and 76 anonymous letters giving information and it gets at least 10 telephone calls a day from informants. Twelve per cent of the letters have contained information that bear probing, he said.

"While I am not at liberty at this time to discuss them," he said, "I can tell you that other indictments will shortly be forthcoming. The point I would like to make with you is that we have been tremendously busy and I feel that we have already accomplished much in the very short time that we have been in operation."

Noting that "confusion and criticism" of Gov. Kirk's crime war have existed in recent weeks, Wackenhut said such reactions were due to "false issues, some misstatements of fact and, in many cases, the result of sheer misunderstanding."

Wackenhut cited four state laws which empower Kirk to use the Wackenhut Corp. services. He stressed that his investigators have no police powers, carry no firearms, can't enforce powers of search and seizure and can't make arrests.

"The investigators are performing in exactly the same way that investigators have performed for previous governors of Florida and in the same way that investigators have performed in the past and are still performing for Florida grand juries," said Wackenhut.

He said Gov. Kirk chose to finance the war from private rather than tax funds because no state funds were available and would not become available until the state legislature provided them.

The FIU is made up of 55 to 60 law officers from various segments of the state's enforcement agencies. Orange County Deputy Sheriff Bob Tanner, program chairman for the session, said the FIU would not go on record either in support or opposition to Kirk's crime war.

Wackenhut said he was pleased with the cooperation his investigators have received from Florida lawmen.

"The governor's war on crime, in addition to its investigative force, will include an advisory committee of leading citizens and law enforcement officials from the state," he said. "I can tell you that I have been working on the formation of this committee and I hope that I will be able to announce it publicly in the very near future."

"It seems to me that the war on crime has refocused public attention on the importance of all our local law enforcement agencies in the state and the crucial role that they play in protecting the welfare of our communities," he said.

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Law Officers Develop Streak Of Bashfulness

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ORLANDO — Law enforcement officers developed a streak of timidity here yesterday.

At a meeting of the Florida Intelligence Unit, composed of officers from various parts of the state, speaker George Wackenhut asked if the policemen had any questions on Gov. Claude Kirk's war on crime. None of the 50 officers said a word.

Program Chairman Bob Tanner of the Orange County sheriff's office suggested a coffee break, after which the meeting would resume behind closed doors.

Newsmen entered an adjoining section of the meeting hall hoping to catch some of the question and answer session by the no-longer bashful officers. However, piped music drowned the conversation in the formerly quiet auditorium.

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[redacted] advised that while talking with [redacted] several days previously, she told him that IRS Agents had interviewed [redacted] apparently in an effort to probe into his financial status. The [redacted] woman said that these investigators had asked [redacted] how [redacted] could [redacted]

[redacted] According to what [redacted] told informant, [redacted] told the IRS Agents nothing.

Continuing, [redacted] told informant that two IRS Agents interviewed her recently, and asked her numerous questions about [redacted] Colonel." She said she told the men that she would answer any questions they cared to ask her about herself, however she would not answer questions [redacted] specifically mentioned to [redacted] and that those investigators had asked her what she knew about certain [redacted]

[redacted] the nature of the questions asked [redacted] she deduced that the IRS men were checking [redacted] income tax return which was filed several years ago.

[redacted] told informant that she had told [redacted] about the above visit she had from the IRS men, and he "did not seem too concerned."

She also told informant [redacted] called [redacted] into his office for a conference on either March 9th or 10th, 1967, and the conference lasted several hours.

It should be noted [redacted] filed suit against Governor CLAUDE KIRK, contesting the constitutionality of KIRK's use of YACHTMENUT investigators in his war on crime. Informant feels that [redacted] "syndicate men" in Florida fear that some of the [redacted]

Further, [redacted] told informant that about a week ago an investigator named [redacted] (Ph.) called on her, and asked her pointed questions [redacted] When she refused to answer his questions, he "got hot" and threatened to subpoena her. After the investigator left [redacted] called Attorney [redacted] and reported the incident to him. The latter made a few inquiries, and apparently reached the conclusion that the investigator was "a YACHTMENUT man," as this is what [redacted] told [redacted] also instructed her, that in the future, if any investigator should come to see her, she should obtain his full name, badge number, physical description, and also the license number on his car.

Informant said [redacted] went to Miami together [redacted]

[redacted] to see SAMMY DAVIS, JR., who was playing at one of the Miami Beach hotels at that time. However informant said [redacted]

[redacted] undoubtedly saw [redacted]

He explained that each time [redacted]

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Continuing, he said [redacted] had told him this is a typical "syndicate operation," and MEYER LANSKY masterminds the overall operation. b6 b7C b7D

He said [redacted] usually takes [redacted]
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According to informant, after [redacted] had [redacted]
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[redacted] attended the Citrus Open PGA Tournament at Orlando the week-end of 3/10-11/67. While there, [redacted] bumped into Orlando Attorney [redacted] who is a member of the State Racing Commission, and who, in the past, has been associated with Orlando Attorney [redacted] later told informant that [redacted] gave him "an interesting bit of news." [redacted] Orlando's newly elected Mayor, CARL LANGFORD, was a personal friend of his, and during the course of a very recent Orlando City Commission meeting (at which LANGFORD presided), one of the items that came up for discussion was [redacted]
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[redacted]

Informant said [redacted] seemed to be very happy over this bit of news, [redacted] has been very effective in recent years in its operations [redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted] He told informant [redacted] had told him, [redacted] to "drop by" [redacted] office the following week, apparently to receive further details regarding the above matter.

With further reference to [redacted]
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[redacted] said that on Tuesday, 3/14/67, he had occasion to observe [redacted]

Informant said he has never had an opportunity to thoroughly explore [redacted]

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2. [redacted] Informant talked to subject's [redacted] JOE DEVITO, at Daytona Beach approximately 3 weeks ago. The latter said [redacted] first name [redacted] however informant was unable to gain any further current information regarding [redacted] JOE DEVITO suffered a heart attack [redacted] and [redacted]. It is informant's understanding that JOE DEVITO is survived by a widow, [redacted] who lives at Daytona Beach.

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3. [redacted] See Item # 1.

In addition, Informant said [redacted] recently told him that IRS agents several weeks ago interviewed [redacted] and one (FNU) [redacted]

[redacted] She said they specifically asked [redacted] about her account, inasmuch as they (IRS) [redacted]

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4. WACKENHUT - See Item # 1.

5. [redacted] - See Item # 1.

6. [redacted] - This person recently told informant that he suspected [redacted] was "playing around" a little, inferring that she may be having "an affair" with another man unbeknownst to [redacted] did not furnish any further particulars, however.

He also told informant that BLACKBURN now has a "tight hold" on practically all of the numbers business in North Central Florida due to the fact that the five consecutive "bad numbers" bankrupted some of the smaller operators [redacted] and the smaller operators are now beholden to BLACKBURN for their financial backstop and overlay. [redacted] now finds himself in practically

the same situation he had just prior to being sent to the Florida State Penitentiary in the late 1950's.

Informant said [] is now back on his regular bolita run and continues to employ [] in this regard. [] has been assured []

[] will probably come up with something better during that same period of time. [] is also convinced that his attorney, [] has the federal judge in Orlando convinced [] should never serve any time on the five years conviction pending against him in USDC, MDF, Orlando.

Several days ago [] bought a new 1967 Cadillac Coupe de Ville through an Orlando automobile dealer named []. The latter actually got the car from a West Palm Beach, Florida automobile dealer. This car has []

7. [] - Informant said [] is undoubtedly in Miami at the present time, and probably will remain there throughout the duration of the current horse-racing season.

8. [] - See Item # 6.

9. [] Although informant has not observed [] or his brother [] around BLACKBURN in Orange or Seminole County during recent weeks, it is his understanding that these [] continue to be BLACKBURN's "key men" in numbers operations in Brevard County.

10. [] - See Item # 9 above.

11. []

It is informant's belief that [] may have taken over [] numbers business, as informant saw [] going into [] home [] recently, at which time he was carrying a small brown paper sack. He ~~pointed~~ pointed out that most of the members of this numbers organization carry their daily receipts around in small brown paper sacks, and informant believes [] was delivering some money to "The Colonel" when he saw him.

12. [] See Item # 6.

13. [] et al - Informant said [] and his [] continue to operate between Jacksonville and South Seminole County, Florida. He does not know if [] still has the four color Zenith TV sets he had about a month ago, but [] definitely had them then, and was trying to fence them through []. The sets were brand new console models, and [] was willing to sell all four of them for \$600.00.

14. [] last saw him at the Citrus Open PGA tournament at Rio Pinar Country Club, Orlando during the week-end of

3/11/67. [redacted] was betting heavily (and lost) on [redacted] [redacted] has not seen him since then, and was unable to furnish any further pertinent information regarding his gambling associates and operations.

15. [redacted] Informant pointed out [redacted] does not travel in the same [redacted] circles with HARLAN BLACKBURN and his group, so, as a result, Informant never sees him and rarely ever hears anything about him. He said there is some talk among the gambling and criminal element around [redacted] Central Florida, [redacted] is a very competent young lawyer, is presently getting experience in the Public Defender's Office at Orlando, and some day may become the "legal mouthpiece" for the hoodlum element in this section of the state.

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16. [redacted] is advised that this person has not been around the Orlando area for several years, to the best of his knowledge, and his name never comes up in his discussions with other hoodlums in this area. Informant said the last he heard from the "underworld grapevine" around Orlando, was [redacted] has returned to his original home in Cranston, R.I., and is there at the present time.

17. [redacted] Although informant knows this person when he sees him, their paths have not crossed in several months, and he knows nothing of [redacted] present activities and associates. He said it is his understanding [redacted] specialize in setting up crooked poker games, and have no connection with numbers [redacted] and other forms of gambling.

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18. [redacted] See Item # 17 above.

19. [redacted] See Item # 17 above.

20. [redacted] BLACKBURN continues to rely on [redacted] occasionally for counsel on [redacted] estate, insurance, and possibly income tax matters, although [redacted] does not appear to be actively involved in any of BLACKBURN's gambling operations. He described [redacted] as "a crook," although he was unable to specify his particular category of crime.

21. [redacted] This person, according to informant, is of the opinion that IRS may never bring him to trial on the IRS charges which have been pending against him in USDC, MDF, Orlando, for a year now. He feels that the government is awaiting the U. S. Supreme Court's decision on a landmark type case which involves the same principles involved in [redacted] cases.

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22. [redacted] No recent information developed on this subject.

23. [redacted] This woman continues to live with [redacted] Although she is fully aware of his duties as HARLAN BLACKBURN's chief lieutenant, there is no reason to believe that she is taking an active part in the group's operations. [redacted] is apparently awaiting a Supreme Court decision (See # 21 above) before bringing her to trial on charges pending against her.

24. [redacted] "hate each other,"
probably due to jealousy," both are "vital cogs" in BLACK-
GUIN's gambling. He said the latter is "shooting the works"
in an effort to have to go to prison, as his departure
from the local group's operations.

25. [redacted] not seen or heard from [redacted] in recent
months, as the [redacted] in the Miami area, and informant very rarely
ever gets down there, however, if his
services are needed, this fact is being made known to the Miami
Office.

26. [redacted] person's name is rarely ever mentioned among
hoodlums in [redacted] although informant knows him to be a friend
of BLACKGUIN in Florida.

27. [redacted] does not know this subject at the present time.

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ATTENTION: TRAINING DIVISION

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DONALD S. GENUNG
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FBINA GRADUATE, 78th SESSION

Captioned advised me today that he had been notified by [redacted] Veterans of Foreign Wars, State of Florida, that he (GENUNG) has been nominated and selected by all the VFW chapters in Florida to be the recipient of the J. Edgar Hoover Gold Medal Award, which is given annually to the outstanding officer in the state. This award will be made on June 17 or 18, 1967. [redacted] also advised GENUNG that his name would be furnished to the national organization as a nominee from Florida to be considered with other nominees from other states for the national J. Edgar Hoover Gold Medal Award. No publicity has been given to this matter, and GENUNG expects that publicity will be given sometime in June.

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GENUNG also advised that he had had a call from Governor CLAUDE R. KIRK, JR., this week, asking him to serve on the Governor's Advisory Council on Law Enforcement. This will be composed of law enforcement officials and there will be two sheriffs on the council. The other sheriff will be DALE CARSON, Duval County. GENUNG told the Governor he would be happy to serve.

I feel that Sheriff GENUNG should be congratulated on his selection for the J. Edgar Hoover Award, State of Florida, by the VFW. However, it would appear to be premature at this time and it is suggested that the Bureau wait until such time as the award is actually made. His address is: Sheriff's Administration Building, Clearwater, Florida 33515.

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FLORIDA INTELLIGENCE UNIT (FIU)
QUARTERLY MEETING, ORLANDO, FLORIDA,
3/16, 17/67

ReTPlot 2/27/67.

On 3/17/67, Lt. [redacted] (NA) and Detective Sergeant [redacted] (NA), both of the Vice Squad, Orlando Police Department, advised SA JAMES B. HAFLEY of this office as follows:

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The Florida Intelligence Unit (FIU) held its regular quarterly meeting on 3/16, 17/67 at the Quality Court Garden Motel, 3200 West Colonial Drive, Orlando, Florida. The morning session opened at about 9:45 on 3/16, at which time GEORGE WACKENHUT was introduced to the group. There were approximately 80 law enforcement officers in attendance, including several IRS agents, State Beverage Department agents, representatives from Florida Sheriffs Bureau, sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, police chiefs, and regular police officers.

WACKENHUT made a brief talk regarding the part his agency is playing in Governor CLAUDE KIRK's war on crime. This talk was open to the press, TV, radio, and other news media. It appeared to be a prepared speech, as WACKENHUT distributed copies of it to various members of the press at the conclusion of his remarks. (See TPlot 3/17/67 captioned as above, transmitting news clippings.)

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The next session, which commenced at about 10:30 am on 3/16, was a closed session inasmuch as fulltime law enforcement officers only were allowed to attend. At this time WACKENHUT pleaded with the officers in attendance to cooperate with his investigators who are currently delving into crime and corruption throughout the state of Florida. He emphasized that his investigators are commissioned by Governor KIRK, that they are only an investigative agency, possessing no powers of arrest and no powers of subpoena. WACKENHUT pointed out that the agency has its own attorneys who closely follow the various legalities, and whenever a case is investigated to a point wherein an indictment or further prosecutive action is indicated, appropriate state officers, including the governor, are notified.

He also emphasized that his agency is mainly looking into corruption on the part of elected or state government officials in the state of Florida; however, organized crime is also a principal target of the Wackenhut investigators. He commented that one Florida sheriff has already been removed from office since Governor KIRK took office, and two more sheriffs are under investigation at the present time. Of the latter two, he remarked that one would probably be removed from office, mainly because the deputies working under him are so "crooked." He did not mention the names of any of the above sheriffs. He indicated his agency wants to fill in gaps where local authorities can do nothing referring to corruption on the part of public officials.

Continuing, he told the group that he now has thirty investigators operating throughout Florida, and their titles are "Governor's Investigators." He stated that he probably could use five times that many men due to the current work load.

For the benefit of the law enforcement officers in attendance, WACKENHUT held a question-and-answer session at the conclusion of his remarks. Both [redacted] stated that WACKENHUT made no derogatory remarks concerning the FBI at any time.

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[redacted] stated that at the closed session open only to FIU members they discussed what they (FIU) would do if the Wackenhut agency asked to see their confidential FIU records or FBI identification records. [redacted] said that a Miami police officer, name not recalled, cited a case where an FBI identification record had been obtained from the Miami

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Police Department several years ago and apparently the record got into unauthorized hands and it appeared in a Miami newspaper. The officer stated that as a result the police department was cut off for a time from ident records and it caused turmoil in the identification setup of the police department and he did not want this to happen again. [] said that the FIU members unanimously agreed that they would not turn over any confidential FIU records or FBI identification records to Wackenhut investigators. They all agreed, however, that they would cooperate with Wackenhut investigators in all other areas where they could be helpful.

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Detective Sergeant [] advised that he had made a tape recording of the entire session (with WACKENHUT's knowledge) and he would be glad to make this entire tape available to the Bureau if desired at any time in the future.

Sgt. [] Intelligence Unit, Tampa Police Department, advised SA JOHN A. ANBLER that he also attended the FIU meeting in Orlando. The following additional comments were made by []

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WACKENHUT during his public talk and during that portion of the closed session wherein he appeared, made considerable reference to the fact that his organization has many retired and former Special Agents of the FBI; that a retired deputy inspector of the FBI has control of the files being maintained by the agency; that no information being obtained would thus be available to other than the Governor's office; and that the use of retired FBI personnel would insure that no unauthorized personnel would have access to such confidential information as might be obtained by Wackenhut investigators.

Sgt. [] advised that during the closed session for FIU members, a discussion concerning whether or not confidential information would be made available from their files, he took the floor and asked them if they were aware that making such records available could impair their receiving information from the FBI and other U.S. Government agencies. He said they all indicated they were aware of this and that no agency represented specifically stated that making available FBI identification records was planned.

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At the regular business session of the FIU on the morning of 3/17/67, Officer [redacted] Miami Beach Police Department, was elected new chairman of the unit, succeeding Officer [redacted] Gainesville Police Department.

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More Doubt From Wackenhut

If private detective George Wackenhut granted the interview with the Miami Herald published today's Times with the aim of clearing doubts about Gov. Claude R. Kirk's private police, he did not succeed.

FOR FLORIDIANS sincerely interested in driving organized crime from their state, Wackenhut raised more questions than he answered.

The private — and still secret — financing of an exercise of the state's police power is a grave concern. Wackenhut's disclosure of its scope multiplies that reservation many times. He already has billed the governor \$30,000 for 28 days work in January. He estimates current costs at \$1,000 a day. And he is adding investigators "as fast as we can find the proper personnel."

The surprisingly large size of the privately is a sound argument for the Legislature to assume both the expense and the function as a responsibility.

RIGHT ALARMING is Wackenhut's naivete in believing that if offered, half a million dollars should be accepted from the

Mafia, and that it wouldn't influence his activities.

Finally, Wackenhut confirmed the dangerously fuzzy limitations of his investigating. Now included, in addition to organized crime and corruption in public office, are routine criminal cases. This is all that can be assumed from Wackenhut's statement that while supposedly restricted, his men have been working ordinary criminal cases jointly with local authorities.

CRITICS OF the Kirk - Wackenhut arrangement do not question the necessity of more aggressive attacks upon crime and corruption in Florida. The debate is exclusively on how it shall be done.

Wackenhut's most recent remarks confirm again that this is essentially a public function, that it is going to be expensive, that there are grave dangers in private financing and that the public stands naked of protection against misdirected snooping.

The way to correct these fundamental faults is for the '67 Legislature to convert this private war into a properly constituted public crime.

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Lawson T6 Hear Wackenhut

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ORLANDO — George R. Wackenhut isn't "a bad guy" but one Florida sheriff is "sick and tired of hearing that name."

Orange County Sheriff Dave Starr will deliver a few welcome remarks to Wackenhut, 47, head of the nation's third largest investigative and security organization, and attendants to a meeting of the Florida Intelligence Unit (FIU) here tomorrow at 9:30 a.m. at the Quality Courts Motel garden on West Colonial Drive.

The FIU is made up of a cross section of law enforcement officers from throughout the state.

Starr said he would not express an opinion one way or the other on whether Gov. Claude P. Kirk Jr. is prudent in employing the Wackenhut Corp. to head Kirk's war on crime.

"We got along all these years without them (Wackenhut agents)," said Starr, who expressed disfavor with extensive coverage by newspapers of the Wackenhut employment.

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Wackenhut Swings At War Foes

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By D. G. LAWRENCE
Staff Writer

George Wackenhut urged Thursday cabinet members to oppose the war he's directing for Gov. Claude Kirk designed only to impede operation from established law enforcement agencies.

The former FBI agent, one of the world's third largest private investigation agencies, declared in answer to a Star question contrary to statements Comptroller Fred Dickson his investigators were getting full cooperation from local police agencies.

In his address to the Florida Intelligence Unit, Wackenhut said he was "not a normal

tion, Wackenhut detailed chapter and verse from the state constitution and statutes to demonstrate what he termed "legality" of Gov. Kirk's employing Wackenhut investigators.

"OUR INVESTIGATORS are performing in exactly the same way that investigators have performed for previous governors of Florida," he told the group at Quality Courts Garden Motel.

Wackenhut cited a Florida statute "the governor may employ as many persons as he, in his discretion, may deem necessary to procure and secure protection to life, liberty and property."

"Most, if not all, governors in the past have appointed investigators while they were in office under this legal authority," he continued. "Gov. Kirk has done precisely the same thing, but he has done it on a larger scale."

WACKENHUT reported that 30 of his investigators are now working in every section of the state on the crime war, all directly

commissioned as investigators attached to the governor's office. Twenty-three of them are former FBI agents, most of these supervisors before leaving the government agency. The rest were formerly investigators for other government agencies or municipal police chiefs.

He scotched any fear that Wackenhut crime war files would fall into unscrupulous hands.

"All files," he said, "are maintained under lock and key and are separate and

apart from Wackenhut Corp. files. Only the governor can release any information from them."

WACKENHUT reported that his investigators currently are working on 320 cases. His office has received 587 signed letters and 73 anonymous ones with reports of crimes that will be investigated.

"We expect to come up with a number of indictments very shortly," he predicted.

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Reportedly he emphasized his organization's willingness and need to cooperate with regular law enforcement agencies.

"OBVIOUSLY it is impossible," he said, "for a single individual or agency to successfully accomplish such a huge task without the continued cooperation of all the dedicated law enforcement agencies and their personnel who, against increasing odds, have been fighting to protect the citizens of our state and to maintain law and order."

Discussing the much criticized private financing of crime war activities, Wackenhut pointed out that upon taking office Kirk, with a pledge for a war on crime, was faced with no statewide law enforcement agency and no government funds to finance such a campaign.

"He was faced with no other choice but the method he used, if he wished to immediately meet his commitments to the citizens of this state," he said of the governor.

"WHY DID he choose private instead of tax funds?" he continued. "The answer is simple, there were no state funds available. And no such funds would become available until the legislature provided them, if ever."

Although peace officers attending the meeting had been urged to ask any questions, "no matter how loaded" in Wackenhut words, perhaps he answered their queries in his

speech. There were no questions, except from reporters.

Wackenhut cited the arrest of two alleged dope pushers and armed robbers in Miami earlier this week as an example of the cooperation his organization is getting from established police agencies.

"ONE OF our agents infiltrated that organization six weeks ago and got the whole picture," he said. "Then we called in the Dade sheriff and state and federal narcotics agencies to assist."

The arrests were made, he said, when the Wackenhut agent discovered the gang was planning armed robbery of two Miami homes.

"We could have gone much further with this case but we had to move to protect those householders," he declared.

IN ANSWER to a query as to his theory on the sharply rising crime rate, he replied: "There are several reasons. Court decisions of recent years have made law enforcement very difficult. Then too, judges have set such low bail that criminals commit other crimes while they're released on bail so they can pay their lawyers."

Why the sharp rise in crimes of violence, rapes and murder?

"Punishment is not what it used to be and, say what you will, punishment is a deterrent."

"THEN, THERE are insufficient numbers of police personnel to compete with population growth."

"And third, the right of the individual has become so important to a segment of the population that the rights of the majority have been diminished."

Reporters were barred from the meeting after Wackenhut's address so that police officers could exchange crime intelligence from their areas. Wackenhut later lunched with the group before returning to his Coral Gables headquarters.

