

New Subpena Issued to MCC

DA's Office Asks Names of Informants

The district attorney's office Wednesday issued a second subpoena directing top members of the Metropolitan Crime Commission of New Orleans to furnish the Grand Jury names, addresses and records of confidential informants.

The Louisiana Supreme Court had ruled that a previous subpoena seeking names of informants from the MCC was too broad in scope.

The latest subpoena directs Aaron M. Kohn, managing director, E. C. Upton Jr., president, James W. Mills Jr., treasurer, and Philip L. Frank Sr., secretary, to appear before the jury at 3 p. m. Thursday.

They are directed to bring the following:

"The names and addresses of all informers including informers being classified as confidential informers who have furnished the MCC with information relative to organized crime in Orleans Parish and which information was furnished to Life Magazine for its publication alleging existence of organized crime in Orleans Parish and . . . all documents, papers, records, books and accounts relevant to that information."

The original subpoena had

asked the MCC to deliver all documents, papers, records, books, accounts and information disclosing names of informers and amounts paid for information given. It also asked for accounts of contributors, amounts of contributions and information about special knowl-

D.C. Crime Bill Is Sent to LBJ

WASHINGTON (AP) — House acceptance of Senate amendments sent to President Johnson Wednesday legislation designed to give District of Columbia police more power to fight crime.

A major provision of the measure will allow police to question suspects for up to three hours before deciding whether to charge them with a crime. Suspects will be allowed to have a lawyer during the quizzing and will have to be told that they can refuse to talk and that anything they say can be used against them.

Police will be allowed to arrest persons if they have "probable cause" to believe a crime has been committed and to make arrests when they believe a crime is about to be committed.

edge of organized crime. It did not specifically mention Life Magazine.

Kohn has admitted the MCC furnished information for a number of Life stories alleging organized crime in Louisiana.

District Attorney Jim Garrison has consistently denied the existence of organized crime, but initiated a grand jury investigation this year, he said, to settle the issue.

Several members of the MCC testified, as well as Carlos Marcello, and Gov. John J. McKeithen.

Kohn refused to comment on whether or not the subpoena will be fought in court, saying this matter is "in the hands of our attorneys."

He made the following statement:

"I feel certain that all of the officers of the Crime Commission are determined that the welfare of persons who help develop the truth about organized crime in New Orleans must be protected from the vicious determination of District Attorney Garrison and his staff to injure anyone who discredits Garrison's denial of organized crime. The people who have helped the Crime Commission understand the truth must not be injured by abuse of the powers of the district attorney's office."

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