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STATES-ITEM

MOVE ATTACKS GARRISON

Court Action Fights Kohn Jury Appearance

The Metropolitan Crime Commission today went into federal court seeking an injunction against District Attorney Jim Garrison to keep MCC managing director Aaron M. Kohn from having to testify before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury.

Kohn has been subpoenaed to appear before the jury tomorrow. He and Garrison have a long-standing disagreement over the extent of organized crime in New Orleans. The jury currently is probing organized crime.

Federal District Judge Herbert W. Christenberry set a hearing late this afternoon on the MCC's request for a temporary restraining order. If it is granted, the subpoena would be stayed and a hearing on a request for an injunction would be held at 3 p.m. July 23.

In its request, the MCC charged the Kohn subpoena is a continuation of "a long his-

tory of abuse of grand jury processes by Garrison in his attempt to harass and intimidate the plaintiffs, as well as for political and personal motives."

The plaintiffs in addition to the MCC itself are Kohn and members E. C. Upton Jr., James W. Mills Jr. and Philip L. Frank Sr.