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Indictments All Over State Coming: Prober

By D. G. LAWRENCE
Sentinel Staff

Gov. Kirk's war crime director promised a number of indictments of criminals and corrupt officials soon in every area of the state Thursday.

Under investigation by his special agents, said George Wackenhut, are 320 cases, with several hundred more a waiting scrutiny.

"LIKE ANY other police agency," he told a police intelligence exchange meeting in Orlando, "we have to give priority to the most important cases."

"I feel we have already accomplished much," said Wackenhut, citing the Brevard school bus purchasing case involving suspended regent Woodrow Darden and the breakup of an alleged dope and crime robbery ring in Miami earlier this week.

Wackenhut, talking to the Florida Intelligence Unit at Quality Court Garden Motel, charged that questions of legality of the crime war raised by cabinet officers was designed to hamper cooperation between the Wackenhut investigators and established police agencies.

"I'm happy to report that we are receiving full cooperation throughout the state," the former FBI agent declared.

He was named crime war czar by Gov. Kirk Jan. 3, one of the governor's first acts.

Wackenhut emphasized his investigators are not confining their activities to any specific area of the state.

"WE'RE WORKING all over the state," he reported. "Right here in Central Florida, in Jacksonville, in Miami, in the Tampa Bay area, everywhere."

The indictments, he said, would be forthcoming soon.

Currently working on cases are 30 investigators, carrying direct commissions from Gov. Kirk. Twenty-three of them are ex-FBI agents, some of them supervisors before leaving the government agency. The others are former investigators for other federal investigative

forces, one a former police chief.

WACKENHUT declared that all investigative work is reviewed constantly by attorneys assigned to the crime war.

"Where the results dictate advisability of calling in the appropriate law enforcement agency for action, this is done," he explained. "We are not doing police work, we are not substituting for or superimposing ourselves on police agencies. We are instead augmenting them."

Wackenhut told the group there was ample state constitutional and statutory evidence legalizing employment of the Wackenhut agents by the governor.

"The governor," he cited, "is authorized to employ such persons as may be required from time to time to make such investigations as may, in his judgment, be necessary or expedient to efficiently conduct affairs of the state government."

"FURTHER," he said,

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Wackenhut said that private contributions were received for the crime war because there was no state money for funds to finance it.

"Furthermore no such funds should become available until the legislature provided them, if ever," he continued.

"HE WAS left with no other choice but the method he used, if he wished to immediately meet his commitments to the citizens of this state," Wackenhut declared.

A poll completed last week, Wackenhut reported, showed 58.8 per cent of Floridians approving the crime war methods, only 23.8 per cent discrediting them. The balance had no opinion.

The 100 peace officers from throughout the state asked no questions at the end of Wackenhut's talk, though he had announced at meeting opening that he was ready even for "loaded" questions.

LATER, AT a closed session, Wackenhut and the officers exchanged police intelligence from all areas. Wackenhut lunched with the group before flying to his headquarters in Miami.

The intelligence unit meets four times each year to exchange crime intelligence.

The crime war head, who directs the world's third largest private detective agency, answered questions from reporters.

REASON FOR the great increase in crime?

"Lack of punishment," he said.

"Court decisions have hampered law enforcement and judges set bail so low that criminals are released to commit more crimes so they can pay their legal fees, he declared.

"And third," he concluded, "the right of the individual has become so important to a segment of the population that rights of the majority have been diminished," he concluded.



GEORGE WACKENHUT SPEAKS IN ORLANDO
Police Chief Carlisle Johnstone in background (center photo)

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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE DOESN'T KNOW**Tax Status Unavailable
On Crime War Donors**By SAM MASE
Of The Times Staff

No one in Gov. Claude Kirk's office seems to know the status of Kirk's reported request for income tax deductions on private financial contributions to his war on crime.

In fact, it developed yesterday there may be a question of whether he has filed such a request.

Jack Ledden, who is supposed to be Kirk's coordinator in the war on crime, insisted the request has been filed.

Internal Revenue Service (IRS) officials said their records do not show any such tax exemption request filed — at least not under Kirk's name, the war on crime or in the name of George Wackenhut of Miami, head of a private investigative agency named by Kirk to lead the crime fight.

IRS OFFICIALS suggested a request, if made, may have been submitted under a different name. If so, they had no knowledge of this.

Ledden refused to answer The Times' questions regarding where the tax exemption request was made, the date it was made and the name under which it was submitted (as he says it was) to IRS officials.

The IRS office in Washington told The Times a request of that nature would have to be submitted to the Florida District Internal Revenue Office in Jacksonville where a decision would be

When asked where Kirk had filed the request, Ledden retorted "where do you think it would be filed?" Then he added the matter is being "handled by the legal department of the governor's staff."

Asked who on the legal staff The Times should contact, he said "they (members of the staff) will refer you to the governor."

Ledden told a Times reporter the questions asked would be "answered next Tuesday at the Cabinet meeting."

Asked if he knew under what name the request was filed, Ledden replied: "Ask Gov. Kirk."

IN REPLY TO a request the call be transferred to Kirk, Ledden said "he's in Bartow or Jacksonville."

Kirk is scheduled to be in Bartow today to inspect the First Road District headquarters there and talk with district road engineers and Road Board member Donald R. Crane Jr. of St. Petersburg about road problems.

A St. Petersburg tax expert said in all probability a trust fund set up for the purpose of fighting crime would be granted income tax exemption.

As far as a donor to the fund being able to deduct a contribution exemption, he said "this is something else."

According to the expert, normal procedure to insure tax exemptions require a charitable organization to make application to the District Director of Internal Revenue and request a "determination letter" which would spell out whether the trust or organization, the donor or both would be granted a tax-exempt status.

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Governor Ready To Face Cabinet on Crime 'Trust'

TALLAHASSEE (AP) — Gov. Claude Kirk is scheduled to ask cabinet approval Tuesday of the establishment of a "war on crime trust fund" and authority to release \$150,000 from the fund through June 30.

Budget Commission Director Wallace Henderson, noting that the purpose of a trust fund must have basis in law, said Kirk is asking the fund "by virtue of authority established in me (Kirk) as chief magistrate."

Atty. Gen. Earl Faircloth issued an opinion recently which said he saw "serious questions" of the legality of such a trust fund and added:

"The mandate to see that the laws are faithfully executed does not mean that the governor enforces the laws at his will and discretion or that he must have agents of his own nomination in order to execute the mandate."

Henderson said his office usually determines the legal basis for a trust fund "when there is question, but I'm taking the governor's (word) here."

Kirk's claim to authority came in a letter to his office, said Henderson.

"I believe he has this authority under statute," said Henderson, who also pointed out "he (Kirk) is chairman of the budget commission."

Kirk, in his request to place the item on the budget commission agenda, said the trust fund would be supplied by "grants and donations" — presumably from private sources.

However, Henderson said he did not know if the donations have yet been received. He would not say if the fund is for the state or if it will be received by the governor.

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Gov. Kirk Says Slaying Shows Need for His 'C' Fund

TALLAHASSEE (UPI) — Gov. Claude Kirk disclosed yesterday that he had had two brief conferences with U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark about crime in Florida and added that the seriousness of the situation was highlighted by the gangland-style slaying of a one-time Mafia figure in Miami Beach.

Governor Kirk said that his investigators had talked to John Shea before his death Friday.

"If anyone still doubts that our war on crime is serious and that it is really a war we are involved in, he has another thought coming," Kirk told a news conference.

"The death and the fact the governor had to put some of his investigators for fear of their lives shows how serious a matter crime is."

Treated in a lawless way, the governor said, is a crime. He said he was "apparently" doing a good job in the state. He said he was "apparently" doing a good job in the state. He said he was "apparently" doing a good job in the state.

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Kirk said the \$150,000 fund will give the cabinet money to be revised as money comes into the crime war.

At present, he disclosed, he has stopped requesting donations, until the mechanics of channelling through the state treasury with a budget and audits is completed.

He said he did not know how much there was in the fund at this point but George Wackenhut, his state crime director, said recently none of the personnel had been paid and it was costing about \$100 a day.

If the cabinet does not authorize the trust fund, and there is no indication that the officials won't go along on this phase just to get the money into regular channels, Kirk said he's establish an outside trust fund.

I am proposing a "private corporation" budget, amounting to \$1,000 as a start.

That is only as all he intends, and there had been some from an assistant. The governor would also give the cabinet a list of contributors so far, and the names of an advisory board he intends to appoint.

But Kirk said he did not know that all of this work was ready for today's meeting.

The governor said he'll propose that the trust fund in the treasury be known as "Governor Kirk's War on Crime Trust Fund" with a budget calling for \$150,000 in receipts

and \$350,000 in estimated expenditures.

The governor said that his most recent other governors and President Johnson and several aides Saturday was in the state. He said he believed that the "Governor's War on Crime" was the only way to win the battle.

"I believe it is the only way to win the battle about crime in the state."

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Kirk said he also disclosed the plans of the civilian space agency to drop its "250" program — research on solid fuel propellants. He said the President listened attentively and referred him to National Aeronautics and Space Administration officials.

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Crime War Decision Delayed By Cabinet

Miami Herald Service

TALLAHASSEE — Cabinet members — apparently reluctant to vote against any effort to combat crime — deftly avoided a final vote on Gov. Claude R. Kirk's war on crime yesterday.

By postponing action for two weeks, the Cabinet delayed a decision past election day.

Gov. Kirk set a two-hour meeting for the Cabinet, the public or anyone else who is interested on all aspects of the case. Including information on the 500 cases he said were under investigation.

THE BRIEFING will be today in the Cabinet room of the governor's office from 3 to 5 p.m. If yesterday's move was designed to prevent Kirk, who has been working hard on GOP legislative candidates, from using a vote as a campaign issue, the six Democratic Cabinet members weren't entirely successful.

Kirk quickly praised the "decision" of the Cabinet, noted everyone was really for the war on crime and that the only questions were on the mechanics of setting up a trust fund to handle private donations.

THE learned he might have set up a private trust fund if the Cabinet failed to act. "What am I going to do with these?" asked waving a packet he contained donations resulting from a Miami radio inter-

view he indicated, for the first time he regretted not going to the legislature for help.

Saying the trust fund budget was only tentative, Kirk added that by the time the original funds were depleted, "The Legislature may have given us some other method of financing."

"Until such time," he maintained, "I have to have this..."

THE ENTIRE skirmish was restrained, with only one overt reference to the recent battling over control of the state's crime war.

That came from Atty. Gen. Earl Faircloth who declared: "Instead of fighting among ourselves, we should be fighting crime."

"In order that the record is clear," shot back Kirk, "I'm fighting crime."

Democrats accomplished the delay by first deferring action on Faircloth's request for the establishment of another trust fund to hold \$22,068 he has received from the federal government to finance his own crime war — The Committee on Law Enforcement and Administration of Justice.

Faircloth did not contest the delay.

THEN CAME Kirk's request for establishment of a \$150,000 trust fund to pay for his private investigators.

(Kirk didn't indicate he had that much money, saying it was just an arbitrary figure needed to establish the fund legally.)

The questions came fast. Secretary of State Tom Adams wanted to see the contract with the Wackenhut Corp., the private firm hired by Kirk to conduct the war.

"These records are public records," said Kirk. But he added "I'm reserving the right

to see what the obligation is that we are assuming into," continued Adams.

Comptroller Fred Dickinson, whose office would handle the trust mechanics, had a long list of technical questions:

"Is it a permanent trust? Do we want a non-profit corporation? If so, who are the directors? Where does the personal liability lie? What type of bond will the comptroller need? To whom do the files go?"

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One Crime Fighter Only 1/5th Trained

TALLAHASSEE (By Staff Writer) Somewhere out there the war on crime is one-fifth an FBI-trained investigator.

Gov. Claude Kirk said yesterday he now has 31 investigators waging his war on crime, and that 91 per cent of them are FBI-trained.

Now, 91 per cent of 31 is 28, meaning one investigator only 0.21 per cent of an FBI-trained agent.

That's the governor calls him the boss.

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2 Cabinet Men Ready To Back 'Crime War'

FRANK CAPERSON
Tribune Staff Writer

TALLAHASSEE — Two members of the Florida Cabinet indicated yesterday they would vote immediately to provide public funds to pay for Gov. Claude R. Kirk's war on crime.

The offers to join in the war came from Sen. Sam Boyd Christian and Agriculture Commissioner J. Jaye Conner — the only cabinet members attending the governor's two-hour briefing on the war.

A list of contributors to the governor's crime war had been made public by the governor's office during the session. Included Fred Learey, Tampa telephone executive, and W. E. Dugan of Crestview, each with \$1,000 donations.

Conner said the state has a \$100,000 set aside as a contingency fund and said the war would dip into that to pay for a "conservative manager" war on crime pending action by the 1967 legislature.

Conner asked if Kirk would accept public funds.

"Yes," replied Kirk, "as long as I'm the general in charge. There can be only one general."

Kirk insisted he was eager to have the legislature provide public funds for the war. "No one likes to go out and solicit money," he said.

Kirk made these points about the war yesterday:

— He has filed with federal officials papers that would make contributors to the war immune from tax returns.

— He has received about 25,000 contributions so far, and enough pledges to make the program.



Fred Learey

... \$1,000 contributor

— He has 31 investigators at work on 346 cases. The war also has nine secretaries and about 2,000 square feet of office space in Miami.

The governor cited no specific Florida cases that had not previously been made public. He referred to the school investigation in Brevard County, the investigation into the sheriff's office in

Manatee County and the Dixie County investigation.

Kirk said he was faced with a "round robin" in the war and had to eliminate both governmental corruption and crime.

"Crime and corruption feed on each other," the governor said. "We must knock out organized crime to end corruption and we must knock out corruption to get organized crime."

Christian told the governor the thing that bothered people most about his war was use of the Wackenhut detective agency, a private agency, to wage it.

Kirk said the 31 investigators working on the war were working only on the war.

Christian persisted in criticism of the "det" nature, both public and private. The Wackenhut agency is asked whether the investigators would undertake any cases not authorized by the governor.

Kirk pledged they would not.

Christian further asked if the governor had a "signed agreement" that information gathered in the war on crime

would not be used in private cases handled by Wackenhut agents.

"I have a contract that they can't," Kirk said.

Kirk said a copy of his contract with Wackenhut would be attached to the first voucher sent for payment to the comptroller's office.

The cabinet is officially scheduled to consider the governor's request for state management of the crime-war funds at its meeting April 4.

Christian asked whether Kirk would ask the legislature to create a state agency to wage the war on crime.

Kirk said he was "not firm" on his approach to the legislature. He indicated, however, he would like to see operation of the war continue as at present, with the only change being use of public money instead of private donations.

Conner told newsmen after the meeting, that the directorship of the war on crime should be a full time job, even if the director were a \$1-a-year man.

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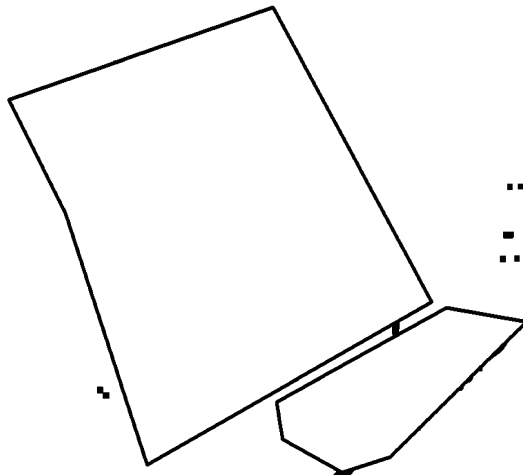
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Cabinet Aloof, So Kirk Sets Briefing on His Crime War

TALLAHASSEE (UPI) — State cabinet officials said yesterday they could not embrace Gov. Claude Kirk's private "war on crime" until they knew a lot more about it than they do now.

Kirk immediately set a two-hour briefing for the cabinet, he public or anyone else who is interested on all aspects of the drive, including information on over 300 cases he said were under investigation.

The briefing will be today in the cabinet room of the governor's office from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

In the meantime, the cabinet delayed until April 1 final action on the governor's request for establishment in the state treasury of a \$150,000 war on crime trust fund to receive contributions from private individuals and businesses.

Kirk said he might have to set up a private trust fund temporarily to pay some past due bills, being run up at the rate of \$1,000 a day.

Also delayed was approval of a trust fund for Atty. Gen. Earl Faircloth to receive federal grants of \$22,000 to finance a survey of Florida's law enforcement structure.

Secretary of State Tom Adams said he wanted to look at the contract the governor signed with George Wackenhut's private investigating agency before he goes along with the state-sanctioned trust fund.

"I don't scrutinize your contracts," Kirk snapped, but said because of the great public interest he would permit it

in this instance. But he made it clear that he would control the crime war and dictate terms of contracts.

The cabinet can criticize but not control was the way he put it.

Comptroller Fred Dickinson said he had many questions he needed answers to before he undertook to keep the files for the crime war and countersign vouchers for payments for the private police force.

Dickinson asked for the names of officers of any corporation with a hand in the war, what personal liability was involved, what type bond he'd have to carry to be responsible for the funds, and who got the files and records when Kirk left office.

The governor said the next governor would inherit the records, all of which will be made public eventually, he said, including names of contributors.

School Supt. Floyd Christian said he wanted assurance that the governor's squad of private investigators would not have any powers to subpoena, search or make arrests and would not violate any rights of individuals or overstep their authority.

"I can give you that assurance. It won't happen as long as I am governor. I remind you the governor can be impeached."

Christian and Faircloth inquired about two lawsuits now pending, one in the supreme court challenging the private funds and another in Titusville accusing one of the governor's investigators of searching without a warrant the home of suspended Brevard County School Supt. Woodrow Darden.

The governor passed these off as not serious, saying "I learned in law school that with \$40 you can sue the prime minister."

The governor disclosed that he will meet with U.S. Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark in Washington April 3 to discuss the crime situation in general. Faircloth said he was meeting with Clark March 28-29 for the same purpose.

That gave rise to repeated justifications for the delay in any action regarding the "war on crime." Dickinson said meanwhile he is gathering information on the approach which others of the "big 10" states take to fighting crime.

Kirk said he had nowhere near \$150,000 in contributions at this point, but he said that he had to make an estimate in order to establish a fund and a budget.

He brought up for the first time the possibility of the legislature making state funds available for the crime fight, something proposed by a number of legislators fearful of a privately financed approach.

Kirk had brought to the meeting, to be turned over to Dickinson had the trust fund been approved, a brown paper envelope he said included contributions of \$5 and \$10 amounts taken up via the Allen Courtney radio show in Miami where an appeal for funds was made.

The governor said there was no cause for worry about his investigators doing anything except investigating and bringing the results to the attention of the proper authorities.

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"My men aren't even armed," he said, which was the reason he had to pull a couple off of a recent narcotics probe in fear for their lives, he added.

Kirk said he is pleased that "it is the sense of the cabinet to wage a war on crime. We have created a popularity for getting at crime," he said.

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The List of Contributors

TALLAHASSEE (P) — The long-awaited list of contributors to Gov. Claude Kirk's war on crime, including two donations of \$1,000 each, were released yesterday by the governor's office.

Kirk identified Fred T. Learey, president of General Telephone Co. of Tampa, and W. E. Duggan of Crestview Timber Co., Crestview, as the \$1,000 donors.

He said another \$1,000 came from an "anonymous in St. Petersburg and probably will be returned."

Jack Ledden, administrative aide in charge of liaison with George Wackenhut, director of the war on crime, estimated that the total of all contributions was roughly about \$8,400.

Other contributors were:

M. L. Coker — \$20, 818 Central Ave., St. Petersburg.
Willard C. Korn — \$20, Boca Raton.
J. Edwin Brown — \$25, Pompano Beach.
Harvey L. Cutler — \$20, Miami Beach.
Mrs. Irene Germann — \$2, 2015 Jackson St. N., St. Petersburg.
Kathy Hunt — \$1; Daniel S. Smith — \$1, and Clyde W. Carter — \$1 (all c/o Mrs. Germann).
L. A. Terry — \$10, Pompano Beach.
Mr. and Mrs. P. Notary — \$5, Fort Lauderdale.
Mary E. Peterson — \$5, Miami.
Emma Limniatis — \$25, Coral Gables.
Margaret H. Putnam — \$10, Fort Lauderdale.
Mrs. M. Pearl Gettings — \$10, Fort Lauderdale.
M. K. Reynolds — \$10, Hollywood.
Myrtle Sinclair — \$5, Miami.
Edwin J. King — \$5, Fort Lauderdale.
Mrs. Frances E. Martin — \$5, Miami.
Henry M. Wogisch — \$2, Plantation.
Fred N. Richmond — \$5, Hialeah.
Catharine Coyle — \$5, Fort Lauderdale.
Adam Hamill — \$5, Coral Gables.
Harold F. DeZellar — \$10, Light-house Point.
Martin Nathanson — \$10, Miami.
J. H. Keathley — \$100, Miami.
Mrs. Marion C. Dubois — \$5, Miami.
Cornelia Leffer — \$10, Miami.
William F. Kibbe — \$10, Pompano Beach.
J. Edmund Byrne — \$100, Miami Beach.
Anne Levine — \$5, Miami.
Magdalen S. Pratt — \$10, Fort Lauderdale.
Miss E. H. Keil — \$1, Miami.
Catherine Parker — \$10, Pompano Beach.
William T. Sutter — \$5, Fort Lauderdale.
Miss V. L. Mersereau — \$10, Homestead.
Miss Lillian G. Bruen — \$5, Miami.
Miss Lilly M. Stacey — \$3, North Miami.
H. G. Deaver — \$50, Coral Gables.
Miss Stephanie S. Nathan — \$200, Miami.
Samuel Hamerman — \$10, Miami Beach.
Marjory Burt — \$1, Hallendale.
Miss S. A. Conklin — \$2, Fort Lauderdale.
Besley — \$5, Miami.
T. Friedman — \$10, Miami.

Mary F. Dickinson — \$5, Homestead.
Buyon E. Moseley — \$25, Miami.
W. E. Olson — \$300, Miami Beach.
Coy G. Slaton — \$25, Fort Lauderdale.
Edward J. Johnson — \$10, Miami.
C. W. Fagerstrom — \$10, Miami.
Fred Ingley Jr. — \$10, Miami.
Aubrey D. White — \$1, Miami.
Gottfred Lauridsen — \$2, West Hollywood.
Robert Hughes Bennett — \$5, Miami.
Miss F. B. Snow — \$5, Miami.
Frank A. Olsee — \$5, Miami.
Miss Hattie Spiegel — \$10, Miami Beach.
Miss Anita Ramsey — \$10, Miami.
Mrs. H. F. Luer — \$10, North Miami.
C. E. Pinkham — \$5, Coral Gables.
Gladys Urfer Covalt — \$5, North Miami Beach.
Alfred Lublitz — \$2, Fort Lauderdale.
Eve T. Cassady — \$2, Miami Beach.
Oscar A. Ortiz — \$3, West Miami.
L. R. Bickley — \$10, Miami.

