

Three 'Outlaws' Plead Innocent

WEST PALM BEACH (UPI) — Three members of the "Outlaws" motorcycle gang pleaded innocent yesterday to charges of nailing a teenage girl to a tree limb and possession of marijuana.

Hearings were delayed for seven others charged in connection with the girl's crucifixion or with narcotics charges growing out of a raid on a "pot party."

Frank Edward Link, James Edward Owings, and John P. Luke III, all 25, pleaded innocent at their arraignment yesterday. All three are charged with possession of marijuana and Link and Owings with aggravated assault and conspiracy for allegedly taking part in nailing Christine Deese to a tree branch Nov. 12. Their bonds were set at \$10,000.

Gov. Claude Kirk has vowed all-out war on the cyclists as a

result of the incident. Sheriff's officers have said the girl was nailed by her palms to the branch for "holding out" \$10 from a member of the cycle gang.

Hearings were put off yesterday for Donald Tanner, 26, former leader of the gang, his pregnant wife, Penny, 23, Kath-

erine Elizabeth Stroh, 18, and Ernestine Josephine Popp, 18. All are charged with possession of marijuana.

Three others, extradited to Florida after raids in Chicago, Indiana and Detroit, Donald "Mangy" Graves, Joe "Super Squirrel" Scorsby Jr. and John "Crazy John" Wables were instructed on their rights, then led back to jail under bonds raised from \$10,000 to \$15,000.

As they left the court Wables and Scorsby, both bearded, kissed each other.

Police officials who have investigated the local chapter of

the National Outlaws Motorcycle Club said kissing among the male club members is part of the motorcyclists' ritualistic mystique.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Bertha "Kitty" Randall, the woman who operated the tavern hang-out of the motorcycle gang, was arrested by Palm Beach County sheriff's deputies yesterday on charges of "keeping a house of ill fame, maintaining a house for prostitution and procuring for money."

She was to appear in Magistrate's court Dec. 12 to answer charges.

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Subdued 'Outlaw'

A subdued Donald (Deke) Tanner, 26, who at an earlier court hearing had announced his "resignation" as leader of the "Outlaws" motorcycle gang, enters the Palm Beach County Criminal Court clean-shaven and in conservative dress for arraignment on charges of possession of marijuana.