

JURY SUBPOENAS VISITORS TO CUBA

Students Are Also Called by House Investigators

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A Federal grand jury investigation is getting under way tomorrow in Brooklyn into recent student travel to Cuba. Subpoenas have been issued for at least five leaders of the left-wing Progressive Labor Movement.

Fred Jerome, editor of the two-year-old movement's monthly magazine, said last night that only one of these five had taken part in this summer's eight-week trip by 58 students to Cuba. However, Mr. Jerome said that four of five student travelers subpoenaed by the House Un-American Activities Committee for a hearing Thursday were members of his organization.

Reports last night were that 15 subpoenas had been issued in the grand jury inquiry, based on student travel from New York International Airport, Idlewild, Queens, to Cuba and back in defiance of a State Department ban on such trips. The Brooklyn grand jury has jurisdiction over Queens.

Among those subpoenaed has been Milton Rosen, 37-year-old chairman of the Progressive Labor Movement. He said last night that he had been labor secretary of the Communist party in New York State from 1959 until he was expelled last year. The party here, he said, had charged him with "Chinese Communist ideology."

Red-Baiting Is Charged

In a statement, Mr. Rosen charged there was a "frantic attack now being directed against the P. L. M. by the Kennedy Administration and its stooge Un-American Committee." He said "Kennedy's red-baiting" sought to "divert attention from continuing widespread unemployment and from racism, which is growing in all its forms."

"Kennedy and his klan particularly fear honest reporting on Cuban developments," Mr. Rosen asserted. Honest reports from "students of varied political persuasions," he contended, show "the overwhelming support which the Cuban people give to the Communist lead-United party of the Socialist Revolution."

Mr. Jerome said members of his group subpoenaed for the grand jury tomorrow included, in addition to Mr. Rosen and himself, Mort Scheer, the movement's vice chairman, and Elena Victoria Ortiz, a student who had been on this summer's trip, and a man whose name was being withheld.

The subpoenas, he said, commanded them to bring records dealing with the Student Committee for Travel to Cuba. Mr. Jerome said that he had been a member of the committee, but that most of those subpoenaed had no connection with it.

The Progressive Labor Movement, Mr. Jerome said, is "a national organization dedicated to the building of Socialism in the United States." He said there were branches at 336 Lenox Avenue, at West 127th Street; 227 East Third Street, and such other areas as Atlanta and Buffalo.

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