

Sinatra Served Subpoena in Bed; Faces Quiz on Marilyn Monroe Raid

A routine State Senate investigation reached into film-land yesterday, as process servers marched into the Palm Springs bedroom of Frank Sinatra at 4 a.m. and awakened him to hand him a subpoena to appear before the State Legislative committee.

An investigator for the California Senate Interim Committee on Collection Agencies said Sinatra will be asked at a hearing Feb. 27 to tell what he knows about a "raid" Joe DiMaggio was attempting to stage on Marilyn Monroe Nov. 5, 1954, in which private detectives wound up in the wrong apartment. Sinatra will also be asked, the investigator said, if he knows how the story of that raid reached the pages of a widely circulated "expose" magazine.

Sinatra said three men, apparently in the company of a loud, intoxicated woman,

entered his Palm Springs retreat through an open door, shined flashlights in his eyes and handed him the subpoena.

A high-ranking Los Angeles Police Department official said there were only two men, both Los Angeles policemen, and there was no woman.

Sinatra said the resulting disturbance woke his house guests and generally disrupted his week end.

The police official said there was no disturbance.

Sinatra's attorney, Martin

Gang, said the method of service will be explored by him before the committee.

Sinatra's local representative, Warren Cowan, of Rogers & Cowan, said that the process servers walked into his house through an unlocked door and into his bedroom, awakened him, showed their badges and served the subpoena. He said they were accompanied by an inebriated woman, who did not enter the house but awakened his house guests.

The house guests were Michael Romanoff, the restaurateur; Mrs. Romanoff and Irving Lazaar, a theatrical agent.

Lloyd Harris, investigator for the State Senate committee, which is headed by Sen. Fred H. Kraft (R) San Diego, said the committee is looking into the methods of private detective agencies and also seeking to discover if any such agencies are supplying

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information gathered for private clients to scandal magazines.

The committee is also investigating the operations of collection agencies and procurers.

The preliminary inquiry, according to reports, indicates that Sinatra knew of a raid assertedly planned by friends of DiMaggio on Marilyn Monroe's apartment. The raiders were said to have got their addresses mixed and to have swarmed in on Florence Kotz, 8122 Waring Drive.

At any rate, there was a report of an attempted burglary at the Waring Drive address Nov. 5, 1954. Miss Kotz said that four or five men broke in on her but that they fled when she screamed.