Miss E. N. Mathiesen — \$2, Hialeah.
Mary H. Brogan — \$1, Coral Gables.
Mrs. Florence Fenz — \$5, Miami Beach.
Mrs. Buy W. Rasmussen — \$5, Miami.
Rudy C. Johnson — \$5, Pompano Beach.
Estell D. Whitehurst — \$10, Miami.
Herman E. Meier — \$10, Pompano.
Mrs. Andrew Baxter — \$25, Key Biscayne.
Marjorie Tompkins (no amount listed), Miami.
Fred J. Steinmetz — \$3, Miramar.
Earl D. Miller — \$10, Fort Lauderdale.
Mrs. Charles S. Love — \$10, Miami.
Mrs. Libby Korinek — \$2, Fort Lauderdale.
Mrs. C. F. Person — \$10, Coral Gables.
Mrs. B. P. Lowers — \$100, Miami Shores.
William L. Johnson Sr. — \$25, Miami.
Anonymous — \$1, Miami.
Marian Borgore — \$3, Miami.
John D. Snideman — \$1, Miami.
William C. Huntoon — \$10, West Hollywood.
Mrs. Rhea Montgomery — \$1, North Miami Beach.
Hammacher Schlemmer — \$2, New York, N.Y.
John Magyar — \$1, Miami.
Anonymous — \$5, Miami Shores.
John A. Flowers — \$3, Miami.
Mrs. R. K. Kennedy — \$5, North Miami Beach.
I. C. True — \$1, Miami Shores.
Mrs. C. O. Burgess — \$1, North Miami.
Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Stacy — \$5, Grand Ridge.
W. Josiah Norton — \$500, Dorr-Oliver Inc., Stamford, Connecticut.
Nicholas Mlinarich — \$250, Naples.
John Smith — \$500, Hollywood.
Dr. Walter M. Pelsner — \$5, Winter Park.
Miss Norma Lay — \$5, 4163 Second Avenue, North, St. Petersburg.
Miami Shores Republican Club, Carl Mayle Secretary — \$25, 166 Northwest 96th Street, Miami Shores.
Carl L. Mayle — \$1, Miami Shores.
Harve Kollman — \$2, Lorida.
Floyd H. Barkman — \$25, 340 1/2 Broadway, Orlando.
Mrs. Estelle V. Wolin — \$1, North Miami Beach.
Steven Cymbaluk — \$10, Miami.
John S. Cottrell — \$100, 243 Miramar Drive, Fort Myers Beach.
Mrs. Pearl V. Gunnerson — \$5, Vestavia Apts., 1100 Delaney, Orlando.
E. T. Lippincott — \$5, Miami.
James Pollock — \$10, Pensacola.
Hubert H. Jacobs — \$50, 1935 North

Hill Avenue, DeLand.
H. Drennen Browne — \$1, Vero Beach.
Leon R. Carpenter — \$25, Fayetteville, N.Y.
W. Beresford Love — \$15, Miami.
Mrs. Evelyn Myers — \$25, Hollywood.
Republican Women of Miami Beach, Mrs. A. D. Smith, president, — \$50, 10170 Collins Avenue, Miami Beach.
Mrs. John Weltner — \$5, DeFuniak Springs.
Dr. Reginald R. Rambo — \$5, 1375 Florida Ave., Fort Myers.
Mrs. Elizabeth A. Dulbs — \$1, Miami.
Mrs. Edith M. Beardsley — \$2, Miami.
Anonymous — \$1, Miami.
Mrs. Hilda Rellis — \$1, Miami Beach.
Mrs. Lois R. Brown — \$3, Miami.
Mrs. Julia Jean Stokes — \$10, Miami.
Mrs. William R. Burgess — \$1, North Miami.
C. W. Fagerstrom — \$10, Miami.
Joseph W. Claffey — \$5, Hialeah.
Mrs. G. H. Maurer — \$1, Miami Springs.
Mrs. Helen R. White — \$1, Miami.
Mrs. Linda Smith — \$1, Miami.
Mr. and Mrs. Barry Vaughan — \$1, Coral Gables.
Biscayne Women's Republican Club, Mrs. Adeline L. Harvey, treasurer — \$25, 95 N.E. 71st Street, Miami.
Mrs. Edith E. Swanson — \$1, Miami.
Mrs. Claudia O'Berry — \$1, Miami.
Mrs. Sally Belknap — \$1, Jacksonville.
Mrs. Fern Griffith — \$1, Miami.
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Robert Lon Poole Sr. — \$5, Miami.
Mr. and Mrs. M. Nathanson — \$2, Miami.
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Mrs. Mildred Butler — \$10, North Miami.
Carol James — \$1, Miami.
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Mrs. Helen A. Fryar — \$100, 2611 Temple Terrace, Tampa.

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"KIRK said identifies an investigator. That is all. He cannot make arrests or suspect. That's up to you."

The governor and Wackenhut were out to the feathers of the crime many of whom have been critical of the crime war as interference with their cases.

Wackenhut said a survey ordered by the governor disclosed that 56.8 per cent liked the idea of Wackenhut's private detective agency serving as the army.

"It is my feel that the war on crime has refocused public attention on law enforcement agencies and the they do," Wackenhut said.

"If we are doing else, it will be worth the effort," Wackenhut said. "We're turning the public mind in this direction."

Wackenhut said the Coral Gables headquarters of the crime war receives an average of 10 telephone tips a day that 18 per cent of these tips contain solid information.

He said since the war was declared in January the agency had opened 5.3 cases and closed 24 of them, 13 with arrest three by indictment and one by filing of a criminal

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ORLANDO (AP) — Gov. Claude Kirk said today his "war on crime" will be waged through Florida's law enforcement agencies and not in spite of them.

In a speech opening a law enforcement seminar, Kirk and his crime war general, George Wackenhut, made a strong pitch for cooperation from local agencies.

Waving a Wackenhut identification card, Kirk said 200 sheriffs and police officers carried no arrest or prosecutive powers.

ganized, crime investigation with the FBI, several agencies were with the counter Intelligence Corps in the Army and several were federal narcotics men.

AND two of his ex. referred to the Secret Service. He did not elaborate.

Wackon said that other agencies were forthcoming. Law enforcement officials that all files in the crime war were kept apart from his private agency files and would be released to the public.

He said his agents had been told to release no information to the news media, to refer to the Coral Gables. "Keep cases from being tried in the press."

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Kirk Denies Tailing

By BARBARA FRYE
United Press International
TALLAHASSEE — "It's ridiculous," said Gov. Claude Kirk today, scanning a news headline reporting that "Adams Says State Officials Tailed".

Kirk threw the newspaper, outlined in red by an aide for his attention, into a drawer of his big mahogany desk.

The Republican governor was obviously miffed at the charge by Democratic secretary of state Tom Adams that Wackenhut investigators, employed by the governor in his "war on crime," are trailing state officials, checking on their activities at hotels and airports.

HE OPENED the desk and retrieved the newspaper. "Just listen to this," he said to a newsman and began reading: "One of Mr. Wackenhut's men sits rather permanently at the Tallahassee airport checking who comes and who goes and where they go and who with."

Said Kirk, "Of course, it's not true. I've got nobody watching airports and planes. Who cares?"

Anyway," he added, "they're running state plants for per-
sonal business."

KIRK SMILED irked, not so much by the fact that Adams made the charge as by the time of it to coincide with the governor's first statewide conference on law enforcement.

"I'm not going to worry about what Mr. Adams says. I haven't time to do that. I'm busy working for six million people of Florida."

But he is convinced Adams is undertaking a calculated campaign to pull public attention away from the governor's efforts at finding solutions to major problems.

He has some evidence to back up the suspicion.

HE NOTED that Adams made his statement about Wackenhut spies at and Orlando hotel and one the same day — last Friday — of the

governor's law enforcement session.

"He even used my press," the governor said.

And Saturday morning headlines bannered Adams' accusations, burying the law enforcement conference.

A few weeks earlier, Kirk recalled, while he was conducting a statewide conference on education in Orlando, secretary Adams announced to newsmen in Tallahassee that the governor had put pressure on two members of

the University Board of Regents to try to get them to resign so he could put his own people on the board.

AGAIN, Kirk recalled, reports of the governor's conference were buried beneath news headlines about Adams accusing the governor of political meddling in education.

"He has never proved any of his statements and he never will," Kirk said.

Adams was not immediately available for comment.

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Sheriff's Group Again Backs Probe Law

ORLANDO (AP) — The Florida Sheriff's Association reconfirmed its endorsement yesterday of proposed legislation which would allow the Florida Sheriff's Bureau to go into any county without waiting for an invitation.

Sheriff Monroe Brannen of Polk County, chairman of the association's committee on legislation, said the proposal was reviewed and given final approval at a brief meeting following Gov. Claude Kirk's law enforcement seminar.

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Two Who Missed 'Crime' Session

TALLAHASSEE (AP) — Two cabinet members who didn't make Gov. Claude Kirk's two-hour "war on crime" briefing said yesterday the session revealed nothing new or significant and they'll have to be told more.

Both were surprised at what they termed the low total of private contributions and one said it appears that avenue "has failed."

"My heavens, all this for three months about the war on crime and there's \$8,400," said State Comptroller Fred Dickinson.

"I was surprised to learn he's only collected \$8,400. I guess from the press reports I thought that this thing was well financed, that there was a great public resurgence," said Dickinson.

The comptroller said "I didn't read anything from press releases that was either significant or impressive."

Secretary of State Tom Adams, who had commitments Wednesday in the Tampa and St. Petersburg areas, said that "I had underestimated the volume of private support had been exaggerated. I, of course, had no way of knowing. We just didn't know anything other than what we read in the press."

Former Gov. LeRoy Collins criticized Kirk's "war on crime" in a visit to his home town Wednesday.

Collins, who is campaigning for the U.S. Senate seat of George Smathers who indicated he will retire in 1968, told a Tallahassee civic club that he favors "government in the sunshine" and he has grave concern about use of the Wackenhut organization agents by Governor Kirk.

Collins, a Democrat, said he did not question Kirk's motives, nor the need for stronger law enforcement efforts. But he said unless the program is sanctioned by law, it should be abandoned.

Both Dickinson and Adams said they based their impressions on news reports. Adams said he would confer with two staff members who attended Kirk's briefing.

The two cabinet members who made the briefings were State School Supt. Floyd Christian and Agriculture Commissioner Doyle Conner, who both indicated they might accept the Republican governor's war on crime if he provides for state-employed investigators and public financing.

Kirk's concept of the anti-crime campaign calls for private financing, and private investigators of the Wackenhut Corp. — an investigative agency in Miami — who are directly responsible to him. The governor had indicated he might make concessions as long as he clearly remains the "general in charge."

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Crime War Tactics Flayed

Adams Says State

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ORLANDO — Wackenhut investigators are trailing state officials and checking on their activities at hotels and the Tallahassee airport. Secretary of State Tom Adams charged here yesterday.

At the same time in the same hotel, Gov. Claude Kirk called a seminar on law enforcement in which he had called that no Floridian is beyond the search of investigators in move to reduce the crime.

"No state attorney, solicitor or judge is beyond the search of my investigators if they're not doing 1,000 per cent of the job that needs to be done," said Kirk. "I anticipate that some day the war on crime will no longer be a war but a defensive action."

Adams said "the cabinet members" unanimously "backed our governor and vigorously pursued this quest" if the aim of the program is to fight organized crime.

He said, "I rather doubt we are fighting organized crime when one of Wackenhut's men sits at the airport checking who comes and who goes and who they go and who with." "There are facts that can be determined from the record," he added.

"I rather doubt we are

fighting organized crime when high state officials check into a hotel and an inquiry is immediately made as to where this is, and who is with him, who he talks to," Adams said. "These things, gentlemen, do become important," he added.

He would not elaborate in his remarks.

A cross section of lawmen from throughout the state called the Cherry Plaza Hotel for Kirk's briefing and to hear Col. H. N. Kirkman, State Highway Patrol director; State Treasurer Broward Williams; crime war director

George Wackenhut, fiscal director; and Maj. Karl R. Adams, F.P.D. deputy inspector, review the needs to curb crime and highway accidents.

"We just don't let crime maintain a position," said Adams. "But we don't want to let it maintain a position."

Kirk said the state is now in a position to curb an increase in murder, robbery, burglary and auto theft from 1935 to 1955.

The governor said there "can be no other way" than

waging an intensive battle to root out street crimes, organized crime and corruption. Otherwise, he said, crime would be compromised and would rest in corruption.

"We want the people of Florida and the nation to know that the law officer is doing his job by and large in the state," said Kirk, who observed that he is "delighted to be a catalyst" in opening the fight.

The "most heinous" form of crime in the state is throughly organized, he said.

Kirk said he has invited all state attorneys, county sheriffs and state investigators to his office for conferences "to make sure we're on the same team" in the privately-financed crime war.

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Thompson, the governor, director of a public awareness program in the state, said voluntary members of committees all over the state will serve as autonomous groups meeting to discuss crime rates in their areas.

At least 750,000 Floridians are expected to sign pledge cards saying that they'll cooperate in reporting to lawmen

any criminal act they see or anticipate, Thompson predicted.

Asked by a Tampa judge what his position is on creating a better system to pick conscientious jurors in the state, Gov. Kirk said, "Anyone who wants off jury shall forfeit his right to vote for two years."

Kirk expressed support of searching for a better method.

Kirk said the state has sufficient laws to protect the accused but "I don't subscribe to leniency to the convicted."

Williams urged lawmen to support the governor's advisory committee on traffic safety's five-point proposal of new laws to help curb highway accidents and deaths.

The five points, explained by Maj. Adams, would raise the age limit for learner permits from 16 to 18 and require that the learner have a 21-year-old licensed driver with him while driving, rather than 18 years old as is now the case.

Further, the committee recommended necessary officials in order to enforce the National Safety Act or lose federal money for road work, should provide for re-examination of drivers every four years, periodic inspections of motor vehicles, a central issuance of drivers' licenses and chemical tests to determine if a driver is intoxicated, including "implied consent" which would accompany the driver's acceptance of the license.

Williams noted that 1,817 persons were killed and 104,000 injured in 187,000 accidents which cost over \$30 million on the state's highways last year.

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Broward Williams Set To Back War on Crime

TALLAHASSEE (AP) — State Treasurer Broward Williams said yesterday Gov. Claude Kirk has made a "complete disclosure" of his "war on crime" and feels the governor now prefers to finance the campaign with public funds.

Williams indicated this avenue would be acceptable to him, meaning his vote could swing cabinet approval of a modified "war on crime" campaign.

Two other cabinet members, Agriculture Commissioner Doyle Conner and State School Supt. Floyd Christian had indicated earlier this week that if Kirk permitted public financing instead of private they might accept the program.

Their votes, plus Kirk's and Williams', would be a majority, of the seven-man cabinet. Atty. Gen. Earl Faircloth, Secretary of State Tom Adams and State Comptroller Fred Dickinson have indicated they need more information on the "war on crime" drive and are critical of briefings presented so far by the Republican governor.

Faircloth said yesterday he agreed with Adams and Dickinson that Kirk's Wednesday briefing revealed not a "startling" and said the current "law enforcement picture" in Florida is confused.

Williams said he is confident Kirk can modify his request for financing of the "war on crime" and have it ready for submittal to the full cabinet by April 4.

"I think the governor now prefers to handle it with public funds and very definitely does not anticipate continuing any program based upon contributions by individuals," Williams said.

Williams said he is confident Kirk can modify his request for financing of the "war on crime" and have it ready for submittal to the full cabinet by April 4.



Williams

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the most important step that's been taken yet in our fight on crime.

drive — came in yesterday's law enforcement seminar in Orlando.

The commissioner said that personally he favors the state paying "for what's been done" so far by the Wackenhut agents working for the government and then "budgeting for the next 60 to 90 days until such time as the legislature can review the war on crime and pass the necessary legislation to effectively carry out what they and the governor believe to be a permanent program of the state."

The official called yesterday's meeting in Orlando "tremendously important. It's

"It's the first time we had all the sheriffs, constables, police chiefs, various agencies, highway patrol, judges, state attorneys, county solicitors, many others, everyone that has a hand in it.

fight together," Williams said.

In an interview, Faircloth also said that he isn't trying to outstage Kirk in the law enforcement field, but added that "I don't have any communication any more" with the governor's office.

He said there is a "lack of any public understanding and, indeed, any understanding in government as to who is responsible for law enforcement state-wide."

"Everybody is creating a commission. Everybody is calling meetings... it points up the general confused picture in Florida law enforcement," Faircloth said.

Faircloth said that a key purpose of the recently published "law enforcement survey" was to analyze Florida law enforcement responsibilities. The report was compiled by the Florida State Committee on Law Enforcement and Administration of Justice — of which Faircloth is chairman.

Faircloth was asked if the recent scheduling by him and Kirk of separate law enforcement conferences for March 24 showed a lack of communication and a possible feud. Faircloth's conference, to be held in Tampa, was rescheduled for March 31. Kirk's was held yesterday in Orlando.

The official said that "my committee has been scheduled several days before the other meeting was called." But Faircloth said he had been "assured" that the governor had not known of the date conflict.

Faircloth said he reset his own conference "in deference to him (Kirk) and also to Treasurer Williams," whom Faircloth said originally planned the session.

In response to the "feud" aspect, Faircloth replied, "no, indeed."

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"I have always maintained the position that the governor should be the leader, the main responsibility. But I think he perhaps has misunderstood that duty and responsibility."

"I'm not sure the governor and I are on the same track, but I'm not attempting to upstage him," Fairclot said.

It was the attorney general who recently issued an advisory opinion saying that the governor's privately financed "war on crime" — spearheaded by a private investigative agency — stood on insecure legal ground and was fraught with danger.

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Bank Offers To Handle War on Crime Fund

FORT MYERS (By Staff Writer) — A local bank has offered its services free of charge as a depository for donations in Gov. Claude R. Kirk's war on crime.

A telegram sent the governor by Armand D. [unclear], vice president and [unclear] officer of the Lee County Bank, sent Kirk this telegram:

"When agreement is reached regarding the manner in which donated funds for the conduct of your war on crime are to be managed, the trust department of the Lee County Bank is prepared to perform such services as are necessary in the receipt, re-

cording and disbursement of such funds. This service to be performed at no cost to the state government and as a service to the people of Florida."

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Gov. Kirk's War-on-Crime Advisory Board

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ORLANDO — Gov. Claude R. Kirk Jr. yesterday named 15 persons to his advisory board to help in his war on crime.

At his law enforcement seminar here, Gov. Kirk said "Three or four other members" will be announced later.

Board members include Pinellas County Sheriff Don Gering, Duval County Sheriff Dale Carson, Pensacola Police Chief Drexel P. Carr, West Palm Beach Police Chief William M. Barnes, Dr. Frederick D. Lewis of the University of Miami School of Law, Dr. George W. Gore, president of Florida A&M University.

Charles Harris, state president of the AFL-CIO; Miami Beach Rabbi Irving Lehman; Dr. John Maguire, executive secretary of the Florida Baptist Convention, Jacksonville; Harry Hood Bassett, chairman of the board of a Miami bank; Fred T. Learey, Tampa, president of General Telephone Company; West Palm Beach attorney Charles A. Nugent; Tampa lawyer Cody Fowler; Jack M. Egan, Tallahassee attorney with the Florida Sheriffs Association, and H. P. Enwall, professor of law at the University of Florida.

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FROM : SAC SANTOIANA

SUBJECT: THE WACKENHUT CORPORATION
GOVERNOR'S WAR ON CRIME

Almost on a daily basis there is something in the newspapers concerning the Wackenhut Corporation and utilization of same by the Governor (CLAUDE KIRK, JR.) in his war on crime. It is obvious from the newspaper articles that there is considerable dissension in the State concerning the utilization of a private organization such as the Wackenhut Corporation by Governor KIRK. This dissension is not only reflected in the editorials of the newspapers and by the public but also by friction which is patent within the structure of the State Government. It is obvious that the Florida Sheriffs' Bureau feels that the Governor may be planning to bypass their organization or supplant it and that they have now taken the stand that the Governor can use the Florida Sheriffs' Bureau investigators for any investigations that he may desire to conduct in the various counties within the state without the previous invitation of the sheriff of a particular county. The law creating the Florida Sheriffs' Bureau provided that no investigators from the Florida Sheriffs' Bureau would be sent into a county without specific invitation from the sheriff of that county. The Florida Sheriffs' Bureau by a unanimous vote has now agreed until a legislature has had time to amend the enabling act, to permit the Governor to utilize the investigators of the Florida Sheriffs' Bureau without an invitation from the various sheriffs.

Attorney General FAIRCLOTH is also vehemently opposed to the Governor's program and has a State Committee on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice which recently had a meeting in Tampa, Fla., and it now appears that FAIRCLOTH is proposing that a 30-man vice and crime squad be organized and set up under the direction of the Attorney General.

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This group would have full police powers of arrest, search and seizure, etc.

The purpose of this memo is to alert all agents of the fact that the Bureau's policy concerning the Wackenhut Corporation and the dissemination of information contained in our files has not in any way changed. As you are aware, we have been disseminating and will continue to disseminate information of pertinent interest to the local, county and state agencies who are entitled to same. However, THE BUREAU DOES NOT RECOGNIZE THE WACKENHUT CORPORATION AS A PROPERLY CONSTITUTED LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.

Therefore:

- #1. No records of information in our files are to be given to the Wackenhut Corporation or any of its representatives. This, of course, includes FBI Identification Records. This is in line with long-established policy that Bureau files are confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice.
- #2. It is possible that information may come to your attention indicating that a local law enforcement agency, the SO or state agency is making available to the Wackenhut Corp. information or FBI Identification Records, both of which were furnished to that agency by us. In such cases, you should immediately advise me of the facts.
- #3. If any law enforcement agency should ask you if the Bureau is furnishing information to the Wackenhut Corporation, you can tell them that the Bureau's position is that our files are confidential pursuant to the regulations of the Department of Justice and that the FBI does not make its files available to this company.

- #4. All agents must be fully alert to all possible infringement by the Wackenhut Corporation on the jurisdiction of the FBI. Keep me advised fully of all significant information concerning this so that the Bureau can be advised.
- #5. It is apparent that any investigations conducted by the Wackenhut Corporation concerning organized crime conditions will closely parallel investigations conducted under the Bureau's Criminal Intelligence Program. Leading hoodlums such as SANTO TRAFFICANTE and LCN representatives in Fla. will inevitably be subjects of investigation by the Wackenhut Corporation. You must make certain that you maintain a circumspect position in any developments relating to the Wackenhut Corporation investigations and take every step necessary to avoid becoming involved in the matter.

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Crime War Escalation By Faircloth Proposed

By DONALD DAVIS
Times Bureau

TAMPA — Atty. Gen. Earl Faircloth yesterday threw another bucketful of criticism on Gov. Claude Kirk's use of the privately owned Wackenhut detective agency as the main force in Florida's war on crime.

Shortly afterwards, the State Committee on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice proposed legislation to give Faircloth's office a new platoon of investigators to escalate that same war.

The idea was proposed shortly after Faircloth addressed a special meeting of the committee with state law officials, during which he underlined what he said is the need to have some one or some group in Florida coordinate the fight against organized crime.

THE PROPOSAL is one of the planned bills the committee intends to take to the State Legislature.

The attorney general also announced that his office is preparing legislation that would "pierce the veils of corporations owned by organized crime." He said he plans to strengthen the laws in the civil field that could be turned against racketeers and hoodlums who have infiltrated reputable business fields, such as motels, hotels and restaurants.

"I maintain that the state has the police powers," he said, "to prohibit a convicted felon from being the managing director of a \$10-million corporation." He said this is aimed at members of organized crime syndicates and not "some kid" who stole an automobile for a joy ride and

has paid his debt to society.

FAIRCLOTH said the main weapon will be the state's power to control the establishment of corporations and renewal of licenses. He said the bill would be ready by the middle of next week.

Faircloth was emphatic as he said a central group or top person is needed to handle a "public supported, public directed" war on crime. He said he feels the use of a private firm is "fraught with danger."

"Private sleuthing and public law enforcement don't mix," he said.

