

CONGRESSIONL INVESTIGATORS: Arriving at Attica prison yesterday afternoon, from left: Representatives William J. Keating of Ohio and Sam Steiger of Arizona,

both Republicans; Charles B. Rangel of Manhattan, Claude Pepper of Florida, with glasses, and Frank J. Brasco of Brooklyn, Democrats. Mr. Pepper is head of the panel.

## House Committee Confers With Rockefeller on Attica

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Representative Charles B. facts." Rangel yesterday called for a After the assault on the pritend, the Congressmen were as its sected like Actica, the special Federal grand jury to son, Mr. Rangel was one of flown in the Governor's private group of about 10 was admitted and met privately with Mr. investigate the Attica prison u the harsher of the Governor's plane to Buffalo who rising and to see whether the critics, saying that he was information Governor Rocketone one of the harsher of the Governor spen feller had relied on in sanc-ernor's critics, saying that he tioning an assault by troopers on the facility contained "dis- and order image" than the lives as handling routine business. tortions of truth or outright of prisoners and hostages. lies.'

in the press room of Mr. Rocke- role as a committee member. feller's office at 22 West 55th Street.

members of the House of Rep- jury investigation. resentatives' Select Committee on Crime had just met with Mr. Rockefeller for an hour and a half to listen to the Governor's account of the uprising in which 30 inmates and 10 hostages lost their lives.

According to the committee chairman, Representative Claud D. Pepper, a Florida Democrat. the need for a far larger Federal role in state prison systems was also discussed.

## Won't Prejudge Facts

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The Manhattan Democrat's to that assertion, Mr. Rangel sa Mr. behind the Governor's podium liefs were not germane to his in support of his actions in the said "they had some very concomments came as he stood a discussion of his personal be-

Nevertheless he said the entire Attica uprising was the Mr. Rangel and four other fit subject of a Federal Grand

## Rockefeller Is Absent

The meeting with the Governor disclosed nothing new to him, the Congressman said.

"We don't know all the facts the Governor relied on," he added or whether "there were disproblem.

After their news conference, a guard tried to admit only Mr. which the Governor did not at-Mitchell but after protests such tend, the Congressmen were as "It's sealed like Attica, plane to Buffalo whence they ted and met privately with Mr.

The Governor spent the day hours. in his office, discussing the At-

Gubernatorial aides reported Asked whether he still clung that as of 11 A.M. yesterday islative leaders to sit down with that assertion, Mr. Rangel sa Mr. Rockefeller had received the clergymen. 320 telegrams and 536 letters Attica tragedy.

handling of the situation, aides Attica. said.

interfaith delegation of clergy-recommendations to the five men held a prayer vigil out-judges—including Chief Judge side the where they knelt on the con-crete and prayed "for this de-by the Governor and the legispraved state.'

tortions of truth or outright zer Baptist Church in Flushing, mittee. lies." A Federal inquiry is need-Queens, the group demanded ence following a bipartisan constitutional rights are in-prison to interview inmates and meeting, the state officials were Won't Prejudge Facts

The committee members said mittee, yet to be formed, to the Legislature.

Mr. Pepper declined to distributed that they had received a prominvestigate all aspects of the There was ge

Rockefeller for almost two

## Conference Interrupted

The Governor interrupted a conference with Republican leg-

Afterwards, Mr. Rockefeller structive ideas about the rela-There were 244 telegrams tion of ministers and the com-and 357 letters critical of his munity to the tradegy at

The Governor said he had Some time after 2 P.M. an told the ministers to make Governor's office Stanley H. Fuld of the Court of lative leaders of both parties in Led by the Rev. Timothy Albany Thursday night to pick Mitchell, pastor of the Ebene- an impartial investigating com-

called for strong representation asked about the effect of cuts in of the clergy on a citizens com-prison reform munds made by

There was general agreement Governor's role in the uprising inquiries at Attica—including because "we came here to interviews with inmates—woul cess to the building in hope of time because "at the moment seeing the Governor. At first, we want the facts."