INQUIRY ORDERED ON MAIL SECURITY

Over £1m. haul by rail signal gang

LONDON NIGHT HUNT IN CAFES & CLUBS

A FULL-SCALE inquiry into security in Royal Mail trains was ordered last night by Mr. Bevin, Postmaster General. The order followed yesterday's mail theft, with an estimated haul of well over £1m., near Chichester, Sussex.

Mr. Bevin interrupted a holiday at his Liverpool home to return to London after an armed gang had held up a Post Office "trolley" train from Glasgow to Easton. He said that the possibility that it was an "inside job" could not be ruled out.

The Post Office ordered a reward of £10,000 for information leading to the arrest of the thieves. A City firm of loss adjusters, acting for the National Provincial and British Linen Banks, offered £25,000.

MASKED MEN HANDCUFF DRIVERS

The thieves, all masked, stopped the train by firing a signal to stop and tore the doors, when they entered and handcuffed to his conductor to take the locomotive and the two vans along the line to a point where accomplices were waiting.

They threw the mailbags over a bridge into a narrow road. There the bags were loaded into a lorry. The robbery began in the British area and was all over in 28 minutes.

Last night police in all Britain were hunting the gang. In London Flying Squad men were combing cafés and clubs.

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SPLIT-SECOND TIMING

FROM GET RARE

CHICHESTER, Sussex, Thursday: WORN brown glove and four large torch batteries were used by a gang of thieves who had bombed a GPO mail train near here early today and carried out the biggest and most sensational train robbery in British history.

Late last night Des. Septwibres,, Bowers, Bowers and Co, officials, described the amount taken in "a very large quantity. The amount has been estimated at £1m., but this is the lowest.

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MR. BEVIN'S HINTS AT "INSIDE JOB"

A MAIL CABLE TELEGRAPH alert from DES. SEPTEMBER BOWERS & BOWERS for London news that Mr. Bevin, Postmaster General, had ordered a full-scale inquiry into the security of mail trains. The Postmaster General, who was away on holiday, had been informed of the robbery and had ordered the inquiry.

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"We must now face the task of building up the new Europe," Mr. Macmillan said, at a press conference. "It is not enough simply to agree in principle, but if we are to achieve our objective, we must make our own steps.

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