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Hundreds of City Police Reported In 'Front'

**Mayor Declares He Will
Comment on Report
Within 24 Hours**

At least 200, and perhaps 1,000 New York City policemen have been, or still are, members of the Christian Front, 17 of whose members are under Federal indictment for conspiracy to overthrow the United States government.

Answers to the questionnaire sent to all New York City police were partially tabulated yesterday and showed the wholesale recruiting which the Coughlinite organization had been doing among the police.

Mayor LaGuardia received the report from Police Commissioner Lewis J. Valentine, who sent the questionnaire out on the Mayor's orders.

"I'll have something to say in 24 hours," the Mayor said yesterday afternoon in response to questions concerning Valentine's report.

Earlier in the day at police headquarters Commissioner Valentine would say only that the report was still incomplete. Reports spread about the building, however, concerning the number of the policemen involved.

There are about 18,000 uniformed police and approximately 1,000 detectives on the force.

At the meeting of the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association yesterday at the Hotel Commodore it is understood that the questionnaire was discussed. Opposition to the quiz has been shown by many members of the force, but the organization is understood to be taking a stand with the Commissioner.

WON'T PREDICT ACTION

Commissioner Valentine would not say what steps might be taken against those members of the force who admitted they had enrolled in the terror organization.

Asked for comment on the demand of Assemblyman Bernard J. Moran of Kings County for a legislative investigation of "widespread corruption" in the police department as revealed by the Amen report, the Commissioner answered in writing:

"If, as alleged, there is widespread corruption in the police department, I will welcome any honest, sincere, non-partisan, non-political investigation by any duly constituted authority."