

# Kohn Attacks MCC Subpenas

## Says Grand Jury Trying to Destroy Group

The issuing of subpoenas by the Orleans Parish grand jury to officers of the Metropolitan Crime Commission Tuesday constitutes a "concerted effort" to destroy the MCC, a commission official said.

Aaron M. Kohn, managing director of the MCC, said the subpoenas were designed to remove the MCC "as the only citizen voice against organized crime in New Orleans."

The jury had ordered four MCC officials to present commission records, including names of confidential informants, before the jury at 3 p.m. Thursday.

### NAMES PAIR

Kohn said Judge Malcom H. C'Hara and Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison are backing a move to "destroy" the MCC.

"Judge O'Hara's degrading collusion with convicted racketeers Jimmy Hoffa and Zachary Strate is now well known," Kohn said. "We have demanded his removal. His powers as the

judicial advisor to the grand jury are now being used against us.

"Dist. Atty. Garrison repeatedly has demanded the destruction of the crime commission, and ousting of its managing director. His powers as legal advisor to the grand jury are now being used to accomplish that purpose.

"Together, these officials are using the privacy of grand jury proceedings to conceal their tactics for accomplishing the goal both of them have made clear in past public statements.

### CITIZEN GROUP

"The MCC is a citizen organization, financed entirely by hundreds of voluntary contributions, to help fight crime and its causes in this metropolitan area.

"We do not believe this effort to stifle it will succeed. We intend to fight with the only weapons available to us—the truth, the law and public support."

The grand jury issued the four subpoenas in connection with its probe of allegations of organized crime in the New Orleans area. Besides Kohn, the

commission officials subpoenaed were E. C. Upton Jr., president; Philip L. Frank Sr., secretary, and James W. Mills Jr., treasurer.

### IN NEW YORK

Upton was in New York City Tuesday with Gov. John J. McKeithen to confer with editors of Life Magazine on allegations made in the publication of organized crime in Louisiana.

Among MCC records the grand jury wants are those of membership, contributors and amounts of their contributions.

The jury also issued personal subpoenas to two men. One of them, William Dalzell, reportedly a petroleum advisor to the Ethiopian government, has been questioned previously by the district attorney's office in con-

nection with its Kennedy death probe.

The other man is David Chandler, a newsman for Life magazine. His subpoena had not been served by late Tuesday afternoon.