

SUBPENA MAR TWO BROTHERS

Two brothers of Jefferson Parish rackets figure Carlos Marcello have been subpoenaed along with Carlos by the Orleans Parish Grand Jury in its probe of organized crime.

Assistant District Attorney Charles Ray Ward said today subpoenas were served on Samuel and Peter Marcello. No address was revealed for either.

Meanwhile, in Baton Rouge, District Attorney Sargent Pitcher said the East Baton Rouge Grand Jury may continue its probe into underworld influence through the rest of this week.

BOTH GRAND JURY probes stemmed from charges

in Life Magazine that organized crime is rampant in Louisiana. Orleans Parish DA Jim Garrison denies it, but Gov. John J. McKeithen has ordered a full-scale crime crackdown.

The subpoena for Carlos Marcello was served over the weekend on his wife. All three Marcellos are scheduled to appear Thursday as the Orleans Parish jury resumes its in-

vestigation.

The East Baton Rouge jury, which indicted a New Orleans contractor last week on public bribery charges, went back into session this morning.

Pitcher said several more

witnesses were to be heard from.

THE JURY IS also scheduled to receive documents from the Southern Bell Telephone Co. relating to telephone calls between Carlos Marcello and Aubrey Young, a former aide to McKeithen.

It was on the basis of two days of testimony last week by Young that the jury indicted

D'Alton Smith, the contractor.

According to the indictment, Smith offered Young \$25,000 to arrange a meeting between him and Edward G. Partin, Baton Rouge Teamster boss, whose testimony helped send former Teamster Union President James Hoffa to a federal prison.

Smith, who is believed to be in California, where he has political and business connections, is still at large, Pitcher said.

A **BENCH** warrant was issued for his arrest by East Baton Rouge Parish Judge Fred LeBlanc following the indictment last Friday.

Life Magazine, in a series of articles on gambling and racketeering influences on government officials in Louisiana, said that the meeting between Smith and Partin was an effort to get the Baton Rouge Teamster official to alter his testimony about Hoffa.

One of the key aspects of the grand jury probe is the content of the conversations

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between Young and Marcello. The calls were placed person to person from Marcello's phone in New Orleans to phones in the governor's office and in the mansion.

PITCHER SAID that Young has related the details of at least two of the conversations.

He indicated today that the grand jury has uncovered considerably more information and is planning to call several more witnesses.

Meanwhile, Baton Rouge police are probing the burglary of the private office of one of the East Baton Rouge assistant district attorneys.

The office of Walter Krousel, first assistant to Pitcher, apparently was broken into over the weekend. Krousel said that the burglar or burglars overlooked items that normally might be taken in a breakin, indicating there is some relationship between the incident and the crime investigation.

HE SAID, however, that all of his files pertaining to the district attorney's office are maintained in the courthouse building.

The parish grand jury was called into session by Pitcher at the request of McKeithen, in connection with his statewide crackdown on vice operations. Col. Thomas Burbank, director of the Department of Public Safety, has said that gambling and prostitution have been closed down and no arrests for violations have been made.

Carlos Marcello originally was subpoenaed to appear before the Orleans Parish jury last week. But the subpoena was not served at that time, and a new one was issued for this week.

Peter Marcello has operated several night clubs in the New Orleans area.

'PUT UP OR SHUT UP' MOVE

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State Item

Baton Rouge DA in Ohio To Quiz Gordon Novel

By BILL LYNCH
(States-Item Bureau)

BATON ROUGE — The district attorney of East Baton Rouge Parish was in Columbus, Ohio, today in a move to meet with mystery figure Gordon Novel, the States-Item learned.

Dist. Atty. Sargent Pitcher wants Novel to "put up or shut up" on what he claims to know about organized crime in Louisiana.

The spotlight on a probe of organized crime in the state shifted to Baton Rouge last week when the East Baton Rouge Grand Jury indicted a

former New Orleans contractor for public bribery.

