ITALIAN-AMERICANS

linking of Italian - Americans

ASK INQUIRY ON F.B.I.

A group that has been picketing the New York headquarters of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, at 69th Street and Third Avenue, called yesterday for a Congressional inquiry into the alleged harassment of Italian-Americans by the F.B.I.

The group, the Ad Hoc Committee of the Italian American Civil Rights Leauge, was set up to counteract what it described as "the defamatory linking of Italian - Americans with the Mafia and organized crime." The committee accused the Federal agency of abusing Italian-Americans at "their children's christening, weddings, funerals and wakes."

The police reported yesterday that two persons, including a 16-year-old youth who is alleged to have struck a policeman over the head with an American flag, were arrested in connection with picketing incidents on Thursday. The police said that about 10 demonstrators had been arrested the last three weeks.