

GOV. M'KEITHEN TO GET SUBPENA

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Will Be Told to Appear
Before Grand Jury

The Orleans Parish Grand Jury investigation into allegations of organized crime reached out to include Gov. John J. McKeithen when a subpoena directing him to appear Thursday was issued Tuesday afternoon.

In other developments:

—A man identifying himself as D'Alton Smith, a New Orleans contractor indicted by the East Baton Rouge Parish Grand Jury in its crime probe, surrendered himself to authorities in Denton, Tex.

—Baton Rouge District Attorney Sargent Pitcher flew to Chicago in an effort to contact Gordon Novel, who has said he would make "sensational disclosures" on the crime probe.

Novel is wanted as a witness in New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison's investigation of the Kennedy assassination. Pitcher hopes to get Novel to tell the Baton Rouge Grand Jury what he knows of organized crime in Louisiana.

EARLIER DENIED

The subpoena on Gov. McKeithen was issued about 4 p.m. Tuesday by Garrison's office. Garrison reportedly had earlier denied he would issue a subpoena on the governor.

Garrison had announced that he was "inviting" McKeithen to appear because the jury "has expressed a desire to hear from the governor."

Criminal Sheriff Louis A. Heyd Jr. said the subpoena directs McKeithen to appear at 2 p. m. Thursday. Heyd said chief deputy's assistant Barney Kilbride will go to Baton Rouge Wednesday to attempt to serve it at the state Capitol.

'GLAD TO DO SO'

McKeithen, contacted earlier in Baton Rouge, said that "if in the opinion of the grand jury" he could help in any way by appearing, he would be "glad to do so."

McKeithen, after meeting

with executives of Life Magazine last week, said he is convinced that there is evidence of organized crime in the state and that he has instigated his own investigation.

Smith was indicted by the Baton Rouge Grand Jury Friday on a charge of offering \$25,000 to influence former McKeithen aide Aubrey Young in

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his position. The Los Angeles police department said Smith's attorneys had contacted them and offered to surrender in Los Angeles Tuesday.

SMITH SHOWS UP

Instead, the East Baton Rouge sheriff's office received word from the sheriff's office in Denton, Tex., that Smith showed up there with two attorneys.

The next step is to refer the matter to the district attorney so that he can initiate extradition proceedings, the sheriff's office in Baton Rouge said.

Young testified before the grand jury about telephone calls he allegedly received from rackets figure Carlos Marcello of Gretna, La. while Young was still on the governor's staff.

Pitcher said the alleged bribery attempt was connected with an attempt to buy former Teamsters Union president James R. Hoffa's way out of prison.

Young said he arranged a meeting between Smith and Edward Grady Partin, Baton Rouge Teamsters official whose testimony at Hoffa's jury-tampering trial led to Hoffa's conviction and imprisonment.

Novel entered the picture Saturday when he said that Young was a scapegoat. He at that time offered to return to testify in the crime probe if given immunity from arrest.

Pitcher, his first assistant Walter Krousel, and Grand Jury foreman Dick Goldberger went to Chicago Monday in an effort to contact Novel.

Pitcher's office said he was

"seeking additional evidence in relation to the crime investigation now under way in Louisiana."

Asked the nature of Pitcher's trip, McKeithen said he had requested the district attorney to contact Novel because of Novel's assertions made in the newspaper Sunday.

He said he reached Pitcher's wife, an assistant district attorney, and told her, "that it was imperative, in the governor's opinion, that we exhaust every effort to get the testimony of Novel."

McKeithen said he talked with Pitcher Monday "and repeated to him how important it is to get this man's testimony. We had previously attempted to extradite him at the request of the district attorney of Orleans Parish without avail."

Smith's Kin Backed Governor--Associate

By JACK OWENS

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP)—A close political associate of Gov. John J. McKeithen said Tuesday a brother and sister of D'Alton C. Smith, indicted for public bribery, were among the earliest New Orleans area supporters of McKeithen in the 1963 governor's race.

J. Marshall Brown said in an interview McKeithen was not considered a possible winner and had little support in the New Orleans area when A. D. Smith and Frances Pecora started working hard for his candidacy.

Brown said he and Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison of Orleans Parish also were working in support of the McKeithen campaign then.

Brown now is Louisiana Democratic national committeeman and president of the State Board of Education.

POLITICAL JOB

He said Mrs. Pecora's appointment as chairman of the fire division of the Louisiana Insurance Rating Commission was in recognition of her campaign efforts.

A. D. Smith is a member of the State Board of Education, an elective office in which he is serving a second term. He also is a candidate for the state Senate.

Neither Smith nor Mrs. Pecora was immediately available for comment.

D'Alton Smith was indicted by the East Baton Rouge Parish grand jury, which has launched a special investigation into claims of racketeering influence in state government.