

Imperiale denies plan to disband his followers

Anthony Imperiale, president of Newark's North Ward Citizens Committee, last night defied Gov. Richard J. Hughes, and branded rumors that the organization will disband as "a lie".

"Gov. Hughes unjustly and unconstitutionally asked us to disband," Imperiale told an "emergency" meeting of the organization, held in its headquarters at 64 N. Seventh St. "I say 'no!' to the mayor (Hugh J. Addonizio), and to any politician who can't see past the end of his nose, what decent people are trying to do."

At a meeting with Imperiale in Trenton last month

Hughes demanded he disband what was termed a militant citizen "vigilante" group.

"We'll only disband after law and order has returned to this country," Imperiale declared. "We will not take law and order into our own hands, unless there is a complete breakdown of law and order."

ACTION PENDING

Last month the American Civil Liberties started an action in Federal Court, Newark, in an effort to get an injunction limiting Imperiale's activities. The matter is still pending. Recently Imperiale was summoned before Es-

sex County Grand Jury, investigating the Newark riots.

"I welcome a grand jury investigation, I have nothing to hide or be ashamed of," Imperiale asserted.

Imperiale said "We have been yielding too long to radicals, both black and white."

"Outside agitators and known Communists come into the city, and nobody raises hell about it," he said. "Then because we want to fight for law and order, we are called vigilantes, racists and extremists."

'TO A DEGREE'

"Yes, we're extremists, to a degree," Imperiale asserted, "if taking extreme measures within the scope of the law to get law and order is being an extremist. You may be sure we will get the protection warranted under the U.S. Constitution."

Imperiale spoke out against the proposed state take-over of the Newark Board of Education.

"We need the control kept in Essex County. It's difficult enough to keep an eye on what's going on here, so imagine what it would be like if it moved to Trenton," Imperiale said.

Imperiale said there is a "draft" by businessmen to have him run for City Council.

"I don't think I could do the job," Imperiale said. "The only way I would run would be if I could be shown that I could actually help the community."



MAYOR TO MAYOR — Mayor Lindsay of New York (left) and Mayor Carl B. Stokes of Newark (right) before a meeting of the U.S. Citizens Committee of the U.S.

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Alvin Attles, San Francisco Warriors guard and former Newark Weequahic High School basketball star, will be honored at a dinner June 21 by the Northern New Jersey Alumni Chapter of North Carolina A&T State University.

Attles, who lives in Newark, is a graduate of the uni-

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