

Kirk Sends 24 Investigators Into Dade



Kirk At Press Conference . . .

MIAMI (UPI) — Gov. Claude Kirk sent 24 investigators to Dade County yesterday following two recent gangland-style killings that he said were the result of his crime fighters' "shaking the tree."

Twelve of the investigators will be from the governor's private force of crime fighters and the other dozen will be from the State Beverage Department.

IN TALLAHASSEE, State Beverage Director Don Meiklejohn said the slayings appear to have been linked with the liquor business, which he charged recently had been infiltrated by organized crime in about 40 separate cases. Meiklejohn said one of the victims, Nate Ehrenberg, had been charged just prior to his death with having an undis-

closed interest in a Miami Springs bar.

Dade County detectives, meanwhile, continued their efforts to identify the surgically-dismembered body that floated up in the bay off Key Biscayne Saturday afternoon.

The hands, legs and head had been removed from the body and the torso was cut in half. Police said the body had been shot "many times."

THE HEAD and legs of the body — that of a muscular male about six-feet tall — were found Sunday afternoon, but authorities were having a hard time identifying the victim without the hands.

Kirk would not speculate what elements of the underworld were responsible for the killings, but said they resulted when his crime fighters "began shaking the tree." The governor said he was not

pleased with this aspect of his war on crime.

Three weeks ago the body of gambler Ehrenberg floated up in a lake. It was wrapped in a weighted canvas bag and police said the gambler had been clubbed to death and a rag stuffed down his throat.

KIRK SHIED away from questions about a rumored "bookie war" in Miami and said only that the killings proved "organized crime is organized."

Kirk also announced he has appointed Eliot Lumbar of New York as his special adviser on crime legislation.

The governor's office said Lumbar, former special assistant counsel to New York Gov. Nelson Rockefeller, has been working with Kirk on crime bills for some two months on a special per diem basis.



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