HE CHIDED Kirk on the claim that Wackenhuts have no power over sheriffs.

"A sheriff looks just above the Wackenhut agent's shoulder and sees the man who can remove him from office," he said.

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30-Man State Vice, Crime Squad Urged

TALLAHASSEE (AP) — Authorization for a 30-man vice and crime squad topped a long list of legislative proposals submitted yesterday by Atty. Gen. Earl Faircloth.

The special trouble-shooters, operating from the attorney general's office, were recommended earlier by Faircloth's committee on law enforcement.

The committee was appointed by former Gov. Haydon Burns last year, it recommended that the special agents have arrest powers and be available for use by the governor or any law enforcement agency.

The six-page list of recommendations forwarded to Gov. Claude Kirk and all members of the legislature, also included proposals ranging from fiscal autonomy for the State Board of Regents to a code for public officials and employees.

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Crime War Legislation Plan Criticized

By DONALD DAVIS
Times Bureau

TAMPA — The director of the Florida Sheriff's Bureau yesterday warned that proposed legislation to broaden the scope of the attorney general's office could make Earl Faircloth "the greatest, strongest and most powerful man in Florida."

The comments by Ed Yarborough of Baker County criticized part of the proposed legislative package of the State Committee on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice.

One bill would ball on the number of investigators under the attorney general from four to 30 and give them police powers in certain areas pertaining to organized crime, and vice. These investigators would be divided into three squads of 10 and stationed in the state courts of appeal districts. They would go into an area at the request of local authorities or when the attorney general ordered them to.

THIS SECTION is upsetting a number of state law officials, Yarborough said.

The second proposal under study would give the attorney general the power to file informations in criminal cases, impanel Grand Juries and subpoena witnesses in an investigation. These functions are currently in the realm of authority of state's attorneys. Pinellas County State Atty. Clair Davis voiced strong opposition to the bill at an earlier committee meeting.

"You are alienating many sections of law enforcement and now you are alienating the judiciary," Yarborough said.

"I don't advocate putting the law enforcement agencies under one Cabinet officer."

"WHILE PASSING laws for the attorney general, you should pass some for other people or they are going to raise a little hell."

However, the committee passed a "policy statement" that said:

"The state investigative authority should be under the direction of the attorney general or a similar central, experienced legal authority. The governor should have power to order investigation by such agency."

The proposals are tied in with Faircloth's proposal Friday to set up legislation to attack organized crime in Florida. While deploring the use of the Wackenhut Detective Agency by Gov. Claude Kirk, Faircloth emphasized the need to have a central person or group coordinating strategy in the war on crime.

Under the new proposals, if passed by the Legislature, that central point would be his office.

ED COWART, an assistant attorney general, told the committee yesterday that "the chief legal officer (Faircloth) should operate in the fields of enforcement and prosecution."

Cowart said that "concerted opposition is expected" to the plans.

Yarborough said, privately that "it'll never pass."

Cowart told the committee meeting at the Sheraton-Tampa Motor Inn the crime-busting force planned would "investigate specific areas of organized crime and vice . . . It is not setting up a state police force.

"It would exist as a backup squad to assist local agencies and keep abreast of changes" in organized crime.

He was emphatic that the plan was aimed at organized crime and not the individual commission of a criminal act.

"THE INTENT of this bill is that organized crime would be investigated by this agency as to its corporate structure."

Cowart estimated it would require \$1.25-million during the next biennium to launch the project.

On Friday, Davis brought up the key opposition to the proposal of giving the attorney general extra powers in the field of prosecution. He said the powers of filing informations and setting up grand juries would be "infringing on the state's attorney's rights and could be subject to abuse."

He suggested the powers be amended so they could be used "only when local authorities fall down."

IN OTHER action yesterday, the committee:

✓ Set in motion action to have a bill drafted to provide a unified reporting service, setting up computer system for law enforcement using existing facilities and to be expanded as needed.

✓ Agreed to prepare and endorse a bill to let a state attorney appoint his own assistant rather than having the governor appoint the assistant.

✓ Approved a measure that would place on probation men who get out of prison early by receiving time off for good conduct and work. The State Pardon and Parole Board would be in charge of the former prisoners until after the date they would have ordinarily been released.

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Faircloth Crime-Buster

By BILL PURVIS
Tribune Staff Writer

Florida Attorney General Earl Faircloth yesterday blasted the governor's strategy in the war on crime and a Faircloth-organized committee came up with a battle plan of its own.

A 30-man force under the

attorney general to fight organized crime and vice, as well as prosecute if local authorities won't, was proposed by the State Committee on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice.

The committee was organized by Faircloth last September at the request of then-

Gov. Haydon Burns. Faircloth is a member of the committee and opened a conference on law enforcement at the Hillsborough Courthouse yesterday.

Policemen, sheriffs, prosecutors and other officials gathered at the courthouse to offer comments on anti-crime legislation proposed by the committee.

Faircloth criticized Gov. Claude Kirk's war on crime as "fraught with danger," and in need of one leader responsible to the public. He urged unity among government law enforcement agencies fighting crime.

Faircloth left after his opening speech and the committee proposal for a special enforcement team under the attorney general came later in the day.

Organized crime and vice are principal theaters in the governor's war on crime.

Gov. Kirk has said he is the general in the war on crime and responsible to the people, but Faircloth's comments apparently were aimed at George Wackenhut, the head of the private detective agency responsible for investigations for the governor.

Unit Urged

After speaking, Faircloth told reporters he thinks the war on crime "will wind up trampling on basic liberties."

He said an attempt by the federal government to use a private agency early this century resulted in abuses. One of its agents became known as "The Available Man" because he worked as a government agent, a private agent and as an extortionist.

There is a temptation to misuse such power, Faircloth told the reporters, and the possibility of a conflict of interest "exists to a marked degree."

Faircloth suggested instead a publicly-financed agency with no divided loyalties, and possibly under direct command of the governor.

The Florida Sheriff's Bureau is something which could be built upon and expanded along those lines, said Faircloth.

Faircloth, in his speech, said he doesn't necessarily want to head such an agency.

And Edward Cowart of the attorney general's office said the same, explaining to the lawmen that the 30-man specialist squad could be placed under any government officer, although the proposed legislation has it under the attorney general's office.

Pinellas County State Atty. Clair A. Davis was the only lawman to speak against the proposal, and his comment wasn't an objection to the substance but only the wording.

Davis said the squads should be ordered into action only when it is determined local officials won't act. The initial suggestion gave the attorney general power to act when it is "deemed in the public interest."

Faircloth disclosed his office is drafting laws to give lawmen the authority to "pierce the corporate veil" which shields racketeers who control private businesses.

Other legislation recommended by the committee: a central agency to store information and made it available to all lawmen; a permanent committee of the legislature to keep abreast of changes in the law; minimum standards for policemen; a change in prison release provisions which would keep convicts under parole supervision for their full sentence, even if an early release from prison is earned through good behavior.

A proposal which would have polished procedures for release without bond for good risks who could not afford to post bond was dropped when the lawmen voiced disapproval.

Alachua County State Attorney Ted Duncan said it didn't make sense to work hard for arrests and convictions and then make it easier for the prisoners to get out of jail. The lawmen applauded him.

The committee meets today to discuss the language used in the proposed laws.

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ATTORNEY GENERAL EARL FAIRCLOTH

Transmitted herewith are the following newspaper clippings concerning AG EARL FAIRCLOTH's activity in the "War on Crime". It will be noted that FAIRCLOTH has been "at odds" with Gov. CLAUDE KIRK, JR. and his utilization of the Wackenhut Corporation for conducting investigations in the State of Florida.

The clippings are "St. Petersburg Times", 4/1/67, captioned "Crime War Escalation by Faircloth Proposed", "Tampa Tribune", 4/1/67, captioned "FAIRCLOTH Crime-Buster Unit Urged", "Tampa Tribune", 4/4/67, captioned "30-Man State Vice, Crime Squad Urged", and "St. Petersburg Times" dated 4/2/67, captioned "Crime War Legislation Plan Criticized".

As will be noted from these clippings, FAIRCLOTH, who has working for him the State Committee on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice, is apparently endeavoring to set up an investigative agency on his own.

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Sheriffs Offer Gov. Kirk Full Use of Their Bureau

By DAVID WATSON

Tribune Staff Writer

Florida Sheriff's Association yesterday handed Gov.

Claude R. Kirk a major weapon in his war on crime and put the Florida Sheriff's Bureau at his disposal.

This was accomplished at a meeting of more than half the state's 67 sheriffs at the Sheraton-Tampa Motor Inn, when members unanimously voted to circumvent a technicality in the law.

In a wire to Kirk on behalf of all sheriffs, the association said it made a blanket request for use of bureau investigators anywhere. This had the effect of overcoming a legal restriction on bureau work, allowing agents to go into a county only when invited by a sheriff.

Although only about half the state's sheriffs were present yesterday, Association Attorney John Madigan said all others immediately were informed of the decision and no dissent had been received.

So far in his war on crime Kirk has used agents of the George Wackenhut private detective firm and has paid the bill from a fund of private donations.

It is the use of a private firm and donations which has caused controversy to swirl.

Yesterday's action by the association, said Sheriff's Bureau Director Ed Yarbrough, has the effect of putting a state agency at the governor's disposal with support by public funds.

It is conceded, however, that a bigger staff and more money are needed if bureau investigators are to be put in the field in strength.

At a convention in Orlando in January, Florida's sheriffs threw their support behind the principle of a state investigative agency and the authority for the governor to use it. The association was to follow up with a bill for the legislature to put the machinery into motion.

Yesterday's action simply gets the idea to work faster and is a hedge against any delay about getting the bill passed, said Yarbrough.

The governor now is chairman of the Sheriff's Bureau even though he can't assign investigators. The attorney general and five sheriffs are board members, so to speak.

In an Orlando address Kirk told the sheriffs that need for use of Wackenhut investigators could be materially reduced by such a bill as proposed by the association, and commended it.

As the law now stands, the sheriff's bureau may use investigators from any state agency so long as the agency itself consents. It may use county law enforcement officials, too, if the officials choose to cooperate. It also may use its own staff.

Critical portion of the law which limits scope of investigation, however, states:

"... any of said investigators may, upon request of the sheriff in any county investigate crime in such county and shall have authority to bear arms."

Into this section the sheriff's association wants the legislature to write authority for the governor to issue the orders of investigation.

W. P. (Bill) Joyce of Leon County is president of the association. Sheriff Don Genung of Pinellas County is a board member and attended yesterday's session.

Sheriff Malcolm Beard of Hillsborough County, who also attended, has on file in Tallahassee a standing invitation for bureau investigators to come into his county anytime in pursuit of their work.



Wackenhut
... chief sleuth

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Act To Aid Kirk's War on Crime

... Sheriff Don Genung, left, Ed Yarbrough and Sheriff Malcolm Beard

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THE WACKENHUT CORPORATION
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FLORIDA SHERIFF'S BUREAU

Transmitted herewith is an article appearing in the 4/1/67 issue of the "Tampa Tribune" captioned "Sheriffs Offer Governor Kirk Full Use of Their Bureau".

In connection with the Governor's War on Crime as noted in the article, a number of sheriffs met in Tampa, Fla., and after polling the sheriffs who were not in attendance, agreed unanimously to make it possible for the Governor to request the Florida Sheriffs' Bureau to send investigators from the latter bureau into any county without the specific request of the sheriff of that county.

In talking with Sheriff DON GENUIS (NA), Pinellas County, he indicated the sheriffs felt they had to do something to offset the Wackenhut Corporation being utilized by the Governor and that it was felt that by making available the services of the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, the Governor is now in a position where he cannot say as he did at one time that his hands were tied as far as asking the Sheriffs' Bureau for assistance in his investigations throughout the State. GENUIS stated that a number of the sheriffs have on

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record letters which they have sent to the Sheriffs' Bureau advising them that they need no specific authority from them to come into the county for investigation and that they can come in at any time they see fit. GENUINO said he has such a letter on file.

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THE "TAMPA TRIBUNE" APRIL FOUR INSTANT ISSUE, CONTAINS
ARTICLE PAGE FOUR B CAPTIONED "KIRK DISCUSSES HIS CRIME
WAR WITH U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL." ARTICLE IS ^{UPI} DATELINED
AT WASHINGTON. ~~USA~~. ARTICLE INDICATES THAT GOVERNOR CLAUDE
KIRK BUOYED BY NEWS OF NEW SUPPORT FROM HIS REPUBLICAN STYLE
WAR ON CRIME, DISCUSSED HIS CRUSADE YESTERDAY WITH U.S.
ATTORNEY GENERAL RAMSEY CLARK. FURTHER THAT KIRK BROUGHT
ALONG HIS APPOINTED PRIVATE CRIME FIGHTER GEORGE WACKENHUT.
ARTICLE FURTHER INDICATES THAT ATTORNEY GENERAL CLARK, WHO
PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED MISGIVINGS ABOUT USING PRIVATE AGENCIES
IN "HARD CORE LAW ENFORCEMENT" HAD NO COMMENT ON HIS HOUR
AND FORTY-FIVE MINUTE CONFERENCE WITH KIRK AND WACKENHUT.

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ARTICLE ALSO MENTIONS THAT AFTER ARRIVING FOR THE CONFERENCE, KIRK TOLD REPORTERS HE RECEIVED NEWS THAT ALL FLORIDA SHERIFFS HAD JOINED IN GIVING HIS CRIME WAR A NEW ENDORSEMENT GOOD FOR NINETY DAYS. HE WAS REFERRING TO THE FACT THAT FLORIDA SHERIFF'S BUREAU HAS GIVEN GOVERNOR AUTHORITY TO USE ANY INVESTIGATORS FROM THE FLORIDA SHERIFF'S BUREAU FOR INVESTIGATIONS IN ANY OF FLORIDA'S SIXTY-SEVEN COUNTIES WITHOUT AN INVITATION FROM THE SHERIFF TO DO SO. UNDER PRESENT LAW, FLORIDA'S AUTONOMOUS SHERIFFS HAVE JURISDICTION OVER THEIR OWN DOMAINS UNLESS *THEY* ISSUE SPECIFIC INVITATION TO OUTSIDE AGENCIES IN THE STATE. THE NINETY DAY LIMIT WAS USED IN ANTICIPATION OF LEGISLATIVE ACTION TO CHANGE THE EXISTING LAW CONCERNING UTILIZATION OF FLORIDA SHERIFF'S BUREAU INVESTIGATORS. THIS IN EFFECT IS NOW MAKING AVAILABLE TO GOVERNOR KIRK THE SERVICES OF THE FLORIDA SHERIFF'S BUREAU FOR INVESTIGATIONS IN THE

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VARIOUS COUNTIES WHICH PREVIOUSLY HE COULD NOT DO WITHOUT
AN INVITATION FROM THE SHERIFF OF A RESPECTIVE COUNTY.

~~RE~~ AIR MAIL COPIES TO JK + MM.

4/3/67 SAC R K Brown, JK called me at
6 P.m. advising the lead just had
call from Sterling Shoreline, So G
advising that ~~Robert~~ Gov. Kirk and
Wackenhut were at DJ today &
had conference with AG; they tried
to see Director but he was tied up.
Shoreline issued following instructions -

1. If there are any press releases on
Kirk meeting with AG, send TT &
B. at once.
2. There are no changes in present Bureau
policy as to Wackenhut.
3. AG told Kirk, ~~they~~ Wackenhut
would get no info. from FBI
and that he would do nothing &
put stamp of approval on Kirk's
use of Wackenhut.

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**THE WACKENHUT CORPORATION
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This is to advise that on Saturday evening, April 1, 1967, the writer had a chance encounter with **SHELDON COOPER** at the Jesuit High School Benefit night at Curtis Hixon Hall, Tampa, Fla. **COOPER**, who is a former FBI agent and during his employment with the Bureau was an acquaintance of the writer, commented that in recent months he has been extremely busy coordinating the work of the Wackenhut Corporation fight on crimes for Governor Kirk in the West Florida area.

COOPER volunteered that of recent weeks the Wackenhut investigators have been concentrating on 7 or 8 sheriff's offices in the western and south western areas of this state. Among those upon which concentrated investigative attention has been focused has been the Manatee County Sheriff's Office. **COOPER** further volunteered that Governor **CLAUDE KIRK** has called **KEN GROSS**, Manatee County Sheriff into his office on three separate occasions and "laid down the law" that **GROSS** must "clean up" corruption in Manatee County and to "beef up" law enforcement in that area without further delay.

COOPER also related that Wackenhut investigators had made a recent "break through" as far as **GROSS** was concerned and that Wackenhut and Governor **KIRK** now feel that they have a "solid" case against **GROSS** which would support an indictment and subsequent prosecution. **COOPER** stated that in so far as **GROSS** is concerned, Governor **KIRK** feels that he in affording **GROSS** three chances to clean up Manatee County has been more generous and intends to extend no further courtesies or delays to **GROSS**.

COOPER stated that Governor **KIRK** has recently called in certain selected state attorneys throughout the state and has obtained from them their assurance that they

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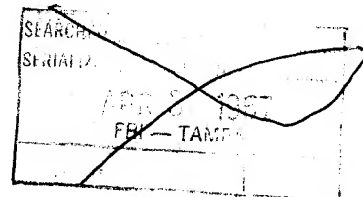
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would be willing to enter areas outside their normal jurisdictional area to handle presentation of cases to local grand juries where the state attorney for that particular circuit had demonstrated an unwillingness to move vigorously to prosecute various criminal activities in the political and general crime area. Among those who have assured Governor KIRK of their willingness to participate in this program, according to COOPER, are State Attorney GORDON OLDHAM, of the Pinellas Judicial area and State Attorney PAUL ANTINOR of the Hillsborough County area. COOPER stated that OLDHAM would present the Wackenhut case on GROSS to a Grand Jury in the "very, very" near future in the hope of obtaining an indictment of GROSS.

At this point in the discussion other members of COOPER's dinner party arrived at his table and he immediately broke off the discussion. It should be further noted that all information contained herein was freely volunteered by COOPER and was in no way solicited by the writer.



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THE WACKENHUT CORPORATION
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KENNETH GROSS, SHERIFF OF MANATEE COUNTY

Several newspaper clippings have been furnished to the Bureau in the recent past concerning County Grand Jury inquiry into irregularities in the office of KENNETH GROSS, Sheriff of Manatee County, Fla. These clippings have indicated that the Wackenhut Corporation has had investigators checking into the matter. KENNETH GROSS is a Republican sheriff.

In connection with this inquiry and investigation, transmitted herewith is a memo dated 4/3/67, submitted by SA [redacted] which is self-explanatory.

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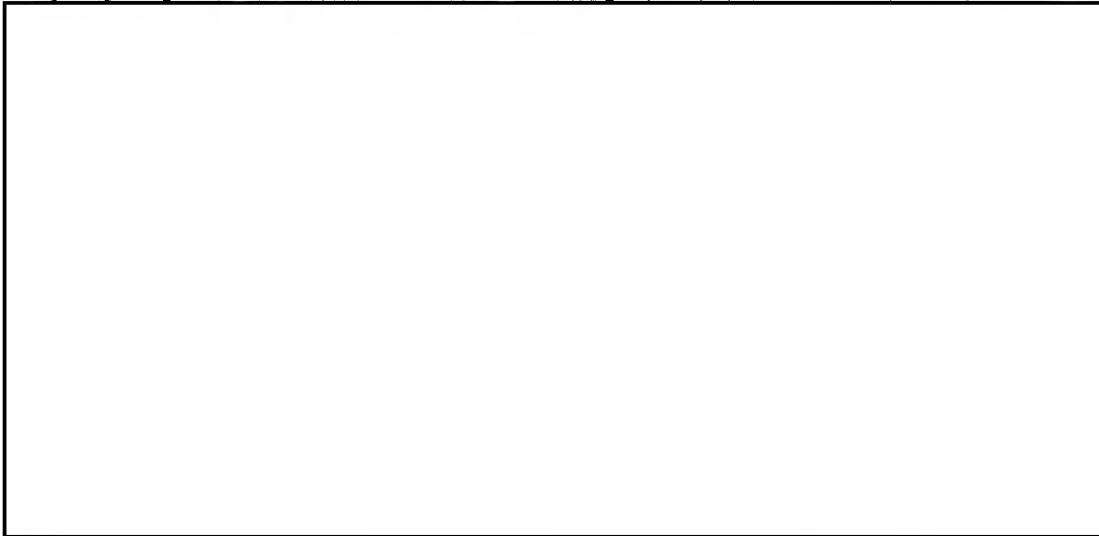
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Kirk Discusses His Crime War With U.S. Attorney General

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Florida Gov. Claude Kirk, buoyed by news of new support for his Republican-style war on crime, discussed his crusade yesterday with U.S. Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark.

Kirk brought along his appointed private crime fighter, George Wackenhut, who heads a huge private detective agency in Florida.

Clark, who previously expressed misgivings about using private agencies in "hard core law enforcement," had no comment on his hour and 45 minute conference with Kirk and Wackenhut.



Ramsey Clark

... hears details

After arriving for the conference, Kirk told reporters, he received news that all Florida sheriffs had joined in giving his crime war a new endorsement good for 90 days.

In an unprecedented move, Florida sheriffs yesterday placed themselves at the mercy of Florida's first Republican governor in nearly a century.

The sheriffs wired and mailed to Sheriff's Bureau Director Ed Yarborough blanket authority for Governor Kirk to investigate crime in their counties at will.

The action was started at a meeting of the sheriffs at a law enforcement seminar in Tampa called by Atty. Gen. Earl Faircloth.

"I'm pleased to hear about it," Kirk said.

The effect of the sheriffs' move, Kirk said, is that his crime fight has an automatic invitation to move into any of Florida's 67 counties during the 90-day period.

Under present law, Florida's autonomous sheriffs have jurisdiction over their own domains unless they issue specific invitations to outside agencies in the state.

Kirk said the sheriffs apparently used the 90-day limit in anticipation of legislative action to clarify the legal standing of Kirk crime fighters.

Yarborough admitted that the sheriffs acted on what they felt would be a lesser of two evils.

It followed recommendation by the attorney general for creation of a 30-member racket-busting squad under the attorney general to fight organized crime and vice as well as prosecute if local authorities failed.

The suggestion came from Faircloth's state committee on law enforcement and the administration of justice.

The sheriffs left that meeting and gathered on their own to hand Governor Kirk the Florida Sheriff's Bureau, neatly wrapped up and tied with a bow.

It gives the Republican governor a weapon which the sheriffs of Florida have fought, bled and died to prevent falling into the hands of previous Democratic governors.

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Under the proposal, prisoners who earn an early release would be placed under supervision for the time their sentence would normally run — that is, a man sentenced to six years in prison could earn release in 4½ years but would be free under supervision for the remaining 1½ year.

The disagreement in the records proposal was over which group should be responsible for keeping records, and information on which all agencies could draw.

The question is whether the duty should be given the Florida Sheriff's Bureau, the Bureau under a new name, or any other agency.

The proposal was sent back to the committee staff members who will study it and consult further with Florida lawmen.

Also approved was a portion of the controversial bail bond bill proposed by the Florida Bar Association. The approved portion would allow Probation and Parole supervisors to investigate the backgrounds of persons being held for trial as an aid to judges in determining if they can be released without bond.

Russell said many judges ask supervisors to do such work now, and added, the law would make the practice justifiable to state auditors.

The full bail bond bill was dropped Friday when prosecutors and policemen objected to it.

