

Conlisk Warns on Corruption

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The police department launches a new internal inspection division today with a warning from Supt. James B. Conlisk that he expects it to ferret out corruption, not just wait for it to be brought to light.

"I want the division to be a more aggressive department, to ferret out corruption and not just investigate complaints," Conlisk said yesterday in announcing creation of the new division along with a shakeup in the police department's high command.

"I want the administration to govern the department better, to rule out malpractice, and instill in all members of the police department a feeling of responsibility to do a good job."

Names New Commander

Capt. John Mulchrone, who was promoted from commander of the task force to deputy superintendent of inspectional services, will command the new division. It is a consolidation of the internal investigations and the inspections divisions.

"My job right now is to organize this division. I can tell you that I intend to make it the aggressive unit the superintendent wants it to be," Mulchrone said.

Conlisk said creation of the new division and the transfer of 11 captains and one lieutenant were "designed to provide the best possible service to the citizens of Chicago."

"The Chicago police department is a pliable organization, and it has to keep pace with change," he said.

Lt. Thomas Ryan, who has



Supt. Conlisk at press conference yesterday.

been head of the internal investigations division, resigned from the department upon learning of the change. He would reach the compulsory retirement age in seven months.

Under a Cloud in Probe

The I. I. D. has been under a cloud for several weeks, ever since Detective Jack Muller went directly to the superintendent with information of police wrongdoing. Muller said he bypassed the I. I. D. because he got no action on previous reports to it.

The changes in the high command, which were first told in the final editions of Tuesday morning's TRIBUNE, were the first important staff changes by Conlisk since he became superintendent Aug. 1.

Deputy Supt. John Madl, who has been one of the men closest to Conlisk, was demoted to chief of traffic.

Shifts Capt. Doherty

Capt. Terrence Doherty, chief of traffic, was transferred to assistant deputy superintendent in a move that was considered a demotion since pay in his new job is less than in the old one.

"I feel his particular strength is in the traffic divi-

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sion," Conlisk said in response to queries about the transfer of Madl.

Capt. James Hackett, one of four assistant deputy superintendents, was transferred to deputy chief of traffic at no loss in pay.

Capt. John Ascher, deputy chief of traffic, was made a watch commander at the Wood street station. Conlisk said that this was subject to change — that Ascher might be made a watch commander of the Deering district.

Promotes Capt. Nolan

Capt. Francis Nolan, watch commander of the Deering district, was promoted to South Chicago district commander.

Capt. Edward Sheehy, South Chicago district commander, was transferred to commander of the Gresham district.

Capt. John McDermott was demoted from Gresham district commander to watch commander of the Englewood district. Conlisk said he was not satisfied with McDermott's performance at the Gresham district.

McDermott sent in his commander's star to police headquarters but, contrary to reports, did not resign from the police department because of the transfer.

Heads Task Force

Capt. Richard Lionhood was promoted from watch commander of the Englewood district to commander of the task force.

Capt. Raymond Clark, who has been director of the planning division, was named director of the internal inspection division, the job formerly held by Ryan. Conlisk said he had not been satisfied with Ryan's performance.

Capt. Lawrence Lyons was promoted from Grand Crossing district watch commander to commander of the auto theft section. He replaces Capt. Frank Lynch, who is under 30 day suspension as a result of the complaint taken by Detective Muller to the superintendent's office.

Lieutenant to Stay

Mulchrone said that Lt. James Gilbride, who had been director of the inspection division, would remain on the staff of the new internal inspection division as a lieutenant.

Conlisk said that the information furnished by Muller, and the scandal that resulted from investigation of Muller's information, had nothing to do with the changes in the high command.

"While there have been allegations against the I. I. D., and while the investigations are not totally complete, there are no indications of failure in the department," Conlisk said.



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Changes in Police Command

Supt. James B. Conlisk [center, seated], with five of the police commanders involved in transfers which he announced yesterday. From left: Seated—Capt. James Hackett, Conlisk, and Capt. John Mulchrone. Standing—Captains Edward Sheehy, Richard Lionhood, Lawrence Lyons, Francis P. Nolan and Raymond L. Clark.

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