

Travel Editors' Tour Set for Next Weekend

Plans have been completed for the first tour of Rhode Island by travel editors from newspapers and magazines in other states. A group of about 17 editors is expected by the Rhode Island Tourist-Travel Association, sponsor of the tour, which starts next weekend.

The editors will spend Friday evening, May 20, and Saturday morning in Providence, then visit Pawtucket and Bristol and go by boat to Newport Saturday night. Sunday has been reserved for visits to Newport's scenic and historic features, and a cruise on the lower bay. On Monday the group will go by boat to Wickford and tour South County points of interest.

Details were announced yesterday at a meeting of the

travel association's board of directors at the Sheraton-Biltmore Hotel.

Other business at yesterday's meeting included a report by William Marsland of Pawtucket, membership committee chairman, that the general membership drive now is underway in most sections of the state. The drive has a naval theme, with teams of solicitors working as "ships." Mr. Marsland said that 10 "ships" are now in action and six more in Bristol and Newport Counties will get under way shortly.

The general membership effort seeks to raise a minimum of \$25,000 from individuals and firms in the \$15 to \$100 dues categories to supplement more than \$25,000 raised initially

through a special preliminary campaign. In his initial report Mr. Marsland said that \$5,000 in new memberships has come in in the early stages of the general drive.

The association is working toward a first year goal of at least \$75,000 to finance its promotional activities. Of this amount \$25,000 has been made available in state funds by Governor Chafee.

It was also reported at the meeting by Robert T. Engles of Providence, chairman of a special information booth committee, that work is about to start on the first state roadside information center on Route 95 near the state line. This is a temporary location expected to