

Legal Probe Set on Gang's Boast

Dist. Atty. James C. Boll promised "legal action" Thursday night to investigate the claim of the "New Year's Gang" that it did Monday's bombing at the University of Wisconsin.

The claim appeared in Thursday's edition of the underground newspaper Kaleidoscope.

UNIVERSITY Protection and Security Director Ralph Hanson said Thursday, "Ten will get you one the FBI will be talking to (Editor Mark) Knops and his source of information."

Boll said his action might involve subpoenas to obtain "under oath" statements from members of the Kaleidoscope staff.

He said he already has conferred with Dane County Circuit Judge William C. Sachtjen and has meetings scheduled early today with U.S. Atty. John Olson and State Atty. Gen. Robert Warren.

HANSON said the gang's threat to kidnap officials might be "big talk," but could not be discounted.

"In light of statements that have appeared in Kaleidoscope in the past, I'd say I'd take it pretty seriously," he said.

Edward J. Hayes, special FBI agent in charge of the investigation, met Thursday with Hanson, Madison Police Chief Wil-



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bur Emery and Chancellor Edwin Young.

No suspects have been arrested, Hanson and Emery said.

HANSON SAID it has not yet been determined what type of explosive caused the blast, but that FBI probing of the debris "is apparently completed."

Hayes said evidence was sent to the FBI laboratory but he refused comment on whether the type of explosive had been determined.

Only the bombed-out back side of Sterling Hall remained

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under security guard Thursday "for safety reasons," Hanson said.

City and county police who had been on 24-hour guard duty at surrounding buildings, where FBI bomb squad men were collecting evidence the past four days, were removed Thursday night.

About 15 private investigators, from the Madison Civilian Police Agency headed by William Best, former Town of Madison policeman, were hired Thursday by the University to guard "key" campus buildings, Hanson said.

HANSON SAID "all possibilities" are being considered in the investigation, including the chance that the gang's statement might have been a ruse to divert attention from an out-of-town guerrilla group which might have done the bombing.

"And these could just be people trying to capitalize on the bombing. We don't know. After Christine Rothschild was murdered, we got all kinds of calls from people who said they had heard people say they were going to kill somebody," he said.

"**THE ONLY WAY** to stop this thing is to catch whoever's responsible and bring them quickly to justice. It could be a national group, it could be a few people, it could be only one person."

Asked if radicals here are knowledgeable enough to construct bombs like the one which exploded in Sterling Hall, Hanson said, "I'd have to say I can't answer that."

Hanson said he thought the escalation in violence might help isolate the extremists from the more moderate students.

"This should sober up a lot of people," he said.