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RE TELEPHONE CALL FROM MR. STERLING B. DONAHUE,
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FLORIDA TIMES-UNION FOR APRIL FOURTH CONTAINS NEWS
STORY, HEADLINE TALLAHASSEE, FLA., UNDER CAPTION SHERIFFS
AUTHORIZING CRIME INVESTIGATION. STATES SHERIFFS BUREAU
[REDACTED] HAS ADVISED ALL FLORIDA SHERIFFS
ARE SENDING WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION FOR SHERIFFS BUREAU TO
CONDUCT INVESTIGATION IN THEIR COUNTIES. (NOTE UNDER PRESENT
LAW SHERIFFS BUREAU CAN ONLY INVESTIGATE WITH AUTHORIZATION
OF LOCAL SHERIFF.) SECOND PARAGRAPH OF STORY STATES
"GOV. CLAUDE KIRK, IN WASHINGTON TO DISCUSS HIS ANTI-
CRIME ACTIVITIES WITH U. S. ATTORNEY GENERAL RAMSEY CLARK,
IMMEDIATELY EXPRESSED HIS PLEASURE AT THE ACTION."

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NEWSPAPER STORY AFTER EXPLANATION OF RESTRICTIONS ON
FLORIDA SHERIFFS BUREAU GOES ON "KIRK WAS ACCOMPANIED TO
THE CONFERENCE WITH [REDACTED] BY GEORGE WACKENHUT APPOINTED
BY THE GOVERNOR TO HEAD THE ANTICRIME UNIT.

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"KIRK, A REPUBLICAN WHO TOOK OVER AS GOVERNOR IN
JANUARY, SAID HE AND CLARK DISCUSSED LAW ENFORCEMENT
GENERALLY, ABOUT CLARK'S NATIONAL PROBLEMS AND ABOUT
KIRK'S OWN PROGRAM IN FLORIDA.

"WE'RE GOING TO COOPERATE WELL," KIRK SAID. "THE
ATTORNEY GENERAL HAS A TOTAL PURVIEW OF CRIME NATIONALLY
AND I HAVE THE PICTURE IN FLORIDA. I SHALL FURNISH HIM ALL
THE INFORMATION I CAN."

STORY THEN CONTINUES WITH INFORMATION KIRK WAS IN
CONTACT WITH NATIONAL AERONAUTICAL AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION
CONCERNING SOME TECHNOLOGICAL EXPERIMENTS ON SOLID FUELS
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TALLAHASSEE SHORTLY AFTER HIS CONFERENCE WITH CLARK.

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Court Hears Crime War Funds Suit

TALLAHASSEE (AP) — The State Supreme Court was asked today to force Gov. Claude Kirk to put private donations for his war on crime into a state-audited trust fund.

Attorney Edward Kirkland of Orlando, who filed the suit against the Republican governor, said that the funds had been "clandestinely received" and allegedly put into an account in a bank here.

He said that until recently there had been no public disclosure of the persons or amounts involved in the voluntary contributions.

IN ORAL arguments before a five-judge panel, Kirkland quoted a statement from State Attorney General Earl Faircloth that the handling of the funds "is a probable violation of our fiscal laws."

"No one is exempt from the law," Kirkland argued. "Merely because he is governor, he is not exempt."

Assistant Atty. Gen. Edward Cowart, who officially represented Kirk in the action, said he had no legal answer on the questions raised in the case.

HOWEVER, he contended that Kirkland was in an untenable position legally because he was using the wrong procedure.

Kirkland said Kirk "used the cloak of his authority as governor to solicit funds for the purpose of employing state employees."

He said this made the funds state money and they should be "put into a state trust account so they can be accounted for."

THE CONTENTION brought questions from the justices.

"How are we going to assume that the Governor is not going to do exactly what the law says?" asked Justice E. Harris Drew, noting that Kirk has only been in office for some 90 days.

"I'm not going to make that assumption," he added.

Chief Justice Campbell Thornal also questioned whether the requested action would not be at least implicit approval of the Governor's legal authority to solicit and receive funds and hire employees.

The arguments and briefs were taken under advisement by the court which is expected to reach a decision later.

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Wackenhut Will Cooperate With Agents

Amid the hassling about status of Wackenhut agents used as investigators for the governor, Sheriff Malcolm Beard yesterday said he will cooperate with them as officials.

Those used by the governor carry letters of appointment, he said, and are acting on behalf of the top law enforcement officer in the state — the governor himself.

Governors preceding Claude R. Kirk have had investigators, Beard reminded. He said the debate now appears to stem from the fact that Kirk's probers happen to be employed by a private agency.

As for Wackenhut agent access to files supplied by the FBI and barred from use for any purpose but official business, Beard reminded that many Wackenhut men, including George Wackenhut himself, are FBI trained and know the rules. He said he doubted that Wackenhut would even ask for such information.

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Hiring the Hunters

CRIME HUNTERS who carry a state license ought to be state employees.

The Florida Cabinet properly adopted this position yesterday in rejecting Governor Kirk's proposal for a state-approved contributions fund from which to pay the private detectives employed in his publicized "war on crime."

Other members of the Cabinet (of which the Governor is chairman) voted an appropriation of \$25,000 to help finance the crime fight. But the money must be used to pay full-time state employees and budgeted like other state funds.

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GOVERNOR KIRK, who has run up bills of \$65,000 to \$100,000 with the Wackenhut detective agency, said he could pay them with anticipated donations. He said he would set up a private trust fund to receive these contributions and that he would announce the names of donors each week.

Inasmuch as the Governor entered into his contract with Wackenhut without authorization from the Legislature or Cabinet, he is responsible for what debts have been incurred. Sound public policy would require that he settle these obligations and terminate the arrangement as rapidly as possible.

What the state needs is a permanent agency, entirely under state control, which has both the authority and manpower to deal with organized crime in any county where local officers are unable or unwilling to act.

Attorney General Earl Faircloth has proposed that his office be given a special 30-man squad for this type of duty.

The Florida Sheriffs Bureau also wants the job. Its main handicap, a legal provision that it cannot send investigators into a county without the consent of the local sheriff, is being overcome by blanket authorization from sheriffs of the 67 counties.

Legislators must make a decision on how the state's ability to combat crime is to be strengthened.

Logically, it seems to us, the Sheriffs Bureau provides the basic machinery. But it would have to be substantially altered if it is to function effectively.

The Bureau, established in 1955, is supervised by a board composed of the Governor, Attorney General and five sheriffs appointed by the Governor. This arrangement was designed to keep the agency under the sheriffs' control, to protect them against unwanted intrusions by state investigators.

This is an impractical system. Organized crime cannot operate on a large scale in any county without the tolerance or connivance of the sheriff. An effective investigative agency must be free of domination by those most likely to be embarrassed by its investigations.

The Sheriffs Bureau therefore ought to be changed in name and structure to a State Bureau of Criminal Investigation, placed under policy-making control of the Cabinet and put in active charge of a highly-qualified professional law enforcement officer.

And, of course, it should be given enough money and manpower to do a professional job.

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THE WAR ON CRIME is too large an undertaking to be fought by volunteer contributors and part-time mercenaries. It demands a continuing commitment of men and resources by the government. The Cabinet has made a start toward meeting this obligation; the Legislature should go the rest of the way.

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Senate Gets Bill Package For Crime Fighter Unit

TALLAHASSEE (AP) — The State Senate received quick proposals yesterday to establish a state agency to carry out Gov. Claude Kirk's war on crime now being directed by the Miami-based private investigative agency, the Wackenhut Corp.

A package of bills proposed by Miami Sen. Robert Shevin would create a Florida Intelligence Bureau and a "rackets squad" for the state.

"The intelligence bureau is a complete revamping of the Florida Sheriffs Bureau," said Shevin.

Just Tuesday the Florida Cabinet unanimously provided \$25,000 worth of temporary financing for the governor's war on crime pending action by the legislature to establish an agency to direct the battle.

The cabinet's action was designed to finance the operation of the current system for about 25 days, based on an estimate of \$1,000 per day.

Shevin said his bill, calling for creation of a Florida Intelligence Bureau, would attempt to "combine the efforts of municipal police officers with the sheriffs" and cut

down on duplication of efforts in fighting crime.

Intelligence investigators, who would be paid from state funds, would be allowed to go into any county, "even if they are not asked" to conduct investigations.

In addition, Shevin introduced a bill which would set up a special "rackets squad" under the attorney general's

office, with up to 30 investigators assigned to the squad.

The investigators, Shevin said, would have power of arrest, bear arms, and search and also have the power to prosecute cases developed by the attorney general.

"This is an effort to establish a department of justice under the attorney general's office," Shevin said. Gov.

Claude Kirk, whose privately-financed "war on crime" has drawn controversy, said Tuesday night he would introduce legislation creating such a department. However, it would be under the governor's office.

"I think the fight on organized crime should be conducted by that branch of office designed to do it — the attorney general's office," Shevin said.

Shevin said his package of bills were approved in essence last Friday when a special committee, headed by Atty. Gen. Earl Faircloth, met in Tampa with various law enforcement officials.

The Miami lawmaker said that his bills would not leave the governor out of any war on crime.

He said, for example, that the Florida Intelligence Bureau would have the governor as chairman and the governor would appoint members, membership would include the attorney general, three sheriffs, and three police chiefs, who would serve two-year terms.

Duties of the bureau would



Sen. Shevin
... crime war package

include sending its investigators into any office where needed, coordinating anti-crime efforts state-wide and cutting down duplication. The bureau would have a headquarters and maintain a criminal laboratory — possibly the one now used by the sheriff's bureau, Shevin said.

His bills were part of a flurry of measures dealing with anti-crime efforts. Three Democratic senators introduced a bill which would allow investigators of the Florida Sheriffs Bureau to go into any county to conduct probes.

A current hitch in state law hampers the bureau from doing this and the governor has said he may abandon his private war on crime if he can count on the bureau.

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\$25,000 Earmarked—

Cabinet Approves Temporary Funds for State Crime War

TALLAHASSEE (By Staff Writer) — The Florida Cabinet voted unanimously yesterday to give the governor's war on crime \$25,000 worth of temporary financing, pending action by the current session of the legislature.

Gov. Claude Kirk voted for the motion and said he was "delighted" to receive the money, but indicated he would take a careful look at the strings the cabinet attached to the gift horse.

The cabinet also made it clear that the \$25,000 was to be used for new expenses in the war and that the governor was to pay off the existing war debt from private contributions.

The cabinet further declined to permit the governor to process collection of these funds through public channels.

Kirk made a motion that the funds be processed through the comptroller's office, but the motion died for want of a second.

Kirk said the amount that must be collected to pay for the cost of the war for the

past three months was "not more than \$100,000 and not less than \$65,000." He said it was impossible to give a precise figure because billing wasn't current.

The governor recently announced that less than \$8,000 had been received in private donations for the war chest, but said he had pledges for much more and would be able to meet the crime-war's cost.

Agriculture Commissioner Doyle Conner made the motion to provide the state funds for the crime-war, and he told the governor:



Doyle Conner

... makes the motion

"I ask only that such personnel as you may choose to employ be full-time state employees and that all records and investigative data be kept in state files on state property under the care and supervision of full-time state employees."

Kirk said he was accepting the state funds, but would not spend them if the "strings" would interfere with his war on crime.

"There's always strings on state money," said Conner.

Wallace W. Henderson, state budget director, then said that if the state funds were used, the governor would have to submit an operating budget outlining the personnel to be hired.

Then an exasperated Kirk said: "We have some undercover agents in the dope investigation. Their lives are in danger. Do you want me to tell you their names?"

Several cabinet members then assured the governor that state law made it possible for him to have investigators doing undercover work without making their names public.

Conner asked the governor to consider using the facilities of the Florida Sheriff's Bureau, noting that sheriffs throughout the state had issued him a blanket invitation to send the bureau into their counties. Ed Yarbrough, the bureau's director, also reminded the governor of the support the sheriffs had pledged him.

Conner further asked that the governor consider borrowing investigators from existing state agencies, such as the beverage department, for special assignments in the war on crime.

Kirk told Conner he was implying that the beverage department investigators were not being fully utilized and said they were.

Both Conner and Comptroller Fred O. Dickinson Jr. told the governor that legislative leaders had assured them of prompt action on the crime problem.

Dickinson said there was an urgent need for legislative action. He noted Florida was ranked ninth in population, but was 30th among the states in the amount of spending on police forces at the state level.

It was after action on Conner's proposal that Kirk made his motion to process private contributions through public channels.

Several cabinet members, including Atty. Gen. Earl Faircloth, suggested that public handling of the private crime-war contributions could lead to legal problems.

School Supt. Floyd Christian said he feared that cabinet approval of the governor's request would make the cabinet liable for the actions of the governor in the war on crime.

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Repeats No New Tax Plea

By FRANK CAPERTON
Tribune Staff Writer

TALLAHASSEE — Taking his fight for immediate constitutional revision to grass-roots legislators, Gov. Claude Kirk also last night asked Florida's first one-man, one-vote legislature to create a state department of justice to wage war on crime.

And he asked that governmental operations and employment be cut to the bone to provide the money for teacher pay raises and other

big spending programs facing the legislature.

With the eyes of television on him, the first Republican governor in almost 100 years also urged political harmony for "genuine joint achievement."

The governor gave his "state of the state" address to more than 500 persons at the joint session of the two houses on their opening day of the regular 1967 session of the legislature.

He brought his wife, Erika, with him into the flower-bedeked hall. In a simple blue sleeveless sheath, she sat on the sidelines and watched her husband intently.

Senate President Verle Pope called a "Claghorn" by Kirk during the recent campaign, introduced the governor.

"There are many things I could say on this occasion but I won't," he said. "The choice of the people of Florida..."

"Wonderful" was Kirk's first word.

He was interrupted three times by applause during the 25-minute speech, which he rolled through because of the television time requirements.

Kirk made a call for political harmony, and although he had been turned down by Pope and House Speaker Ralph Turlington in earlier requests, issued a plea to the legislature to override their wishes and take up constitutional revision immediately.

Senate Republican Leader C. W. (Bill) Young told newsmen after the governor's speech he felt chances were 50-50 the legislature would grant the governor's request. Young said some Democrats agree with the governor's stand.

Kirk said, "Florida presently has no effective statewide crime fighting powers."

The governor did not specify how the department of justice would be organized, but sources close to him indicated he would request that many existing agencies such as the Florida Sheriff's bureau, be brought under the wing of the new department.

"Give us the tools we must have to deal crime a knockout blow," he asked.

To solve the tax problem, he said:

"Only by rising above partisan politics and voting to give our people this new constitution now can you live up to the pledge you made to those who elected you: To lower the taxes they must pay on their homes—and to lower them now."

Constitutional revision, said Kirk, is the "one thing that will bring to the homeowners of Florida the lower real estate taxes to which all of you are publicly committed."

He continued: "If you vote not to give this new constitution now, you are voting against lower property taxes."

"And you are voting to continue steadily increasing ad valorem taxes on property for at least two more years

—and very probably three, since it will take new legislation to take advantage of constitutional tax reform."

Only indirectly, in his comments on constitutional revision and in his pledge to spur business growth to generate "these new tax dollars that will provide the additional revenue to enable us to hold the line on taxes," did Kirk indicate how he planned to balance this year's budget without new taxes.

He did say, however, he would propose creation of a joint executive-legislative commission on government operation. He said he would provide this commission with a preliminary management survey and review of government operations.

"We shall then take effective action to cut the fat from government operations and create a lean and efficient people's business," he said.

On his war on crime, Kirk said he would ask for legislation creating a state department of justice under the governor's office.

"Florida presently has no effective statewide crime-fighting powers," he said. "We need them desperately and we need them now. Give us the tools we must have to deal crime a knockout blow."

Kirk said he would call for legislation to make rehabilitation programs more successful, also, but he did not elaborate on this point.

The governor said he would send the legislature an education message "shortly," covering "our educational needs from pre-school to post-graduate."

The governor noted he had participated in two governor's conferences on education and would soon convene two more such meetings.

"We have learned much about learning, and we have learned some of our most valuable lessons from the students themselves," the governor said.

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Kirk's only specific education proposal offered last night was that Florida's teachers be paid at least \$5,000 a year, but he did not say when they would get it. Earlier, he indicated he preferred moving to the \$5,000 minimum on an installment plan. Democratic leaders favor moving to the minimum this year.

"The 66.7 per cent of all general state revenue devoted to education is comparable to the federal government's total percentage spending on national defense," said Kirk.

"As vital as is national defense to the nation, so we consider education equally

vital to the future of Florida."

The governor reminded the legislators he had appointed a 10-member Governor's Advisory Council on Marine Sciences and Technology and said he would request legislation to give the council a "modest budget, sufficient for a small staff operation."

Oceanography, said Kirk, "is a big word, but it is appropriate to a field so vast in its potential and so complex in its implications that I have labeled it 'inter space'."

Kirk said he intended to take road-building out of politics and build highways where and when they are needed.

He said this would require a five-year master plan and a 10-year pattern, "and for the first time such a plan and pattern are being prepared."

The governor also called for creation of a post for a qualified professional highway commissioner "to handle traffic and safety on our highways."

He said he would also send the legislature proposed legislation of water pollution control and proposed legislation to facilitate construction of the Disney project near Orlando.

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Legislature Settles Down to Work— Crime War, Property Tax Bills Head List

From Tribune Reports

TALLAHASSEE — Conflicting proposals to fight crime and others giving homeowners relief from high property taxes — one powerful Democratic proposed a one-cent increase in sales taxes — took top priority as the 1967 Florida legislature settled down to work yesterday.

Constitutional revision, which Gov. Claude Kirk had asked he considered first in this session — was shoved into the background.

A package of bills was introduced in the day-old session which set the stage for a knockdown-dragout hassle over whether Gov. Claude Kirk or Atty. Gen. Earl Faircloth is going to direct the "war on crime."

The ad valorem tax committee instructed its staff to draft for consideration bills levying an extra penny sales tax with proceeds to go to counties to offset reduced property taxes, and permiss-

All the action came in committees. Both houses were just long enough to pray to receive a batch of new bills and adjourn until 11 a.m. today.

At this early date, there is no legislation in a position yet for full house or senate action.

Republicans, simmering over failure of Kirk's call for a new constitution as the first order of business to change any Democratic minds, met in small groups to discuss ways to get a showdown on the matter.



Earl Faircloth
... will he lead?

ing homeowners to pay their taxes on the installment plan.

A head count did not indicate the GOP minority could pick up enough Democratic votes to get the new constitution up for immediate consideration. But Rep. Don Reed, Boca Raton, house minority leader, said he probably would put the motion, if only to get the legislature on record.

Sen. Reubin Askew, Pensacola Democrat, favors revision first. But GOP Sens. Warren Henderson, Venice, and Joe McClain, Tampa, want financial and educational matters to get priority.

The odds against revision coming up before the tail end of this 60-day meeting or a later extended or special session were even greater in the

Senate. Sen. Turlington introduced the proposed new constitution, and Sen. John Matthews of Jacksonville, said he'll put the senate version into the legislative mill today.

"As soon as the general appropriations bill is passed, I'm ready to take up revision," Matthews said.

The 59 Republican members of the legislature, a record, breakfasted with Kirk at the mansion but said it was "mostly social." The Kirks hosted a "black tie" reception last night for the entire legislature.

Without discussing the governor's promise to veto tax increases, Sen. Ben Hill Griffin Jr., Frostproof, chairman of the ad valorem tax committee, proposed the bill to up the sales tax from three to four cents and earmark the entire \$109 million from the extra cent for schools. A companion measure would require that the counties rollback millage four mills and use the new sales tax money to take up the loss.

Other bills before the committee, which received a favorable reaction but no final vote, would permit property taxes to be paid in quarterly installments, none less than \$20, with taxes delinquent on Dec. 1 of each year.

Other bills to be drafted, for consideration at a meeting, probably next Wednesday, would provide for assessments at 80 per cent of the sale price of a home where this is known, taking into ac-

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count discounts and closing costs that have no resale value, and up commissions to tax assessors to encourage reassessments.

Also proposed were measures to give the state comptroller the same control over municipal assessors that he has over county assessors and making tax collecting and reporting uniform in order to restore public confidence.

Sen. Ralph Poston, Miami, proposed some forum where small landowners could air their "gripes, growls and groans" and the committee generally praised Comptroller Fred Dickinson for his strong job of enforcing 100 per cent valuation of property.

A subcommittee said consideration should be given to bills to eliminate household goods from ad valorem taxes and to continue assessments of a merchant's inventory or stock-in-trade at 100 per cent of value but tax it at only 20 per cent or some reasonable figure.

Sen. Lawton Chiles, Lake-

land, proposed a ceiling on property taxes, freezing millage at its present level in order to force adoption of a substitute tax source.

The big problem facing this session, the lawmakers agreed, is how much money will be given for support of schools and how much of it will come from state sales taxes and how much from local property taxes.

Local real estate taxes now provide \$300 million a year for schools.

The crime war got off to a running start with Miami Sens. George Hollahan and Robert Shevin taking opposite sides.

Shevin put in the attorney general's package program, calling for a 30-man armed racket squad with full police powers including the right to search and make arrests.

Hollahan proposed that the Sheriff's Bureau be expanded and the governor given full power to send its investigators anywhere at will.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, TAMPA (80-13)

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FROM : SA, ROBERT C. SMITH

SUBJECT: MANATEE COUNTY SO
BRADENTON, FLA.

During the course of conversation with [redacted] MSO, Bradenton, Fla, on 3/30/67, [redacted] commented that KEN GROSS, Sheriff, may be removed from office due to the Grand Jury investigation of the MSO. [redacted] stated that due to the Wackenhut Investigators and Florida Sheriffs Bureau Investigators, as well as the Grand Jury, going through SO records work of the SO is piling up since SO personnel are being utilized to obtain information needed by the Investigators and the Grand Jury.

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[redacted] was asked if FBI Identification Records have been made available to Wackenhut Investigators, and he stated to his knowledge these records have not been made available.

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[redacted] inquired of [redacted] MSO, whether FBI Identification Records have been made available to Wackenhut Investigators, and [redacted] stated he has not filed FBI Identification records for about 6 months. Due to this all records received during the past 6 months are in possession of [redacted] and have not been made available to Wackenhut Investigators. [redacted] also advised [redacted] that there is a comment on the FBI Identification Record that this record can not be made available to other than a duly constituted law enforcement agency, and he will not make these records available to Wackenhut Investigators.

[redacted] stated that should Wackenhut Investigators review a subject file older than six months they may locate a FBI Identification record in the jacket, but [redacted] is attempting to obtain such file prior to their review and pull the FBI Identification record.

[redacted] was advised that FBI Identification Records are not to be made available to other than a duly constituted law enforcement agency, to which he advised he understands.

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[redacted] also advised he will discuss this matter with the Sheriff, who is ill at this time, to arrange a policy by which FBI Identification Records will not be distributed outside his department.

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State Justice Department

('Ridiculous,' Says Beard)

By JIM PIDGEON
Tribune Staff Writer

Sheriff Malcolm Beard yesterday told Gov. Claude Kirk's request to create a state department of justice to fight crime is "ridiculous."

Kirk asked the legislature to create the new department when he addressed the legislature at its opening session Tuesday. Although the governor did not say how the department would be organized, sources in Tallahassee indicated it would encompass existing agencies, including the Florida Sheriff's Bureau.

Beard said, "I can't see creating another bureau when

they've never supported the Sheriff's Bureau."

He said the bureau has "always been held down and neglected financially and by law."

The solution, Beard said to the much publicized "war crime" would be to strengthen and support the Sheriff's Bureau.

