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Kirk Visits 'Outlaws' Headquarters

WEST PALM BEACH (UPI) — Gov. Claude Kirk looked at a swastika and a purple heart worn side by side on a motorcycle gang leader's jacket yesterday and said if it weren't for being governor he might take on the cyclist on his own terms.

"I'd almost rather see him nail that girl to the tree than wear that purple heart," fumed Kirk.

HE WAS talking about Donald (Deke) Tanner, president of the "Outlaws" motorcycle gang and one of those jailed

on several charges, including possession of narcotics, after cyclists allegedly nailed a girl to a tree limb by her palms as punishment.

The governor saw Tanner's jacket, studded with medals and patches and with the word "president" sewn above the swastika and purple heart.

"The boys in Vietnam give up their lives so he can run around like an American. In any other country, they'd whip him. It's an audacity . . . a disgrace," said Kirk of

the purple heart.

"IF I WERE not governor, he might have a more direct confrontation."

Sheriff William R. Heidtman, a recent Kirk appointee, said he had not been able to determine whether Tanner had earned a purple heart.

The governor spent about two hours with Heidtman seeing the bar — Kitty Randall's Bar which beverage authorities have closed.

'Gangs? What Gangs?'

ATLANTA (UPI) — Gov. Les-

ter Maddox, responding to a call from Florida Gov. Claude Kirk to help curb motorcycle gangs, said last night Georgia hasn't had any problem with them.

"We've had no trouble with them whatsoever," Maddox said. "We have no haven for gangs in Georgia."

"It would seem this would be the responsibility of any individual state that has the problem to clear them out — not the responsibility of other governors," he added.