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THE MEETING A WEEK AGO between Gov. McKeithen and members of the Metropolitan Crime Commission of New Orleans seemed fairly harmonious. But the governor's continuing reaction to the national publicity on crime in Louisiana now makes it seem that it may have been more acrimonious than harmonious.

Obviously still upset over the damage to the state's national image, the governor seemed more upset over who provided the information for the articles than over the possibility that such criminal influences may exist.

He went so far as to say that whoever provided the information should feel ashamed and get out of the state. When asked who he was referring to, the governor said "if the shoe fits, wear it."

The shoe, of course, fits the crime commission which made it clear after its meeting with the governor that it had provided the basic facts and furthermore believed the articles had some truth to them.

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M'KEITHEN CALLED THE articles a deliberate smear and said there may be a tie-in between them and the indictment of an investigative reporter for a television network by the New Orleans Grand Jury in the Garrison probe of the Kennedy assassination.

The governor spent a great deal of time on the criminal influence allegations, repeating that he planned an investigation at the state level of government.