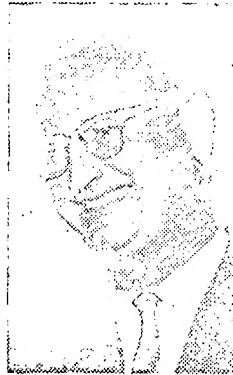
After a law enforcement seminar in Tampa last Friday, Florida sheriffs wired and mailed to Sheriff's Bureau Director Ed Yarbrough blanket authority for the governor to investigate crimes in their respective counties.

This action was interpreted by many as a measure to prevent the creation of an agency such as a state department of justice.

Under present law, Beard said, the Sheriff's Bureau can't go into a county unless the sheriff of that county issues an invitation. However, the legislature will be asked to repeal this law, Beard said.

"I can't see creating another bureau when they've never supported the Sheriff's Bureau."

—Malcolm Beard



The Sheriff's Bureau already has "the nucleus" of a statewide investigative agency, Beard noted, because it has a crime laboratory, extensive files and "field agents."

Beard said Kirk is chairman of the board of the Sheriff's Bureau and Atty. Gen. Earl Faircloth and five sheriffs sit on the board. Beard suggested this board be expanded to include members from city police departments.

"If they're going to work with us, they should be represented on the board," he said.

"I'm not sure what he (Kirk) has in mind," Beard said, adding he was speaking as "one sheriff" and not as a representative of the Sheriff's Bureau.

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GOVERNOR'S WAR ON CRIME
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On 4/5/67, Lt. [REDACTED] (NA), Vice Squad,
Orlando, Fla., PD, furnished the following information to
SA JAMES B. HAFLEY:

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During recent weeks several WACKENHUT investigators
have visited his office and have advised him that they are
currently conducting an intensive investigation into alleged
corruption on the part of state officials in nearby
Seminole Co., Fla. These investigators, who apparently are
aware of the fact that Lt. [REDACTED] possesses a considerable
amount of valuable intelligence information regarding the
over-all crime picture in North Central Florida, have
obtained from him names and addresses of potential witnesses
who might be interviewed for pertinent information regarding
the Seminole Co. area.

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[REDACTED] explained that at no time have any of the
investigators requested information from FBI Identification
records.

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[REDACTED] said that Governor KIRK intends to issue suspension orders against all four of the sheriffs involved simultaneously and that one or two other sheriffs could possibly be added to the list by the time the Governor's announcement in this regard is made public.

From [REDACTED] contacts with the Wackenhut investigators, he gained the impression that Governor KIRK would not take any affirmative action regarding the proposed suspensions until after the current Florida State Legislature adjourns its present session, probably on or about 6/1/67. The Governor's reason for this timing is that he feels the Legislature, which has a Democratic majority in both the House and Senate, could reverse the suspensions by the adoption of certain legislative action. However, if he delays making the suspensions until after the Legislature adjourns, it is highly improbable that a special session of this group could be convened just for the purpose of vetoing the Governor's suspension action against the sheriffs.

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This matter is being followed discreetly by the Tampa Office and the Bureau, Jacksonville and Miami will be immediately advised of any further pertinent developments.

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... Against Crime, A Consensus

Gov. Claude Kirk left for last in his legislative address its single surprise. He will ask the lawmakers — later — to create a state Department of Justice to carry out a publicly financed program to reduce crime.

THIS WAS AN admission that his private arrangement with George Wackenhut, the Miami detective, was a boner. It was a signal to Wackenhut, to whom Kirk now owes about \$100,000, that he is about to be replaced. Considering the dangers, the lack of public confidence and the refusal of the Cabinet to bail him out, the governor had no other choice.

By turning to the public agency concept, Kirk is joining distinguished company. Atty. Gen. Earl Faircloth, Sen. Robert Shevin of Dade, Secretary of State Tom Adams, Speaker Turlington and

the State Committee on Law Enforcement all have previously suggested the same thing. The only disagreement is whether the new agency shall report to the governor, as demanded by the governor, or more logically to the state's chief legal officer, the attorney general.

All the proposals share a common fault, much like the old Arab belief that the way to stop a man from stealing was to chop off his hands. For Florida to make lasting gains against crime, it must attack the causes — poverty, ignorance and limited opportunities — along with the effects.

We hope the Legislature, in its determination to take effective measures against crime, will deal with its roots as well as its thorns.

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TALLAHASSEE REPORT

State Already Lists Wackenhut On Two Payrolls

By DON PRIDE

Times Bureau

TALLAHASSEE — GOP Gov. Claude Kirk can't take the Cabinet up on its offer to temporarily place controversial George Wackenhut on the state payroll — not unless Wackenhut gives up some of the other work his private detective agency is doing for the state.

The big Wackenhut Corp., headquartered at Coral Gables, was on at least two state payrolls last month.

IT WAS paid \$1,637 by the State Tuberculosis Board for four Wackenhut guards providing round-the-clock security at the Tampa Tuberculosis Hospital.

And it received another \$894 from the Beverage Department for checking on employees and potential employees for Beverage Director Don Meiklejohn.

Meiklejohn has made no secret of his intention of using Wackenhut where he deems necessary. D. M. Honeywell, business manager for the Tuberculosis Board, said the Tampa hospital has been using

Wackenhut guards for five years.

BOTH THE Beverage Department and Tuberculosis Board vouchers were carefully certified "that to the best of our knowledge and belief the request for payment to the above named firm is not in violation" of the 1965 "spending philosophy" law, as interpreted by Atty. Gen. Earl Faircloth last year.

Faircloth's opinion prohibits state officials and employees from receiving income from more than one state source.

Riedel A Lobbyist

Robert A. Riedel, who apparently doesn't let his \$13,000-a-year job as State Securities Commission director restrict his outside interests, registered with the Legislature last week as a lobbyist for the Hotel and Restaurant Commission as well as for the Securities Commission.

Riedel, a former hotel and restaurant commissioner, roamed the legislative hallways much of the week with Kirk's

gam and administrative assistant Jim Hunter.

Riedel is vice president and manager of the downtown Duval Hotel here, and also heads Nantahala Enterprises, Inc., a pleasure resort in the North Carolina mountains which is heavily frequented by various members of the Tallahassee establishment. He's also involved in a couple of state liquor licenses for package store operations in the hotel and on the edge of town.

While talk of clamping down on conflicts of interest buzzed in the Capitol corridors last week, the Florida Hotel and Motor Hotel Association was passing out its "legislative courtesy cards" for 1967.

The cards provide free rooms for lawmakers at 30 major hotels and motels in Florida, many of them on a year-round basis.

Ready For A Long Stay

Lobbyists milling about in the Capitol rotunda fretted all week about the promised tightening of legislative ethics. They were also having trouble getting legislators together for the usual evening round of motel drinking parties.

"Last time," complained one lobbyist, "you could find 40 legislators in the Holiday Inn . . . now you're lucky if you find eight."

Expecting to be in Tallahassee more than the biennial 60 days with constitutional revision

coming up, most legislators have settled into apartments or trailers for a long and hard session.

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Another lobbyist bemoaned all the new faces in the expanded capital press corps. "You never know when you're gonna say something to somebody you don't know and find the next day that the s.o.b. has put it in the paper," he said.

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"I know," said his sidekick, with a weak smile, "That's one right next to you."

Kirk's Own Lobbyists

Kirk, incidentally, had the Cabinet transfer \$13,600 from his payroll account to special services last week to finance his own lobbying team.

Among a half-dozen special aides hired by the governor are Fort Pierce City Atty. David McCain and Asst. City Atty. Charles Carlton. Carlton is president of the St. Lucie County Democratic Club, but jumped party lines last month to manage Republican Charles Nergard's defeat of veteran Frank Fee for a House seat.

During a caucus of Senate Republicans last week, Sen. Tom Slade of Jacksonville broke up a discussion on how to finance expansion of the State GOP/Executive Committee's branch office here.

"Why not ground the governor's jet?" he suggested.

GOP Chairman Bill Murfin looked wounded.

"I was only teasing," Slade assured him.

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Crime Committee Will Study Whole Picture Before Acting

TALLAHASSEE (By Staff Writer) — State Sen. T. Thott Ott, (D-Tampa) yesterday urged members of his committee on anti-crime to avoid drawing conclusions until the committee has conducted its hearings.

All sorts of bills and proposals for conducting the war on crime are flowing into the legislature, said Ott, but he does not plan to take them up in committee until the crime picture is examined.



Sen. Ott

Other bills on crime, but not dealing specifically with the "war," will be taken up in the regular course of business, Ott said.

The chairman said he will invite the standing committee on crime, appointed just yesterday by Speaker Ralph Turlington, to attend a meeting with experts on the subjects.

He said he hopes to have that meeting next Saturday, although the date is not firm.

Ott's committee is scheduled to meet Monday afternoon.

The Saturday session is billed as an educational meeting with speakers to inform lawmakers on the state crime picture.

Until they have this background, suggested Ott, committee members should keep an open mind about investigative organizations proposed so far, which state policy or officer should be in charge, and similar problems.

Suggestions so far have included organization of a state intelligence agency, a Florida Bureau of Investigation, unified investigative authority for the Sheriff's Office, division of investigators by the governor, or the attorney general.

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Kirk's Cops Seminole

Gov. Kirk's Wackenhut investigators have been sleuthing the Seminole County Sheriff's Department

The extent of the probe is not known, but the Corner Cupboard has learned authoritatively that at least two agents from the governor's War On Crime Force were and may still be conducting an investigation of records and personnel.

It was learned that one of their targets is the reported mis-appropriation of funds by a former deputy.

But there are reports that the probe is larger in scope than just missing cash.

It is said to be a beachhead for an investigation of organized crime in Seminole County and how law enforcement in the area has or has not tried to combat it.

In a speech to a state meeting of police chiefs and sheriffs here two weeks ago, George Wackenhut, the director of Kirk's crime fight pledged that new investigations were underway throughout the state and that "No police chief, no sheriff, no law enforcement agent" will be immune from investigation by his agents if wrong doing is suspected.

Why bother with a peeping eye in Seminole County?

According to many area law enforcement officers and court officials, Seminole has long been known as a watering hole for organized crime-figures.

Clustered in a portion of South Seminole and apparently untouched by law enforcement, are a number of the "names" in rackets that, the U.S. Justice Department says, have its roots with the Mafia headquarters in Tampa, and whose tentacles of vice and gambling extend through

Orange County and up into South Georgia.

They live in fancy homes, conduct their meetings and run their allegedly illegal businesses under the noses of county lawmen without any interference, from most of them.

There are a few lawmen in the county who are keeping a warning thumb on some of the reported crime leaders in the county, but in at least one case, a policeman has been chastised for it.

"In my opinion, Seminole County is the staging area for professional crime in Central Florida," is the way Ninth Circuit Public Defender

W. D. (Bill) Frederick Jr. put it.

He said he did not know about the Wackenhut agents being in the county, but added, "I think someone should look into the situation over there."

Whenever there are bolita raids conducted in Seminole County--and there have been a number in recent years--rarely, if ever is the county's Sheriff J. L. Hobby or his department called in to assist in the raid, or is notified that a raid is coming.

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Crime Information Called for Friday

SENATE President John Pope yesterday called for the newly-formed anti-crime committee which is producing sweeping steps to combat the current crime problem and provide more effective protection of criminals.

He suggested that a committee study the situation of Florida today and make recommendations on the basis of a study of the current crime problem which will serve as a watchdog on the crime situation.

That the Senate and the Florida House of Representatives are working on a bill for a committee to study the crime situation and make recommendations on the basis of a study of the current crime problem which will serve as a watchdog on the crime situation.

Chairman Ott urged the committee members to "keep a completely open mind" on proposed legislation until they had obtained a basic background.

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He called the situation a virtual "criminal college" which must be stopped by increased rehabilitation efforts.

The senate president also urged consideration of measures aimed at "improving the calibre of our local law enforcement officers" and increasing the staffs.

He said that Florida courts are "far too many acquittals of criminals and that the situation should be given to giving "full-time protection" who would dedicate themselves completely to crime.

The committee, however, will originate bills, but can only make suggestions. It will exercise influence through its findings. So far, six bills related to anti-crime efforts have been introduced and are before the committee.

None was brought up for consideration yesterday.

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Expert Advice On Crime War Sought

By DAVID WATSON
Tribune Staff Writer

TALLAHASSEE — State Sen. T. Truett Ott of Tampa yesterday said he plans to call in experts on crime warfare to lay groundwork for his new committee's attack on the issue of the day.

Among them will be representatives of the governor's office, the sheriff's bureau, state attorney general and out-of-state persons in the crime-fighting business.

Ott said he hopes a committee similar to the anti-crime committee appointed in the senate will be created in the house and a joint session held a week from next Saturday.

"It would be an educational meeting," Ott said, to learn what the experts say in their analysis of Florida's crime problem, needs and suggested remedies."

Ott said if the governor wanted to send a Wackenhut representative to speak for the crime, he would be welcome.

Already on the list of those invited to provide legislation with an insight on the crime problem are Dean Frederick Lewis of the University of Miami School of Law, and Dean Hayford Enwall, a law dean at University of Florida.

Ott said he has met with the State Atty. Gen. Earl Faircloth to discuss ramifications of crime and possible avenues the new committee might use to fight it. He also has met with Ed Couch, identified as a crime specialist with Faircloth's office.

Legislative leadership envisioned in the investigating agency is the attorney general, with power to involve law enforcement agencies nationwide and to coordinate the direction of the governor.

The only agency now available is the sheriff's bureau, which by law can investigate crimes in a county only at the invitation of the local sheriff. Sheriffs of the state, through the sheriff's association, have extended a blanket invitation for the bureau to go into their territories anytime. This was done to give the legislature time to patch up the law to allow bureau investigators to go anywhere by order of the governor.

Bills granting investigative powers against organized crime already have been filed in both house and senate. A new bill was submitted yesterday by Sen. Robert L. Shovin of Miami, vice chairman of the anti-crime committee, to create a Florida commission of inquiry with authority to delve into wrongdoing.

Basically, Shovin's bill calls for appointment of a four-member commission to be appointed to staggered terms by the governor. It would be bipartisan and three members would be lawyers. They would serve without pay.

Work of the commission would have the secrecy provisions of a grand jury, except when its members voted to make information public.

Probes into organized crime and racketeering would be part of the commission's task, but it could look into any alleged law violation and the conduct of public officials and employees.

Prosecutions would be turned over to proper officials, and annual reports would be made to the governor and legislature.

The bill calls for an appropriation of \$350,000 to finance the commission.

Such bills as this will be referred to the committee headed by Ott.

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On 4/7/67, regularly scheduled SAC conference was held and the following items were discussed.

ASAC SHERIDAN discussed the facts regarding the kidnaping of [REDACTED] in Beverly Hills, Calif., on 4/3/67 and the facts available of that kidnaping on 4/7/67. The fact was brought out that the unknown subject who received the ransom money from the victim's father, was driving a 1965 Chevrolet Impala, bearing California license number [REDACTED]. Charts showing the different pieces of luggage were shown to the agents, reminding the agents that such charts were available and that these charts had been used to help identify the bag used by the victim's father in turning over the money to the unsub.

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Mr. SHERIDAN also mentioned the statistical accomplishments for the past month, noting that the Tampa Division had achieved 18, adding that for the first time in the fiscal year of 1967, the Tampa Division was in the plus category on convictions statistics.

In note of interest concerning the investigations on the #4 desk, SA [REDACTED] noted that the Ku Klux Klan rally and march was anticipated in Plant City over the weekend of the 8th and 9th. It was noted that the Ku Klux Klan had applied for a permit for same, but was denied and the reports from informants varied as to the plan of action which would be undertaken by the KKK, having been denied their permit. It was also noted that from the week 4/8 - 4/15/67, throughout the Nation there would be a show of strength in the form of rallies and marches, as well as demonstrations in protest of the war in Viet Nam. The entire week throughout the Nation was expected to be filled with various marches by students, front groups, etc., protesting the war with the larger rallies, demonstrations, etc., being centered in the larger cities such as New York, San Francisco, and Chicago. The week of demonstrations, etc.

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was expected to culminate on Saturday, 4/15/67, with a gigantic demonstration in New York. In the Tampa Division, there was expected to be some activity in Cocoa and St. Petersburg, dimension unknown. It was questionable as to whether or not there would be any anti Viet Name demonstrations in Sarasota.

[redacted] stated that the Tampa Division had not yet reached its applicant quota for the month of April and requested participation in the applicant program for clerical, clerk-typists, and stenographers. It was also noted that several of the applicants who had been fingerprinted by Bureau Agents, had had the fingerprint cards returned to the Tampa Division, due to having been improperly fingerprinted.

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Mr. SANTOIANA read an SAC memo dated 4/4/67, referring to the Wackenhut Corporation's participation in the Governor's war on crime and cited the various political issued in the State of Florida regarding Governor KIRK's use of a private agency to head his "Ware on Crime". The agents were reminded of the Bureau regulations governing dissemination, etc. and the Agents were reminded that we do not disseminate to the Wackenhut Corporation and to be careful to disseminate anything which would be disseminated by others to the Wackenhut Corporation. (Refer to SAC memo dated 4/4/67).

Mr. SANTOIANA also made reference to his SAC memo to all Agents (66-00-194 dated 4/6/67) making the agents aware of the most recent Bureau instructions regarding contacts with educational institutions. The facts of that memo were made clearly understandable to all agents.

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Kirk Acts To Oust Sheriff

TALLAHASSEE (By Staff Writer) — Gov. Claude Kirk yesterday set in motion a move to have the State Senate remove Manatee County Sheriff J. Kenneth Gross from office.

Jack Ledden, an aide to the governor, said Kirk made the request in a letter to Senate President Verle Pope. He cited incompetency, misfeasance and nonfeasance on the part of the Republican sheriff.

Late last night, the Manatee grand jury indicted Gross on five charges of embezzlement and one of malfeasance.

Ledden said the letter is expected to reach Pope's desk today. There was no indication when the senate would act.

The sheriff's department has been under investigation by the Manatee Grand Jury since early February when former Lt. William Evers resigned charging "filth and corruption" within the agency.

The grand jury indicted former Deputy Deryl Smith and has released a preliminary report highly critical of operations of the sheriff's department. In addition, Deputies Carl Morris and John Collins and Dispatcher Joyce Donaldson have resigned since the probe opened.

Although no mention was made of Kirk's choice to replace Gross, there were strong indications yesterday it would be Lt. J. Z. Stanley.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
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SHERIFF J. KENNETH CROSS
MANATEE COUNTY
BRADENTON, FLORIDA

For the information of the Bureau, there is attached article appearing in the "Tampa Tribune" dated 4/12/67, captioned "KIRK Acts to Oust Sheriff," and copies of same being forwarded to Jacksonville and Miami for their information.

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The regularly scheduled CIP conference was held on 4/6/67 in the SAC's office. Among the matters discussed were the WACKENHUTT CORPORATION and its activities, and the Bureau's desires in connection with furnishing this group information was also discussed. It was pointed out that WACKENHUTT was conducting investigation in Seminole County where HARLAN BLACKBURN and most of his lieutenants lived. It was also pointed out that information had been received that the Governor already had enough information concerning four sheriffs to suspend all four of them, and the letter to the Bureau with copies to Jacksonville and Miami will be forwarded, advising all of the identities of these four sheriffs.

There was also a discussion of the investigation necessary in an ITAR-Prostitution investigation, in order to establish the necessary elements for successful prosecution.

There was also a discussion of the [redacted] case and the possible leak of information [redacted]

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There was also a discussion of reporting procedures and investigation necessary in connection with this type of report. The SAC pointed out that the Bureau had recently commented concerning the fact that some reports sent in reflected a minimum amount of investigation for the time covered in the period and in some cases, covered only public records and police checks.

There was also a discussion of FRANK RAGANO, the attorney, and the fact that an LHM would be prepared concerning his expenditures in connection with the girl he was keeping

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in Miami. The SAC also advised he would like a kit of photographs made up of the primary subjects in this program so that surveillances could be conducted by other Agents in the office on an irregular basis, thereby making the surveillances more effective in that subjects will not see the same Agents all the time or get familiar with them. The SAC also expressed a desire to have Agents working gambling cases to switch cars with other Agents frequently during days they expect to check activities of their subjects so that subjects would not become too familiar with the license plates of the cars operated by the Agents.

In connection with dissemination to IRS, it was pointed out that [] had reported \$28,000 in gambling income on his income tax return, and this matter had been discussed with IRS and they are going to check this out further. It was also pointed out that [] had made comments indicating he had never filed income tax returns, and this was also being discussed with IRS.

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SAC, TAMPA (80-146)

STATEWIDE CONFERENCE LAW ENFORCEMENT
OFFICERS, STATE OF FLORIDA; CALLED
BY GOVERNOR CLAUDE R. KIRK, JR.; 3/24/67

ReTPtel to Bureau 3/25/67.

On 4/4/67, [redacted] (NA), Intelligence Officer, Orlando, Fla., PD, advised that he attended the above-captioned conference held in Orlando, Fla., at the Cherry Plaza Hotel. He stated that Governor KIRK was the first speaker and described his "War on Crime" and Traffic Fatalities as being aimed at the area in which law enforcement seems unable to accomplish anything, that of political corruption and corrupt public officials. He repeated his desire not to usurp local law enforcement powers or to meddle in police affairs.

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KIRK advised that the "Crime War" Office had received over 300 letters concerning criminal activity in the State and that presently three sheriffs were under investigation. KIRK advised that one department was corrupt from top to bottom and that recently all the county commissioners in this particular county had resigned rather than testify. However, recently, KIRK advised that this had been resolved and some had agreed to testify. [redacted] advised that although KIRK did not mention the county specifically, it was his opinion that KIRK was referring to Dixie Co., Fla.

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GEORGE WACKENHUT followed KIRK as a speaker and practically repeated the same speech he gave before the State Intelligence Unit meeting in Orlando, 3/15-16/67. WACKENHUT reiterated that his investigators had no police powers either subpoena or arrest. He showed the credentials being used by the investigators and stated that this was all they were armed with. WACKENHUT Agents are instructed

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not to represent themselves as investigators for the Governor when working on WACKENHUT business that is not of an official nature and have been told that they would be summarily dismissed if caught doing this. WACKENHUT ended by stating that he and the Governor desired to eliminate political corruption in Florida so that the police could do their jobs unencumbered. He also advised that local departments should follow their rules regarding dissemination of information and if they were approached by investigators of the Governor's, which in most cases they would not be, and their regulations precluded the dissemination of information, the investigators would not feel bad if they were refused but would understand.

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Speeding Wackenhut Snared

MIAMI (AP)—George Wackenhut, trusted general of Gov. Claude Kirk's war on crime, has become the first victim of the governor's crackdown on traffic violators.

Wackenhut, behind the wheel of his flashy, red convertible, was stopped Tuesday night by a Dade County deputy sheriff and was charged with speeding 55 miles an hour in a 30-mile zone.

Only hours before, Kirk had called a special news conference to announce his alarm at Florida's traffic death toll. He recommended



Wackenhut
... 30-day grounding?

ed that drivers who exceed the speed limit by 25 miles an hour lose their licenses for 30 days.

Because of the irony of Kirk's crime war chief being the first crackdown victim, Wackenhut said: "I was testing the officer's reaction to the governor's pronouncement on speeding."

"Seriously," Wackenhut said, "I applaud the police officer's alertness on this important problem."

The ticket was the fourth received by Wackenhut since 1964, records disclosed. He was given a sus-

pended \$20 fine for speeding 70 miles an hour in a 35-mile zone in 1964; a half-suspended \$20 fine for speeding 55 miles an hour in a 35-mile zone in 1966, and a suspended sentence for illegally crossing the center line in 1966.

