
Attica Panel Head Promises Findings With Least Delay

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An intensive inquiry that will arrive at findings "as quickly as possible" was promised yesterday by the chairman of a nine-member citizens' committee appointed last week to investigate the uprising at the Attica Correctional Facility.

"Our aim is to do a thorough job and our target is as early as possible," said Robert B. McKay, dean of the New York University Law School, who heads the citizens' panel.

The committee was selected by five judges at the request of Governor Rockefeller and the legislative leaders of both parties to conduct a "full and impartial" inquiry into all aspects of the prison rebellion in which 10 hostages and 31 prisoners were killed.

Dean McKay said in an interview that the committee hoped to have its finances and staffing formulated when they met at a private breakfast today in Albany with the Governor and legislative leaders.

"Afterward, we will hold our own meeting to elect a permanent chairman, set-up subcommittees and an office and establish procedures for our investigation," he said. "We will decide how much investigating we will do ourselves and whether we will hold public hearings. But we want to get this inquiry started as soon as possible."
