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Halt of Crime Probe Alleged

Dr. Grey, Kohn Reply to Jury Statement

Metropolitan Crime Commission president Dr. J. D. Grey accused the district attorney's office Monday of "contriving to prevent an investigation of organized crime" in the city.

Referring to statements made recently by two members of the outgoing Orleans Parish Grand Jury, Dr. Grey said their remarks were "extraordinary and unofficial" and largely devoted to a denial that organized crime exists and to criticism of the crime commission's demands for action against organized crime.

MCC director Aaron M. Kohn, who Grey said was subjected to repeated attacks and accusations by members of the district attorney's office, said in an interview Monday afternoon all the MCC asked of the grand jury and the district attorney was that they expend as much effort in investigating organized crime as they have spent in the Kennedy assassination probe.

"The regular duties of these bodies," said Kohn, "seem to have been ignored. The day-to-day responsibilities of the grand jury and the district attorney must not be sacrificed for the probe.

"Both the State Police and Gov. John McKeithen have offered Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison assistance, but he hasn't taken it."

Kohn added that he doesn't propose that Garrison drop the Kennedy probe, but that he bring in additional help to handle all the work needing attention by his office.

In citing Kohn's work in attempting to present evidence of organized crime to the grand jury, Dr. Grey said, "It was made very clear that the crime commission, and not organized crime, was the target of the investigation."

Grey also said neither Garrison nor his staff guided the grand jury in an investigation of organized crime.

The two members of the outgoing jury cited by Grey were Mrs. Delores V. Mason-Smith and Walter O. Eckert Sr. They said at a news conference last week that Kohn failed to give them any proof of organized crime in the New Orleans area.

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