The news conference was held about four hours before Wackenhut's Corvette sports coupe was pulled over to the curb by the uniformed deputy. If the judge who hears the case carries out Kirk's suggestion, Wackenhut would lose his license for 30 days.

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Purpose and results of contact

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On the evening of 4/13/67, informant telephonically advised authorization has been given to SHELDON COOPER, Tampa branch manager of the Wackenhut Corporation to

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Informant further stated that the Wackenhut Corporation are aware of the change in ownership of the Central Market and that they are going to attempt to make a "buy" but when and how are unknown. They presume that bolita is being sold from this market.

Informant further stated that as of 4/13/67, [REDACTED]

☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

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Police State Alarm Raised

Times Wire Services

TALLAHASSEE — The Florida Sheriffs Bureau reacted sharply yesterday to suggestions for a strong, central state law enforcement agency, charging it would create a "police state."

Bureau attorney John Madigan told an all-day session of the Joint House-Senate Crime Committee the only acceptable basis for statewide law enforcement is voluntary cooperation and exchange of information among local agencies and the Sheriffs Bureau.

"ONCE YOU create an agency with statewide power it stops trying to cooperate," he said. "It moves in and tries to do it all by itself."

"We don't want or need a state police and we don't want or need a police state," Madigan declared.

The committee also heard a list of alleged Mafia leaders in Florida. But they didn't hear from the governor.

Some committee members appeared angered that Gov. Claude Kirk, who is responsible for the "war on crime," declined their invitation to appear at an all-day public hearing and failed to send a representative from his anti-crime force. But Kirk did send word he would meet with legislators next Thursday.

THE LEGISLATORS heard from virtually every agency involved. It heard a variety of proposals, many of which have been introduced in the Legislature, including suggestions for a:

✓ Centralized Criminal Intelligence Bureau.

✓ State Crime Commission, with powers to conduct hearings and subpoena witnesses.

✓ State Department of Justice, under either the attorney general or the governor.

Among the more notorious Mafia members listed by Miami Crime Commission Director Dan Sullivan, were:

✓ Santo Trafficante, leader of the Tampa Mafia.

✓ The Vito Genovese Mafia family under boss Gerald Catena who owns a home in Boca Raton.

✓ The Detroit Mafia family which Sullivan said has two of its five listed "dons" living in Greater Miami.

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TO : SAC , Tampa [REDACTED]

DATE: 4/18/67

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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Informant also advised that CODPER stated that Wackenhut had sent someone to the Central Market to attempt to make a purchase of bolita but this person came back and reported that he was Latin and after seeing the situation ~~decided~~ decided that they would ~~not~~ not sell to him that the person to make a buy would have to be a negro. Informant stated that as far as he knows Wackenhut is still going to attempt a buy.

☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

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Ott: Evidence Scant On State Crime Net

**Tribune Bureau
TALLAHASSEE** — State Sen. Truett Ott of Tampa yesterday said no evidence has been submitted to his anti-crime committee to prove organized crime operations exist in Florida.

He said there has been ample testimony to show that underworld leaders come and go and that some live in the state, but none to show Florida as an operations base.

A senate anti-crime committee headed by Ott and a house counterpart headed by Rep. Gordon Blalock have been conducting hearings on the crime picture with experts from throughout the country telling the story.

Ott said he is going to prepare a summary of all that has been said and draft a concise report as he sees it. He will present it to his committee as a possible guide in drafting legislation in Florida's crime war.

Testimony received by the committee will be viewed against the background of legislation already submitted to begin the process of shaping a course, Ott said.

There appears to be a definite leaning toward some kind of electronics data processing system to handle central records and identification, the senator said.

There also appears to be an

inclination toward some kind of central intelligence operation, he said.

Gov. Claude R. Kirk last week called for consolidation of crime-fighting agencies and about \$1.5 million in addition to normal agency budgets. Ott said he believes the investigations staffing can be done a lot cheaper.

Ott said his committee is to hear one other crime expert, an official from California.

Evidence so far, Ott said, indicates to him that organized crime does not have a good grip in Florida and the state appears "to have the jump on it."

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Crime War Fund Suit Is Rejected

TALLAHASSEE (UPI) — A suit to require Gov. Claude Kirk to account for donations to his "war on crime" was rejected yesterday by the State Supreme Court.

Orlando attorney Edward R. Kirkland had asked the court to order the governor to make an accounting of the private donations and deposit them in the state treasury until the legislature authorizes him to use the money.

Kirkland said in Orlando he hasn't seen the decision and doesn't know at this point whether he will ask the court for a rehearing.

"If nothing else," he added, "the suit has pointed up the fact to the cabinet and to the legislature."

Kirk's office had no immediate comment on the decision.

The suit had called Kirk's handling of the private funds "an outrageous breach of public duty." The governor has used the donations to support his crime war under Miami private detective George Wackenhut.

Justice B. K. Roberts agreed with the governor's position that the funds could be used in a public function as long as the donors attached no strings.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Tampa [redacted] ¹²²

DATE: 4/24/67

FROM : SA JAMES B. HAFLEY

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

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	Aka., AR, 92-146.		
	IGA-GAMBLING, 162-249.		
	IGA-GAMBLING, 162-22.		
	ITWI, 165-108.		
	ITAR-GAMBLING, 166-85.		
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		IGA-GAMBLING, 162-518. (Hafley)	
	ITWI, 165-57. (Hafley)		
	, AR, 92-127. (Unassigned)		
	ITWP, 168-210. (Hafley)		
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1. Harlan Blackburn - Sometime during the middle part of March, 1967. BLACKBURN gave [redacted]

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For the last six or seven weeks in succession, BLACKBURN has had "good numbers" in his extensive lottery operations, and is now in what informant considers to be excellent financial condition. Informant estimated that BLACKBURN has netted well over \$100,000.00 in the past six weeks, and has reduced his financial debt [redacted] in Miami by a considerable amount.

He said that BLACKBURN's "key men" appear to be [redacted] who is on a straight salary, [redacted] The latter is paid a straight salary [redacted] who is also considered by informant to be one of BLACKBURN's 2k "key men."

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BLACKBURN is aware of the fact that WACKENHUT investigators have been asking questions concerning him, BLACKBURN, among the various bars in Seminole County, Fla., where he is known to hang out, as several of the bartenders have reported this to BLACKBURN.

According to informant, "The Colonel" is in frequent telephonic contact with [redacted] by direct distance dialing. [redacted] recently returned to the New York City area after a successful bookmaking season in Hialeah, and is plying his trade at Aqueduct horse track near New York City at the present time. Informant explained that BLACKBURN does not want "the Miami people," meaning Shylock [redacted] et al, to know how much money he, BLACKBURN, is betting on horse races, because he owes "the Miami people" so much money. For this reason, BLACKBURN will often phone [redacted] directly in New York City and have the latter get a bet down for him, undoubtedly at Aqueduct.

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BLACKBURN recently called informant's attention to a news article appearing in a Miami newspaper, which article pointed out [redacted] had been shot in the leg during the course of some affray in that city. The article also named him as being "a Mafia Hood." BLACKBURN referred to [redacted] as "The Enforcer."

Informant pointed out ~~xx~~ that Seminole Downs Raceway in ~~xxxxxx~~ South Seminole County, Fla., opens on the night of 4/21/67 for Thoroughbred horse racing, and this track will be open through 7/8/67. BLACKBURN has purchased a box at the track, and probably will attend each night's racing. He undoubtedly will be accompanied mainly by [redacted]

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[redacted] members of his "Palace Guard." BLACKBURN will do a lot of legal betting at the pari-mutuel windows, but will not attempt to do any bookmaking on the track.

Continuing, informant said [redacted] who is operating a large Negro night club in Brevard County, Fla., (with BLACKBURN's financial backing), had visited BLACKBURN on at least one occasion several months ago [redacted]

[redacted] This Negro was driving a Lincoln Continental, about

a 1966 model, which was light in color, either yellow, cream or beige. Informant said [] had assisted in getting this Negro night club into operation by handling "some of the paper" in the transaction. It is informant's understanding that this establishment is presently open for business in Brevard County.

[] further advised that at the present time [] and BLACKBURN, are "on the outs with each other." He explained that during recent weeks BLACKBURN has become very ~~xxx~~ irritated with him over seemingly minor things. [] is of the opinion that BLACKBURN is jealous of him, because [] has a very keen, analytical mind, particularly in gambling matters, handicapping sporting events, figuring quinelas, perfectos, etc. Further, informant feels [] may have inadvertently embarrassed "The Colonel" in front of some of the latter's associates, by demonstrating how much quicker he can handle betting figures than BLACKBURN. There is also some indication that BLACKBURN considers [] and for this reason, has built up a good amount of resentment toward him. Informant further advised [] who is very close to BLACKBURN, but who also likes and trusts [] has confirmed [] that the above situation is true, and that BLACKBURN does bear animosity toward [] at the present time.

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[] feel that this situation will "smooth over," probably within the next several weeks, [] will go about his business, ignore BLACKBURN for the time being, their relationship will eventually return to normal.

2. [] was riding in a car at Orlando [] when they passed [] going in another direction. [] signalled them to follow him, which they did to the Howard Johnson Restaurant on Lee Road. [] had X two Miami gamblers with him, [] They all sat down together and had coffee in the above restaurant. The group was later joined by [] close associates around Orlando.

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Informant said [] made the observation that "things are tight in Miami right now."

(Also see Item # 1 for further information regarding [])

3. [] - (See Item # 2 above)

4. [] - Informant saw [] about two weeks ago when [] came by [] house [] to confer with "The Colonel." He learned []

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5. [] who has become very close to this subject during recent months, advised [] is now []

[redacted]
present car is a 1967 Cadillac Coupe De Ville, [redacted]
[redacted] When [redacted] first acquired this car it bore a
Palm Beach, Florida county license tag, however this tag may have
been changed recently. It is probably not registered in [redacted]
name, according to informant.

He added [redacted] is in excellent health apparently,
although he does take some [redacted]

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Recently [redacted] offered [redacted]
[redacted] explaining that this was his forte prior to the time he
plunged into the numbers business.

(Also see Item # 1 for further information concerning [redacted])

6. [redacted] This person, although handling a numbers
route under [redacted] on a straight salary basis [redacted]
"licks BLACKBURN's boots" to a point where it has gotten disgusting
to most of his associates. [redacted] apparently wants to "stay in good"
with BLACKBURN, realizing that if he "puts all of his eggs in one
basket" [redacted] and then something happens that might remove
[redacted] from the scene, he would be "on the outside looking in."

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7. [redacted] - This subject and [redacted] are at the bar
in Freddie's Steak House, Fern Park, nearly every night. [redacted]
on one occasion recently, "got falling-down drunk," and [redacted] had
to carry her out of the place bodily. [redacted] has indicated [redacted]
that he feels there is a good possibility the U. S. Supreme Court
will agree to hear his appeal, in which event he will not have
to go to prison for at least another year. If the appeal is
successful, then he may never have to go.

8. [redacted] - Although informant rarely ever sees [redacted]
[redacted] he knows them to be BLACKBURN's "key men" in
Brevard County numbers operations. They will occasionally come
to [redacted]
residence, where they will confer with BLACKBURN. Usually they
are observed by informant as they are carrying brown paper sacks,
probably containing cash and bolita receipts. BLACKBURN is in
telephonic contact with the [redacted] brothers frequently.

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9. [redacted] - (See Item # 8 above)

10. WACKENHUT Corporation - As stated in Item # 1, BLACKBURN is
cognizant of the fact that WACKENHUT investigators are currently
investigating his activities in Seminole County. Informant said
BLACKBURN does not appear to be overly concerned about that fact,
although he is worried over the fact that the above investigators
may uncover evidence of corruption on the part of Seminole County
Sheriff J. H. HOBBY, turn the evidence over to Governor CLAUDE
KIRK, who undoubtedly would remove HOBBY from office. BLACKBURN
fears that any sheriff appointed by KIRK to succeed HOBBY would
be "hard to do business with." Informant pointed out that this would
probably mean that BLACKBURN's organization would have to "re-locate

in some other county. Informant said BLACKBURN consoles himself with the thought that "the democratic processes" may cause this threat to his empire in Seminole County to "pass over."

11. [] - Informant does not know this person by his true name or alias. He pointed out that BLACKBURN has extensive gambling connections in the Miami area, and that he could be one of BLACKBURN's bookmaking contacts there.

12. [] - See Item # 1.

13. [] - See Item # 1.

14. [] - Informant said [] plans to book horses at Seminole Downs Raceway in South Seminole County, Fla., which thoroughbred track opened 4/21/67, and will operate through 7/8/67. Informant x saw [] at the Orlando-Sanford Kennel Club the night of 4/20/67, at which time [] was booking the dogs.

15. [] - (See Item # 7.)

16. [] His status remains the same with BLACKBURN, although informant understands that during the last month BLACKBURN has reduced his indebtedness [] by a considerable amount.

17. [] - Informant described them as "real thieves" who were brought into South Seminole County [] although they are from the Jacksonville area. He said [] has two prostitutes hustling for him in Seminole and Orange County. One is a blond girl named [] (LNU). [] is driving a '67 Pontiac Bonneville convertible. [] is driving a '65 or '66 white Pontiac Catalina two door hardtop. Both of these subjects hang out most of the time at the Hi-Lo Bar and the Linc-Inn Bar in South Seminole County. Informant strongly suspects that these two subjects are "strong-arm men" for BLACKBURN.

18. [] - Informant saw [] at the Sanford-Orlando dog track a few weeks ago, but has not seen or heard of them otherwise since then.

19. [] - (See # 18 above.)

20. [] - He never sees this person around the Orlando area, and his name never comes up in discussions informant overhears between BLACKBURN, [] and other gamblers.

21. [] - This person has never returned to Orlando, and is believed by informant to be living in Cranston, R. I.

22. [] - Informant has not seen or heard of him during recent months.

23. [] - (Same as ~~xxx~~ # 22 above.)

24. CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES, ORLANDO. - (See Items # 1 - 23.)

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Wackenhut Tells House State Crime 'Appalling'

TALLAHASSEE (AP) — George Wackenhut, director of Gov. Claude Kirk's war on crime, says "conditions are absolutely appalling in Florida," the chairman of the house anti-crime committee reported yesterday.

Rep. Goron Blalock, D-Jacksonville, said Wackenhut made the statement as he accepted an invitation to appear before a joint meeting of the house and senate anti-crime committees next Tuesday.

Blalock said he had a long telephone talk with Wackenhut in the governor's office to confirm the invitation.

He said Wackenhut would tell the legislative committees which he had found so far in directing the war on crime and what recommendations he had for a state crime fight.

Blalock said legislators wanted to hear Wackenhut's recommendations for the type and size of state organization that would be necessary.

Other legislative committees considered a number of important bills on subjects varying from trading stamps to well drillers and from property taxes to "cane pole" fishermen.

The senate water conservation committee approved 9-1 a bill called both a matter for protection of ground-water resources and a restriction on drilling a hole in the ground.

"I never heard of a well

driller having to get a license to drill a hole in the ground," said Sen. Richard Deeb, R-St. Petersburg, who opposed the measure.

Other members of the committee said competent well drillers were in favor of the bill.

The house commerce committee defeated bills to tax, restrict or abolish trading stamps. But, by a 14-5 vote, the committee approved a measure to require registration and annual reports from businesses which exchange trading stamps for a profit.

A \$1 million-a-year "cane pole tax" was tentatively defeated by the house finance and taxation committee. The bill would require a \$1 annual license for fishermen using cane poles, who currently are exempt.

A change designed to give auditor Ernest Ellison and his staff more independence to conduct impartial probes of state agencies — including cabinet offices — was approved by another house committee. The bill would put the auditor under the legislature instead of under the State Cabinet.

Voting unanimously, the senate ethics committee recommended a bill to allow the public service commission to consider complaints on service at the same time it considers rate increases and decreases for a utility.

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Committee Balks At Kirk's Chart

By DAVID WATSON
Tribune Staff Writer

TALLAHASSEE — The senate anti-crime committee yesterday balked at use of Gov. Claude R. Kirk's crime war organizational chart.

Chairman Truett Ott of Tampa said the committee will draw on anti-crime bills submitted by legislators to chart the course.

This does not mean that the governor's ideas will not be considered, the chairman said. But the committee has only a copy of the governor's plan for administration of a state justice department. It does not have any of his bills to put it into effect.

With all major portions of the special hearings series out of the way, Ott yesterday summarized for the committee its progress to date.

Statements given made before the committee by persons experienced in work against crime point to a threefold objective, Ott said. They are:

- 1—Creation of a permanent crime commission.
- 2—Organization of a statewide investigation agency — or intelligence division.
- 3—Installation of an electronics records search and reporting system.

These, Ott said, represent the state's immediate need.

Kirk's organizational chart for a state department of justice shows the chain of command for a merger of state investigative and law enforcement agencies, all reporting to a commissioner and four assistants. The highway patrol would be converted into a state police force.

Reviewing bills and testimony given to the committee Ott said:

"We are pointed in the direction of supervising crime from cradle to grave, although I'm not sure all of the work can be done in this session of the legislature."

He urged the committee, however, not to let the session expire without doing something along the line of setting up a permanent crime commission or similar body. He left specifics up to the committee.

Even while pushing ahead, the chairman cautioned, if too much is undertaken this session there is the risk of accomplishing nothing. There still remains a money problem, Ott said.

Ott warned that as the committee advances it will come to grips with political problems. He urged the committee not to try to make anybody or any agency happy, but simply do its job.

At the same time, he said, the committee must not abridge individual, constitutional rights while protecting the public from crime.

While asserting that no particular plan should be considered a master plan at this time, Ott said this is not to say that Kirk's plan is re-

jected or that an ultimate merging of some ideas might not be advisable.

Ott said the anti-crime committee will start meeting every day, beginning next week.

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Move Against Kirk's Crime War Thrown Out

A challenge to the private financing of Gov. Claude Kirk's war on crime was thrown out by the Supreme Court yesterday. Orlando Lawyer Edward R. Kirkland had charged that the governor "through his agents or employees has in his possession undetermined amounts of money received from private sources; and that all of said money has been secreted in a clandestine manner, all of which is illegal and an unconstitutional exercise of power by the governor." In his reply, the governor said Kirkland was seeking to "compel the performance of an act by the Chief Executive and that the courts of this state have neither the jurisdiction nor power to do so." Kirkland represents Woodrow Darden who was removed by Kirk from the Board of Regents and from Superintendent of Brevard



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County Schools after an investigation by Wackenhut agents hired by the governor. The governor has — since the challenge was filed with the Supreme Court — revealed the names of donors who gave some \$6,000 to the war on crime. The unanimous decision said Kirkland didn't present facts to back up his charges against the governor. Justices B. K. Roberts, Millard Caldwell and Richard Irvin — while agreeing with the majority decision — wrote additional opinions saying that private contributions to support government operations were acceptable so long as no strings were attached by the donors.

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 It now seems obvious to those who have been carefully observing the state's political picture that the Wackenhut era of the Kirk administration is swiftly drawing to an end.

Gov. Kirk won't admit it, but he is meeting strong resistance in trying to raise money from private sources to pay off the big Wackenhut bill now reported as being well over \$100,000.

Nevertheless the crime war has been good for the Wackenhut Corp.

At a stockholders' meeting this week, Mr. George Wackenhut told his friends the governor's crime war was a big success.

Whether this is true or not remains to be seen. Mr. Wackenhut is taking credit for 17 arrests . . . none have yet been convicted.

And the facts are that most of these arrests originated from information gathered by newsmen of various newspapers and other medias doing their own investigations.

But there can be no doubt about the success of the war on crime as far as Wackenhut Corporation's business is concerned.

In Mr. Wackenhut's address to his stockholders, he said: "I must confess that the tremendous amount of publicity which we have received came as quite a surprise. While we were well known in our field before this development, it appears that the Wackenhut name is known from coast to coast."

Sales and earnings both increased in the first quarter of this year over the comparable period of 1966.

Sales climbed to \$6.2 million from \$5 million the year before.

Net profits rose to \$44,654 from \$137,811.

It seems the directors of Wackenhut Corp would be so pleased with the tremendous publicity their company has received since Gov. Kirk decided to do business with them, plus business and profit increase for the first 3 months, as proof of the value of the publicity received a la Kirk, that Mr. Wackenhut and his directors should get on the generosity a la go-go . . . Hell, Mr. Wackenhut, send your bill to the Governor and mark it paid.

Think of the additional publicity and good will your company will receive if such a move was made.

It will be the largest single private contribution ever given to fighting the war against crime.

Viva Wackenhut!

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5 Crime Bills Not to Antinori's Liking

By HARRY McNAMARA
Tribune Staff Writer

State Attorney Paul Antinori has given the thumbs down sign to five of seven proposed crime bills sent to him for review and comment by State Senator T. Truett Ott.

In his letter of reply, Antinori stumped for legislative support of the "third verdict in capital cases" proposal.

It would give jurors in capital cases the option of recommending mercy and life imprisonment but no parole.

Under existing laws the jury must choose between no mercy which means the death penalty and mercy which provides for life imprisonment and in some cases parole within seven or eight years.

The third verdict would result in a natural life sentence and says Antinori, would end juror confusion in rendering "a proper verdict in capital cases because of reluctance to impose the death penalty."

Antinori said he was in favor of the proposed bill allowing Sheriff's Bureau investigators to enter a county without permission of the local sheriff. But he suggested they add to the bill the authority for investigators to make arrests and execute warrants.

The state attorney also fa-

vored a bill giving the attorney general broader investigative powers but balked at a provision which would allow the state office to prosecute cases developed when a local state attorney fails or refuses to prosecute.

Getting the thumbs down sign from Antinori were the following proposals authorizing:

— The attorney general to enter any county and convene a special grand jury and to replace any state attorney or

county solicitor whom he and the governor have reason to believe is not performing properly.

— The governor to order the Sheriff's Bureau to investigate crime in any county.

— Creation of a department of criminal justice under the attorney general.

— Creation of state commission of inquiry.

— Creation of a special state-wide grand jury.

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Crime Board Assails Gov. Kirk's 'Private' War

WASHINGTON (AP)—Florida Gov. Claude Kirk's controversial crime fighting methods have drawn a new critic—the President's Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice.

The commission issued a report yesterday which assailed Kirk for hiring private detectives to uncover crime and corruption in the state.

The brief report especially criticized the fact that the governor's special crime fighters are responsible only to Kirk.

"Since it is not possible to subject private agencies to the necessary controls and safeguards that are imposed upon public police agencies, private police agencies should not be

used to perform essential public law enforcement tasks, such as the gathering of criminal intelligence for any branch or agency of government or for any elected or appointed officials," the report said.

Kirk was not immediately available for comment. George Wackerhut, Kirk's crime war general whose private detective agency is supplying the investigators for the privately-financed "crime war," had nothing to say, an aide reported.

The criticism was contained in a 239-page report by a task force studying the nation's police agencies.

Its comments on Kirk's use of private investigators were confined to three paragraphs. The last paragraph said:

"Any agency that assumes responsibility for law enforce-

ment must be held to high standards of integrity and respect for individual rights."

Kirk's announcement of his crime war brought widespread criticism from within the state last January when he called it "gestapo tactics."

The state cabinet heard Kirk's crime plan last month but took no action on his proposal. It allocated \$25,000 to the project and to refuse to pay for anything.

Kirk said cabinet members he would agree to the project as long as it remained in committee.

