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DA, Mayor Hit For 'Inaction' On N.O. Crime

Ivor A. Trapolin, chairman of the Mayor's Advisory Committee on Crime and Delinquency, has criticized District Attorney Jim Garrison and Mayor Victor H. Schiro for not adequately attacking organized crime here.

Trapolin's committee issued a "Report on Organized Crime" April 17 which stated that support for the conclusions of the report has come from state and federal levels of government, but local leaders insist there is no organized crime in New Orleans.

Asking citizens to demand action, Trapolin issued a call for a public investigation by the City Council into the matter.

In a long message to Schiro, the Orleans Parish grand jury, and to members of the advisory committee, Trapolin said:

"It should be of great significance to each member of our committee that . . . not one person has pointed to one specific word, line or paragraph in our report with which they disagree. Meanwhile, as far as I know, not one of our recommendations . . . has been put into effect."

The report claims organized crime exists in New Orleans and asserts it is making inroads into the tourist business of our city.

Trapolin added that after his appearance before the grand jury, James Alcock, head of Garrison's organized crime unit, stated that "he doubted that the investigation would reach the proportions of the 1967 organized crime probe. In other words, he expected little action to be taken either by his office or by the Orleans Parish grand jury."