Nine members of the Vermilion parish police jury and about 15 Vermilion cattlemen journeyed to Lafayette yesterday to inspect the million-dollar herd of Charolais cattle quarantined on the grounds of the Christian Brothers school.

H. P. Guzardo, speaking for his fellow jurors, said, "We all agree it would be a shame and a crime to destroy these cattle."

The jurors will decide whether or not to pass a resolution before their next meeting urging that the animals be spared.

State veterinary officials have urged the destruction of the herd, which they fear may carry the dread foot and mouth disease.

The animals are in federal custody until the owner, Alphe E. Broussard of Lafayette, has been tried on a charge of smuggling them into the United States from Mexico.

"If the cattle are so dangerous," Guzardo asked, "why did they want to move them to Acadia?"

U. S. customs officials had planned to place the animals in Crowley, but were overruled by State Commissioner of Agriculture Dave Pearce last weekend.

Charles Broussard, son of Alphe Broussard and caretaker of the herd, showed the Vermilion men about the grounds.

The jurors present were Guzardo, Eddie Hebert, Adam Meaux, Deussard Gaspard, Saul Prejean, Nicola Broussard, Isaac Lormand and Francis Detraz.

In another development today, it was revealed that the Louisiana Veterinary Medical Association Inc. recommend that the Charolais either be destroyed or returned to the country of origin.

The association said that such a resolution was passed at a meeting in Baton Rouge last Sunday according to Dr. R. B. Lank, secretary.

The board of directors of the group declared that the cattle "constitute a threat to the livestock industry of Louisiana." They also recommend that the quarantine on the animals be strengthened and rigidly enforced and that all persons involved in the alleged smuggling act be punished to the fullest extent of the law.

The board declared its recommendations are "sound methods to safeguard the livestock industry of Louisiana and the United States."

President of the LVMA is Dr. J. L. Melancon, Bunkie. Other officers are Drs. L. H. Pfrimmer, Franklin, and H. B. Elliott, Baton Rouge.


INSPECTING CHAROLAIS—Eight Vermilion police jurors look over one of the purebred Charolais bulls on the Christian Brothers school grounds just outside Lafayette. The jurors were part of a party of about 25 Vermilion men who visited Lafayette yesterday to make up their minds about the controversial herd. Inspecting the bull are jurors Eddie Hebert, Adam Meaux, Deussard Gaspard, H. P. Guzardo, Saul Prejean, Nicola Broussard, Isaac Lormand and Francis Detraz. (Advertiser Staff Photo.)

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