He said it was an acceptable crime fighting program.

Kirk's representative criminal justice committee on Thursday to give a report on the existing and new crime fighting methods. The committee estimated the department would need \$15 million a year for the next two years plus \$10 million for the existing forces.

The committee also said the crime war carried out by Kirk and his cabinet members told legislators that the state's current method of criminal justice was a "disaster," rather than a "success."

The committee also said the legality of the crime war was questionable. It said the state's current method of criminal justice was "illegal."

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Dade Sheriff Pushes For State Police Unit

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TALLAHASSEE — Legislative crime fighters yesterday were told a state police force is in Florida's future.

Sheriff E. Wilson Purdy of Dade County (Miami) said such an organization is not the only answer to crime problems but in his opinion is one of the answers.

Sheriff Don Genung of Pinellas County, however, said he preferred to leave senior authority in the hands of the state's sheriffs. He proposed giving the Florida Sheriff's Bureau more money, men and equipment.

Purdy and Genung appeared before house and senate anti-crime committees headed by Sen. Truett Ott of Tampa and Rep. Gordon Blalock of Jacksonville. The schedule also listed George Wackenhut, Gov. Claude Kirk's crime war general.

Wackenhut didn't show. Blalock said he was informed the private detective could be rescheduled for May 10.

Purdy took over as Dade's first appointive sheriff in December of last year. Before that he served as chief of police in St. Petersburg from Oct. 8, 1958 until he left the force in January of 1963 to go to Pennsylvania as police commissioner of that state.

He resigned from the Pennsylvania post following a controversy over wiretapping.

Purdy prefaced his comments with the observation that crime in Florida is no more alarming than anywhere else in the country. There has been, he said, more public awareness of crime.

Nonetheless, he asserted, the organized element in crime is taking over in many places. A strong, statewide police and service agency is needed to back up strong municipal and metropolitan

police department and head it off, he said.

A state police agency could supplement local law enforcement departments, eliminate overlapping in many phases, offer central purchasing, records, data processing and communications.

Purdy proposed using the Highway Patrol and Sheriff's Bureau as the nucleus of a state police force. Then, he said, he would meld in the law enforcement duties of other agencies.

He cautioned against moving too fast. Chaos could result for an overnight change, he said.

A state police should be under control of the governor's office, he said, with civil service provisions to protect it. He suggested appointment of the superintendent by the governor, but to not allow for removal without a system of review.

In the table of organization he would provide for a uniformed patrol division, detective division, vice squads, intelligence division, community service and information division, records and data processing, planning and research.

He suggested formal recruiting programs, and high education and training standards to keep police work from becoming a "drop-out" profession.

Purdy told committeemen that state police elsewhere have statewide authority and can go in any time a local office isn't doing its job. In practice, however, they do not interfere in local jurisdictions except to help.

There are times when state police are invited in by local officers to avoid sticky political situations interfering with local police work, Purdy said.

Most opposition to a state police system stems from local self interest, he said. Sometimes fear of a "police state" is advanced, he added, but no evidence has been shown to support it.

Genung held that local law enforcement must remain on the local level unless a breakdown is proven. He said he had no objection, however, to changes in the makeup of the Sheriff's Bureau, even to the extent of adding city police chiefs to its board.

The bureau has enough authority, he said, although it can't send investigators into counties except by request of the local sheriffs.

Most sheriffs have given the governor temporary, blanket authority to send in bureau men, but Genung said some have not.

Manpower and money are the biggest problems, said Genung. He said the FBI recommends one policeman for every 500 persons, but actually runs one to 1,500 in many places.

The committee took no action.

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~~Seeks \$1.5 Million—~~

Kirk Asks Criminal Justice

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TALLAHASSEE (AP) — Republican Gov. Claude Kirk yesterday asked the legislature for \$1.5 million in funds and creation under him of a broad-scope "department of criminal justice" to carry forth his war on crime.

The agency would include a state police force, a statewide investigative force and a statewide crime communications network.

The governor indicated in a "message on crime" to the legislature that he was prepared to discard use of agents for the Wackenhut Corp., a private detective agency, as officers in the crime war.

The message also signaled that George Wackenhut, center of controversy in the crime war, would surrender captaincy of the crime war to

a commissioner appointed by the governor.

In an obvious search for bipartisan support, Kirk's office announced Sen. Robert Shevin, D-Miami, would introduce the 33-page bill in the senate.

Rep. Carey Matthews, D-Miami, was named to sponsor the bill in the house.

Shevin called the bill "an excellent approach" and said an agency which consolidates services relative to crime should be under the governor.

Kirk boosted a bill by Shevin, who has criticized the GOP governor's approach to crime, which would create a "Florida Commission of Inquiry."

He said such a "high level,

small investigate body of great competence" might serve as a component of his proposed agency.

Gov. Kirk said he created his war on crime four months ago because "I could see no reason why the people should have to continue to see this problem ignored during the first months of my administration..."

He said citizens have supported it well, and the campaign, which always seemed wrapped in debate between Kirk and other officeholders, "made an effective beginning."

A direct appeal for support by Democrats, the majority party, was made by the governor.

"Let us not cripple our successful assault on crime by

weighing it down with politically motivated shackles," he said.

It is important that the commissioner be responsible to him, said Kirk. The governor, he argued, is the man chosen by the electorate to provide for "the security of our people."

The \$1.5 million will be enough to "create and initially administer" the department, but, said Kirk, federal funds will be applied for after "the anticipated passage" of two federal laws.

He identified them as the "safe streets and crime control act of 1967" and the "juvenile delinquency act of 1967."

If the legislature goes along, he added, it "will encourage our citizens to par-

ticipate" in prevention and control of crime with the result being better law enforcement officials at all levels of government.

In his message, Kirk said he would introduce three other related bills.

One would be designed to "regulate and control wiretapping and all manners of eavesdropping," he said.

He said these activities may be necessary for police officials to effectively combat crime, but "we must make absolutely sure" that they are surrounded with "stringent safeguards."

The two other bills would create a "criminal law codification and revision commission" and a "criminal justice coordinating council," he said.

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GOVERNOR CLAUDE KIRK'S
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DON GENUNG (NA),
SHERIFF, PINELLAS CO.

DON GENUNG (NA), Sheriff, Pinellas Co., Fla., was recently called as one of the first two witnesses before the combined Florida Senate and House Anti-Crime Committee in connection with the war on crime. He has furnished me with a copy of his testimony, which along with an article appearing in the 5/3/67 issue of the Tampa Tribune and one appearing in the 5/3/67 issue of the St. Petersburg Times, is being transmitted herewith.

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WAR ON CRIME

On 5/5/67, [redacted] Criminal Investigations Division, Orange Co. SO, Orlando, Fla., furnished the following information to SA JAMES B. HAPLEY, requesting that he not be identified in connection with the furnishing of the information:

He recently learned from a reliable source, whose identity he cannot reveal, that Wackenhut investigators have uncovered [redacted]

[redacted] advised that he did not have any specifics regarding the latter allegation, however, it is his understanding that State Attorney MIKE STEED, Orlando, Fla., is "dragging his feet" on presenting the matter to a state grand jury, claiming there is insufficient evidence to sustain successful prosecution. [redacted] explained that the Wackenhut legal staff is of the opinion that there is sufficient evidence for prosecution in this matter, and at

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the present time Governor CLAUDE KIRK is in the process of selecting a state attorney from another district to handle the proposed prosecution [redacted] It is [redacted] information that this matter will eventually be presented to a state court grand jury in the near future.

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Continuing, [redacted] advised that Wackenhut investigators have also been investigating the alleged corrupt activities [redacted]

[redacted] He said the above investigators have [redacted] (it is believed the source means [redacted] who is known to be [redacted]

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[redacted] identified as the "bag man" [redacted]

He also pointed out that the Wackenhut investigators have recently been investigating alleged corruption on the part [redacted]

[redacted] and there is some indication that the allegations regarding him may be substantiated.

[redacted] said that his source of information confided in him that the Wackenhut investigators had found so much tangible evidence of [redacted]

[redacted] would undoubtedly be suspended from office in the near future, and that criminal charges would probably be brought against them.

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Further, he said [redacted] was also under investigation for alleged corrupt practices by the Wackenhut investigators; however, [redacted] has been unable to ascertain the status of the investigation.

[redacted] advised that his source of information indicated to him that Governor KIRK plans to take positive action against [redacted]

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[redacted] the Governor feels that the Legislature could not revoke any action that he sees fit to take, if he waits until that body adjourns.

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Although the source of [redacted] information in this matter is unknown, a good probability exists that it is one of the Wackenhut investigators.

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Information copies of this airtel are being furnished the Miami and Jacksonville Offices.

No active investigation is being conducted by the Tampa Office in this matter, however, the Bureau will be kept currently advised of any further pertinent developments.

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WACKENHUT CORPORATION, GOVERNOR CLAUD KIRK'S WAR ON CRIME.

LOCAL PAPERS AND NEW YORK TIMES ^{TODAY} HAVE ARTICLES STATING THAT ON MAY TEN LAST, GEORGE WACKENHUT, OF WACKENHUT CORPORATION, APPEARED BEFORE A JOINT HEARING OF THE FLORIDA STATE SENATE AND HOUSE ANTI CRIME COMMITTEE IN TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA. HE READ A FORTY MINUTE STATEMENT OF HIS PROGRESS IN THE STATE'S ANTI CRIME FIGHT IN WHICH HE DEPLORED THE CRIME IN FLORIDA. HE ALSO LISTED NAMES OF RACKETEERS WHO HE CLAIMED WERE LINKED WITH NEFARIOUS ACTIVITIES IN THE STATE. LEGISLATORS CHALLENGED SOME OF HIS INFORMATION AND IN ONE INSTANCE SUPPLIED HIM WITH INFORMATION HIS INVESTIGATORS HAD NOT LOCATED.

HE RECOMMENDED A STATE BOARD OF INQUIRY RESPONSIBLE TO THE GOVERNOR TO HOLD HEARINGS ON THE CRIME SITUATION. THE

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SENATE IS CONSIDERING SUCH A BILL AS WELL AS A DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE, BOTH OF WHICH WERE ENDORSED BY WACKENHUT, WHO STATED THE BOARD OF INQUIRY WOULD COORDINATE AND DISSEMINATE INFORMATION RECEIVED.

ON MARCH THIRTEEN LAST, TAMPA DIVISION RECEIVED TWO LETTERS FROM GEORGE WACKENHUT FORWARDING TWO LETTERS RECEIVED BY THE GOVERNOR, ONE FROM A FORMER INMATE OF THE TAMPA STOCKADE, WHICH MATTER WAS INVESTIGATED IN TAMPA FILE FORTY-FOUR DASH FIVE FIVE SIX, BUFILE FORTY-FOUR DASH THREE FIVE SIX FIVE NINE. THE OTHER LETTER CONCERNED THE PASCO COUNTY JAIL AND WAS INVESTIGATED IN TAMPA FILE FORTY-FOUR DASH FIVE FIVE FIVE, ENTITLED UNSUBS; OFFICERS OF THE PASCO COUNTY JAIL, DADE CITY, FLORIDA; [REDACTED]-VICTIM

TAMPA DIVISION HAS NEVER RECEIVED ANY OTHER INFORMATION OR CASES FROM THE WACKENHUT CORPORATION.

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Look Before Leaping

The desire to fashion an effective agency to combat organized crime — yet not create a monster that could threaten the liberties of law-abiding citizens — presents the 1967 Florida Legislature with one of its most difficult decisions.

It is a turning point of major historical significance. Until now, Florida's ruggedly individualistic citizenry has insisted that law enforcement powers be decentralized, mostly in the hands of elected sheriffs and state attorneys.

THEIR SYSTEM was adequate for a rural state. It has proven inadequate in dealing with a crime syndicate that hires lawyers to try to infiltrate the corporate structure of banks and regularly flies part of the Las Vegas skimmings to Miami.

So the Legislature must fit a modern agency to the skill of modern crime. It has received two requests, neither entirely satisfactory:

Sen. T. Truett Ott, Tampa, chairman of the Senate Crime Committee, introduced April 20 a bill devised by the State Committee on Law Enforcement and Administration of Justice. It would set up a Department of Criminal Justice under the attorney general. The department would consist of a director and up to 30 agents with arrest powers. It would coordinate law enforcement communications and establish a system of required, uniform crime reporting.

Last week Gov. Claude Kirk disclosed his legislative request. He wants a far-ranging Department of Criminal Justice, answering to the governor. It would include a State Police Department with general arrest powers, a State Crime Commission with subpoena powers, the Highway Patrol, Sheriff's Bureau, Division of Corrections, the Child Training Schools and the Parole Commission.

The legislative decision boils down to two basic questions: (1) to whom should the police agency report? (2) What are its proper powers and scope?

Lawmakers also face two handicaps. There are few hard facts upon which to base these decisions and it's impossible to remove personalities from them.

ON THE FIRST question, the soundest arguments seem to favor placing the new department under the attorney general. Piercing the corporate veil of syndicated crime is largely a legal function. California's new crime-fighting agency is working well under that state's elected attorney general. And the only reason Gov. Kirk has given for controlling the crime war is simply that he wants to be its general. The fact that Atty. Gen. Earl Faircloth has made no such demand is significant in itself.

If personalities can't be ruled out, let's consider them. Gov. Kirk's setup with the Wackenhut private detective agency, which even he now admits was a mistake, doesn't raise confidence in his judgment in this sensitive area. Would he manipulate the infant agency with the same heavy-handed political tactics used upon the Development Commission? Would his selection for director possess the same skill-vacuum for the job as does John Smolko, his pick for Development Commission director?

AS FOR THE SCOPE and powers of the new agency, the excitement of the hour threatens to push the Legislature past the danger point.

The enemy is organized crime. It must be pursued vigorously. But combatting ordinary crime remains a responsibility of local law enforcement officers directly answerable to the people they protect.

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The Legislature must look before it leaps. At the bottom of that chasm — where Florida must not fall — is a police state with tapped telephones, summary arrest of innocent persons, political law enforcement, or worse.

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SAYS IT'S TIME FOR LEGISLATION**Ott Pushes Crime War**By STEWART BRYAN
Times Staff Writer

TALLAHASSEE — It's time for legislative action to replace or implement the governor's war on crime, Tampa Sen. Truett Ott said today.

The time for general study and enlightenment is past, and Ott, chairman of the senate Anti-Crime Committee, plans to act accordingly.

The anti-crime committee spent most of the first five weeks in session trying to learn how extensive crime actually is in the state, what other states have done to combat it and what methods and approaches would be best suited to the Florida situation.

NOW THEY ARE getting down to brass tacks, Ott feels. Several approaches have been proposed.

Sheriffs' bureau proposals are based on the concept that the sheriffs' group could be used as the core for any and all expansions of investigative and enforcement activities.

Gov. Claude Kirk pushes creation of a state department of criminal justice, answerable to the governor's office, as the proper vehicle to carry forth the war. It would cost the state an additional \$1.5 million.

OTT HIMSELF has proposed the creation of a similar department of justice, somewhat less expensive, answerable to the attorney general.

But it's his opinion now that the approach most likely to win committee favor is one espoused by Miami Sen. Robert Shevin, his vice chairman.

Shevin's proposal would establish a Florida commission of inquiry governed by a four-

man board, all appointed by the governor.

IT WOULD COST \$350,000, and authorize the hiring of agents, with broad investigative powers, and the powers of carrying weapons, making arrests, issuing subpoenas and granting immunity.

"It appears that Shevin's proposal will be amended in many areas," Ott predicted, "but it's a good starting place."

He doubts, for instance, that his committee will grant the power of arrest, or allow the governor to appoint all four board members.

And he's sure the committee will also beef up the sheriffs' bureau.

"THE BUREAU now serves only the various sheriffs' departments in the state," Ott elaborated, "and I would think we'd probably extend their duties to include service to all state and municipal law enforcement agencies as well."

Ott foresees that the bureau will require standardized reports from these agencies, keep statewide records and maintain crime lab and technical services for the groups.

"But they would not be involved in criminal investigation," he said. "That would be the duty of the new commission of inquiry."

OTT THINKS his committee may also recommend granting power of arrest for crimes committed in their presence to all law enforcement officers.

He pointed out how ridi-

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culous it is for a state lawman to be armed with an arrest warrant for a gambling violation only to find the suspect with a package of heroin, and be unable to arrest him for it.

The Tampa attorney also thinks the sheriffs' bureau and commission agents will be empowered to go into any county or city without having to get an invitation first.

Both groups will be entirely financed by state funds.

NEITHER is more important in the over-all picture than the other, Ott said.

"Local law enforcement is still the whole meat of the issue," he stated. "The ordinary citizen is mostly concerned with crime in his back alley and on his street, and this dual proposal may be the answer."

"I think the approach is right," Ott concluded. "If we fail at it, we'll just take up the other proposals and go on from there. But I think the likelihood of producing some good, not too expensive legislation is excellent."

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Sheriff Beard Lauds Proposed Arrest Bill

By TOM RAUM
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Sheriff Malcolm Beard today branded a legislative bill to broaden arrest powers for the Florida Highway Patrol as "another step towards a state police."

The proposed law, approved last week by a senate committee in Tallahassee, would allow the patrol to make statewide arrests for both misdemeanors and felonies. At present, a trooper is banned from making an arrest if the crime occurs off a state road.

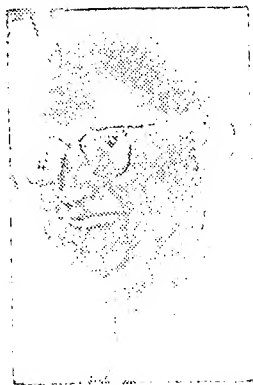
Beard said that he foresaw no "immediate danger" in the patrol growing into a state police force "because the new law (if passed) won't give them investigative authority or the power to conduct routine police business off the highways."

However, Beard cautioned, "It seems clear that the legislature is very much for the eventual creation of a state police force — if not now — in the very near future."

If such an agency is in the making, it will possibly mean the merging of the Florida Highway Patrol with the separate Sheriff's Departments into one centralized police force.

Opponents of a state police force fear the complete loss of the county sheriff's autonomy, while doubting the effectiveness of such a mammoth agency.

"I've spoken to police representatives from states which have state police forces," said Beard, "and they don't have any less of a problem with crime than we



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do — and often they have more of a problem."

Beard stated that the most effective way to battle crime and enforce the law was "on the local level." He questioned the wisdom of "battling crime in Hillsborough County from Tallahassee."

The county sheriff added that he did not take issue with the new legislation per se, "but only what it can get us into."

Highway Patrol reaction here to the proposed measure was enthusiastic. District Commander Lt. A. E. Hambacher told The Times he saw the proposed law as an "invaluable aid to law enforcement," and lauded it as "another essential tool."

"Numerous times," said Hambacher, "in my 15 years of experience, have I seen crimes committed right before my eyes that I was unable to do anything about because they happened outside our jurisdiction."

Hambacher said he saw no reason for alarm that the measure would in effect create a state police force. "All it does," Hambacher said "is enable us to do our job more efficiently."

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Wackenhut Says Officials Corrupt

TALLAHASSEE (UPI) — Gov. Claude Kirk's crime war general, George Wackenhut, said today that official corruption is rampant in Florida from the local to state level.

Using such words as "shocking," "appalling" and "tremendous," Wackenhut said organized crime could not have reached the proportions it has without the cooperation of elected officials and police.

"I DON'T MEAN that every public official with his hand in the cookie jar is a captive of organized crime," he said.

"But one feeds on the other."

Wackenhut testified before a joint hearing by house and senate anti-crime committees in the house chamber and earlier answered questions of newsmen at a special "briefing" session at the instigation of the governor.

Gov. Claude Kirk, in his new attitude of press cooperation, sat relaxed in his mansion office, Wackenhut at his left, and chatted with newsmen who drank coffee and munched doughnuts.

Wackenhut, called here by the committee to give his ideas on what type of statewide crime-fighting agency the state needs to replace Kirk's privately-financed war headed by Wackenhut, said there are about 20 cases now under investigation which he expects to lead to prosecution of public officials or law officers.

HE DECLINED TO name names, saying he did not want to try the cases in the newspapers.

But he said in his written statement to the legislative

committees that they involved judges as well as the cop on the beat.

He stressed again and again there were no "political" motives in the investigations and that he would quit if asked to make a political investigation.

Newsmen at the briefing held several hours in advance of the hearing with the understanding that nothing would be published prior to 2 p.m.

Asked by a newsmen if he

had investigated anything at the level of a state cabinet officer, Wackenhut replied: "Yes, I have looked there but I won't comment further on that."

"I AM VERY much afraid I might endanger something we are working on if I say anything further."

He said any investigation he makes is generally based on some allegation by the public.

"Have you had any request involving a cabinet officer?" he was asked.

"I won't comment on that," he said.

Some of the cases under investigation, he told the committee in his written report involving public officials, include:

—The official bigwig who solicited bribes from suspended licenses on the promise to get them reinstated.

—COUNTY EMPLOYEES who are profiting from prison labor.

—Two public officials in deadly competition with each other . . . to determine who is going to be king of the local bolita operations.

—A judge who juggled the facts to clear a hoodlum goon.

—A group of officials who attempted to destroy judicial

—A lawman who is Mr. Big in a countywide bolita ring which is part of a national syndicate.

Wackenhut spun a story involving payoffs, rakeoffs, thefts, bribery, kickbacks, conspiracy and protection.

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Crime War Kitty Reaches \$38,438

TALLAHASSEE (UPI) — Donations to Gov. Claude Kirk's "war on crime" increased by \$31,825 since the first report was issued March 22, the governor's office said yesterday.

Total contributions to finance the estimated \$1,000-a-day operations of the Wackenhut private detective agency were listed as \$38,438. The \$1,000-a-day estimate made by agency head George Wackenhut would mean the cost to date is around \$120,000.

The biggest single contributor on the list was Hayden Stone Inc., of Miami, an investment firm with which Kirk was connected before becoming governor.

The corporation donated \$6,500—almost as much as the total contributions Kirk listed in March.

Among the \$1,000 contributors listed were District One State Road Board Member Donald R. Crane Jr. of St. Petersburg; H. W. Donovan of Jacksonville, appointed by Kirk earlier this year to act as an agent for state insurance; retired State Supreme Court Justice Alto Adams of Fort Pierce, and Lakeland Contractor J. M. Wellman.

Among contributors were, John A. Anderson, 939 Beach Drive N.E., St. Petersburg, \$500; Donald R. Crane Jr., 300 31st St. N., St. Petersburg, \$1,000; B. C. Nabers, 300 31st St. N., St. Petersburg, \$100; Terry Peacock, P.O. Box 11869, St. Petersburg, \$1,000; Long Realty Investment Co., P.O. Box 1531, Tampa, \$1,000; Hugh E. Wilson, 214 South Brevard, Tampa, \$5; Harry Arkus, 1104 Franklin St., Tampa, \$10.

Fred L. Learey, General Telephone Co., Tampa, \$50; Thomas B. Terpening, P. C. Box 18304, Tampa, \$1,000; H. W. Dooley, Citizens National Bank, Leesburg, \$50; William F. O'Neill, P.O. Box 7236, St. Petersburg, \$1,000; John W. Barger, P.O. Box 7236, St. Petersburg, \$500; J. M. Wellman, P.O. Box 2436, Lakeland, \$1,000; C. L. Fryar, 2611 Temple Terrace, Tampa, \$100; George Seibold, 1825 1st St., St. Petersburg, \$5; Herschel Haynes, 224 2nd Ave., Gainesville, \$25.

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