

Police Chiefs Plan To Curb Terrorists

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WASHINGTON — Atty. Gen. John N. Mitchell and 13 representatives of the nation's police chiefs have agreed on recommendations that will be submitted to President Nixon for cooperation between federal, state and local officials to combat terrorist bombings and attacks on policemen.

The recommendations are expected to result in increased aid by the Federal Bureau of Investigation to help local law enforcement agencies prevent assaults on policemen and to investigate bombings.

Nixon is also expected to approve plans for a new intelligence apparatus by which federal and local officials will exchange information on extremist groups.

At a news conference after the five-hour meeting yesterday at the Justice Department, Mitchell refused to give out more than sketchy hints about the recommendations, stating that they are still subject to presidential action.

Time Element

He skirted newsmen's questions about reports that Nixon might announce a decision on the politically-sensitive issues during this pre-election weekend. There have been reports that a decision already has been made to order the Federal Bureau of Investigation to help local officials prevent attacks on policemen, and that Nixon will make the announcement before Tuesday's elections.

Mitchell mentioned two topics of yesterday's discussions.

Oxne was that an effort would be made to draft "meaningful legislation" to give federal prosecutors and courts a role in dealing with attacks on local policemen.

The officials who met with Mitchell are members of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, which has urged Congress to make conspiracies to kill policemen a federal crime.

Several bills to do this have been introduced, but the Justice Department has not endorsed them because of the problems of involving the federal government so deeply in local law enforcement matters. Mitchell repeated those concerns yesterday. He took pains not to endorse any pending measures, and stressed that the Justice Department does not want to assume the responsibilities of a national police force.

Information Exchange

The second item Mitchell mentioned was an agreement to create a new network between federal and local officials for exchange of information about radical elements. Some police chiefs have complained that dealing with the FBI is often a "one-way street," with the bureau accepting information but disclosing little.

Mitchell said the FBI would still be used for intelligence exchanges, but that a more direct network between local officials and

"various federal agencies" would be created. Police Commissioner Patrick V. Murphy of New York, one of the participants, said after the press conference that a large federal grant to the IACP is being considered for this purpose.

Tiny groups of "anarchistic, nihilistic" extremists are behind the recent terrorist bombings and attacks on policemen, Mitchell said. He added that some of the groups operate nationally, but that there is no evidence that the scattered incidents are the result of a single conspiracy.

Mitchell asserted that the California protesters who pelted Nixon's limousine with eggs and rocks Thursday night "are undoubtedly as much a part of this anarchistic, nihilistic group as any other I could describe."

The annual report of the FBI, released yesterday by director J. Edgar Hoover, stated that extremist elements of the political left are posing a growing problem to law enforcement but that organizations of the extreme right are dwindling in membership.

New Left

Hoover said the "New Left" had grown and become more active, although some elements had gone underground to "set up communes and direct attention to guerrilla warfare." Such "Old Left" groups as the Communist party and Trotskyite and Maoist units were termed active on campuses and in the peace movement.

Black militants also "conducted guerrilla-type warfare" and promoted racial unrest, Hoover said. He mentioned the Black Panther party, the Republic of New Africa separatist movement centered in Detroit, the Black Afro militant movement of Miami, Fla., and a Detroit organization called the Black Family. Members of this group must cut off the ears of a white man to prove themselves, the report said.

On the right, such organizations as the Ku Klux Klan, the United Klans of America and the Minutemen slipped in membership last year, according to Hoover.