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# HALT WOULD 'RAISE DOUBTS'

## Let Garrison Finish Probe--McKeithen

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BATON ROUGE—Let Jim Garrison complete his investigation, Gov. John J. McKeithen told a press conference here yesterday.

To do otherwise would be to "confound and confuse the people of the world," McKeithen said of the New Orleans district attorney's investigation of President Kennedy's assassination.

The investigation has come under increasing fire from a wide variety of sources, including the Metropolitan New Orleans Crime Commission, which urged Atty. Gen. Jack P. F. Gremillion to step into the case.

M'KEITHEN WAS ASKED whether he thought Gremillion should reconsider his decision not to investigate the investigation, and the governor said no.

"If the attorney general goes in and stops it . . . as the Metropolitan Crime Commission wants . . . it would raise even more doubts not only in the nation but in the world."

On other matters, the governor said he plans to appoint Farland May of Monroe as the next state fire marshal. May, district supervisor in the office, will succeed Milton Stire,

who resigned to become Orleans Parish civil sheriff.

May has been with the fire marshal's office since he was appointed a deputy in 1948. He also announced that Edward Martin, business agent of Teamsters Local No. 5, has agreed to arbitrate a jurisdictional dispute with other unions in the Baton Rouge area.

Col. Thomas Burbank, director of public safety, who was at the press conference, advised the governor that gambling at the Lakeshore Club in Vermilion Parish had been halted.

The governor also defended the use of legislators in the executive branch of government. He said that since they were leaders for the administration in the Legislature, their participation in the executive branch did not represent a conflict of interest.

THE JURISDICTIONAL fight triggered a lockout of construction jobs by owners of plants being built in the industrial complex along the Mississippi River between Baton Rouge and Convent.

McKeithen said the move may lead to settlement of the labor dispute.

The governor said that he has received copies of a report by Ed Stagg, executive secretary, and the Division of Administration on the operation of the state Tourist Commission.

The reports have been two months in the making since the States-Item disclosed questionable transactions in the bureau.

McKeithen said he would make the reports public soon, even though it may be two or three weeks before another report being prepared by the legislative auditor is finished. The Tourist Commission itself also is conducting an investigation.

THE GOVERNOR had high praise for Stagg, who leaves his post after a seven-month tour on a voluntary basis. Stagg is director of the Council for a Better Louisiana and was on loan to the governor.

On gambling, the governor said he still prefers to let sheriffs handle it. He served notice that an effort may be made to seize gambling equipment in place if it is found there again by state police, who made an abortive raid on an establishment where gambling flourished.

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