

SECOND CRIME PROBE DAY ENDS

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Grand Jury

The second day of the Orleans Parish grand jury's investigation into organized crime ended at 5:20 p. m. Friday, after a day of questioning and after filing a brief report of no findings with Criminal District Judge Malcolm V. O'Hara.

Most of the grand jury's two sessions Friday, totaling a marathon of five hours and 55 minutes in the jury room, was spent questioning Metropolitan Crime Commission director Aaron M. Kohn.

Prior to the grand jury's assembly in Judge O'Hara's courtroom to make its report Kohn left the Criminal Courts Bldg. carrying a number of cardboard boxes which contained exhibits he reportedly presented to the jury.

Accompanying Kohn most of the day but not called to testify before the jury were his wife and M. Hepburn Many, an MCC member and former United States attorney here.

APPEARED TIRED

Kohn appeared to be fatigued from the day's testimony and didn't have much to say to reporters.

Kohn's questioning began at 9:40 a. m. and continued until 12:20 p. m. when the jury broke for lunch. At that time Kohn said the jury was to reconvene at 2 p. m. and he was to bring with him certain documents for presentation. These were the documents he carried in the cardboard boxes.

Kohn, however, would not comment on how the proceedings went or what was said

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Commission Members Talk Things Over



TALKING outside the Orleans Parish Grand Jury room Friday before a scheduled session are (from left) Aaron M. Kohn, director of the Metropolitan Crime Commission; H. Eustis Reily, M. Hepburn Many and C.

Alvin Bertel, MCC executive committee members. Many is also the attorney for the MCC. Only Kohn and Reily were called to testify Friday.

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in regard to Gov. John J. McKeithen's statements about him on Wednesday and Thursday. The grand jury, however, did not reconvene for its afternoon session until 2:30 p. m.

He did say that he is to appear again before the grand jury when it reconvenes Thursday.

REPORT MADE

The grand jury spent about five minutes making its report to O'Hara, after which the judge dismissed them until Thursday.

The only other person called for questioning Friday was MCC member H. Eustis Reily. He was called into the jury room shortly after it convened.

He was questioned about 20 minutes.

Before Kohn was called to testify he said he was going before the jury to present a broad understanding of organized crime as the MCC has understood it for a long period of time.

"Organized crime," he said, "is as complicated as government, because it is an under-world framework of government."

"It can't be described in a simple sentence. We can't present evidence, but we can give information."

The district attorney's office was represented during most of the jury's sessions by assistant DA's Charles R. Ward and

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Richard V. Burnes. Assistant DA Alvin Oser was also present for part of the questioning.