Present Laws Can't Deal with Marcello--McKeithen

Governor Calls for Anti-Hoodlum Measures

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ASHEVILLE, N. C. (AP) — An angry Gov. John J. McKeithen of Louisiana demanded Monday that the federal government provide laws so states "can keep hoodlums out of our areas."

McKeithen, during a meeting on law enforcement and crime at the Southern Governor's Conference in Asheville, said his state "will pay whatever is necessary to get someone to help us. We're not a poor state. Name a price. We'll try to come up with it."

The Louisiana Democratic governor said his state has worked constantly with federal law enforcement officials to "get rid of Marcello, and all the FBI tells us is that as a state we're doing a fine job.

"If you can, please tell us," the Governor said, "and tell other states how to get rid of hoodlums. How does Louisiana get rid of Carlos Marcello without federal help?"

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Carlos Marcello is a small man, 5-foot, 2-inches, who resides in Jefferson Parish. Marcello, who owns several major firms, was identified recently in a national magazine as one of the most prominent and richest members of Cosa Nostra.

The Louisiana governor then added:

"I've never seen Marcello. But if anyone wants to smear Louisiana they use Marcello. How can we get him out of our state? We don't want any more to do with him. But we don't know what to do about him."

McKeithen continued:

"I would welcome some suggestions from the federal government or other sources on how to get rid of this man."

"If you have a solution and don't want to tell us, then for heaven's sake tell the FBI."

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"This man—this Marcello—crumbs up our entire state," McKeithen said. "We're smeared throughout the nation because of him."

"We can't get rid of him at the state level," the governor said. "This shows one of the crying problems in the nation today—laws that protect hoodlums."

Later in the discussion of law enforcement and crime, Gov. Dewey Bartlett of Oklahoma, said it was time for a governor to enact a plan of protection where he can call for enforcement by surpassing the authority of a mayor or other city official.

Bartlett also said it is time that National Guard units and state police had training programs that would meet the need of "riot areas."

areas," the Oklahoma governor said, "must have the proper equipment to handle the situation."