

Long Resents Life Article On La. Crime

U.S. Sen. Russell B. Long said here today that he doubted the accuracy of a national magazine's story of organized crime in Louisiana, but said the story hurt the state and that he personally resented it.

At a press conference prior to his address before the Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association at the Roosevelt Hotel, he said he believes to be correct Gov. John J. McKeithen's statement that the Life Magazine story was ill-founded.

"You know a magazine like that can say almost anything it wants about crime and get away with it because the people they're talking about are usually unsavory characters and can't do anything about it," Long said.

SEN. LONG said he believes Stokely Carmichael is a Communist, and the Justice Department should be able to take some action against H. Rap Brown.

Carmichael and Brown have

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been national leaders of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee, advocates of Black Power, and have been accused of stirring riots.

Long said that there should be laws on the books which would make their punishment inevitable, and he said he has his own ideas for putting down rioting in the United States.

The senator said that among the things he will suggest are stronger laws dealing with persons who riot and incite riot.

THE UNITED STATES should not recognize Red China under any circumstances, the senator said, because it is an outlawed government and does not respect principles of law respected by the United States.

Led back to the question of rioting, Long said the officials were wrong in instructing police not to use guns, and he praised Gov. McKeithen for instructing state officers to use guns if they have to.

He said that the way to break up a riot is to apprehend the rioters, and he criticized Gov. George Romney for asking President Lyndon B. Johnson to send troops into Detroit to quell rioting when Romney had the National Guard at his own disposal.

"THE PRESIDENT cannot send troops into a state unless the governor certifies that the rioting is beyond the control of state officials. This Romney did not do," Long said.

Sen. Long said that he felt Congress would pass his bill giving the states a 37.5 per cent return on revenues on the Outer Continental Shelf off their borders.

He said it may not pass at the current session of Congress, but it will eventually.

Meanwhile he said he and other proponents of the bill will be lining up business and governmental support for the legislation.

Marcello Now Legitimate --McKeithen

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ASHEVILLE, N. C. — Gov. John J. McKeithen said here that reports reaching him indicate reputed crime bigwig Carlos Marcello is no longer connected with the rackets.

The governor, who said the FBI keeps his office constantly advised about crime in the state, declared that Marcello's activities are purely legitimate.

Despite this, the chief executive added, he wished the Jefferson Parish resident would move away from Louisiana and "stop giving the state a bad name."

Marcello was named recently by a national magazine as the Cosa Nostra crime lord of the New Orleans area. The article has prompted an investigation by Orleans Parish Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison.

McKeithen said the FBI is aware that his administration is doing all it can to control racketeering and crime in the state. He asserted there is no organized racketeering in the state with the exception of illegal labor union activities in the Baton Rouge area.