

Rockefeller Is Applauded After Allusion to Attica

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Governor Rockefeller was applauded here today at a \$100-a-plate Republican breakfast after he had been praised for his actions in the Attica prison uprising that led to the deaths of 10 hostages and 30 inmates.

The Governor came to the Rockland County Republican organization's sixth annual morning fund-raiser to promote his proposed \$2.5-billion transportation bond issue, which will be voted on in a November referendum.

He arrived in his helicopter at a field in back of a large hall at about 9:15 A.M.

Upon entering Ripplis of Rockland hall, Mr. Rockefeller was warmly greeted by party officials and more than 200 of the country's leading bankers, businessmen and merchants, who paid \$100 apiece to dine on eggs, sausage, bacon and ham and to hear him speak.

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Security was heavy. There were plainclothes men, state troopers and members of the Rockland County Mounted Patrol, a group of equestrian volunteers, clad in brown shirts, pants and boots, who galloped

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about in an open area that served as a parking field.

Mr. Rockefeller, who has attended the annual breakfast for each of its six years was introduced from the dais by Carmine Freda, the Republican county chairman.

Although Attica was not mentioned by name, Mr. Freda said the Governor "had to make, I'm sure, a very painful decision."

"Had he not made the decision the rule of law would have been completely destroyed," Mr. Freda said to heavy applause.

The Governor, who has been criticized in various quarters for sanctioning the use of force to quell the prisoner rebellion, refused to guarantee the prisoners complete amnesty from criminal prosecution. He also declined to go personally to Attica contending that his presence would serve no useful purpose.

The intensity of the applause increased when Mr. Freda addressed the Governor by saying: "You have saved this na-

tion for law and order and made the streets safe."

As the Governor moved to the speaker's podium, he was given a standing ovation.

The Governor also eschewed direct mention of Attica, saying that the nation was going through "a difficult transition period," a time when "one's faith in basic values of our country. . . are the guideposts which we must all use."

After his address, the Governor was asked by newsmen about the Attica uprising and repeated the remarks he made in New York City yesterday that he would have no further comment until various "impartial" investigations had been completed.

He then went to the heavily guarded field and boarded his helicopter, which took off obviously to about two dozen pickets standing along a nearby road to protest his actions at Attica.