NOVEL, WHO has been living in Columbus since he fled New Orleans where he is wanted in connection with the President Kennedy assassination probe, claimed last week he had information on criminal activities in the state.

The former New Orleans bartender once sold bugging devices to the state for use in the governor's office and now claims he has tape recordings that would prove damaging to a number of people.

Pitcher's office in Baton Rouge declined to confirm the district attorney had gone to Ohio.

MEANWHILE, the sheriff's office in East Baton Rouge Parish said that it is still awaiting word on the surrender of Dalton Smith, the former New Orleans contractor indicted by the local grand jury.

Smith was accused of offering \$25,000 to Aubrey Young, former aide to Gov. John J. McKeithen, to arrange a meeting between him and Ed-

Novel claims that the investigation of organized crime and the Kennedy assassination probe by District Attorney Jim Garrison of Orleans are intertwined.

HE HAS called the Kennedy probe a hoax and said his tapes will reveal information on organized crime and also about the site selection for the domed stadium in New Orleans.

Novel is charged in New Orleans with conspiracy to burglarize a munitions dump in Terrebonne Parish. He is actually wanted for questioning in the assassination probe.

Novel frequently has been on the verge of revealing "hot information" but has yet to produce.

PITCHER IS expected to ask Novel to come across with whatever evidence he might have.

It is also possible that Pitcher might offer Novel immunity from prosecution on any other charge so long as he is in Louisiana to testify about organized crime. Louisiana and Ohio have a reciprocal witness act which Garrison has declined to use in his efforts to have Novel brought back to the state.

Garrison has been thwarted in his extradition efforts by Gov. James Rhodes of Ohio.

ward Partin, Baton Rouge Teamster leader. The meeting, according to a charge in Life magazine, was to get Partin to change his testimony about James Hoffa, which sent the international Teamster boss to a federal prison.

MAJ. G. W. LeBlanc of the East Baton Rouge sheriff's office said that he is awaiting word from Los Angeles.

He said that bond on Smith, whose brother, A. D. Smith, is a member of the state board of education and a candidate for the state Senate in New Orleans, has been set at \$25,000.

A sheriff's plane will be sent to Los Angeles to bring Smith back to Louisiana to face the charge provided he waives extradition, Maj. LeBlanc said.

IF SMITH declines to waive extradition, it will take several weeks to get him back to Louisiana, the deputy said.

Smith is an electrical contractor with political and business connections both in Louisiana and California. He is believed to be residing in California now.

Oswald's Brother Sure 'Lee Alone Fired Shots'

By THOMAS GRIFFIN

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THE BROTHER of Lee Harvey Oswald writes in the current Oct. 17 issue of Look (out today) that he has "not yet read or heard or seen any evidence that has shaken my conviction that Lee and Lee alone fired the shots that wounded Governor Connally and killed the President."

Robert L. Oswald, Lee's elder brother, admits there are mysteries connected with the assassination "and I would never attempt to discourage anyone from serious investigation of any aspect of this tragedy."

He states: "When the works of the (Warren) Commission's critics first began to appear, I read them eagerly. Certainly no one in the world wanted proof of Lee's innocence more than I did. But my early interest turned to bewilderment as critics began making wilder and wilder charges. I wondered how anyone could take their charges and their interpretations seriously. When District Attorney Jim Garrison of New Orleans launched his investigation, I waited with interest for some important new revelation. I am still waiting."



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"While I am ready at any time to be convinced that the Warren Commission was wrong, I have not yet read or heard or seen any evidence that has shaken my conviction that Lee and Lee alone fired the shots that wounded Gov. Connally and killed the President. Despite blunders by the Dallas police and the errors of the Warren Commission, I am convinced."

But while Robert is convinced of his brother's guilt, one question still disturbs him: Quote: "While I accept the central finding of the Warren Commission, I do feel that the report fails completely in giving any answer to the major question: Why?"