

JURY CALLS BROWN IN N.O. CRIME PROBE

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Subpena Served Directing Governor to Appear

The name of J. Marshall Brown, Democratic national committeeman from Louisiana, was added to the list of those scheduled to appear before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury in its probe of organized crime.

A subpena was issued for him by the District Attorney's Office Wednesday.

Deputies of Criminal Sheriff Louis A. Heyd Jr. said Brown's subpena, which directs him to appear at 11 a.m. Thursday, was served personally in New Orleans.

Earlier Wednesday, chief deputy's assistant Barney Kilbride served a subpena directing Gov. John J. McKeithen to appear at 2 p. m. Thursday on William V. Redmann, executive counsel to the governor, in Baton Rouge.

Previously Jefferson Parish rackets figure Carlos Marcello and two of his brothers, Samuel and Peter, were also subpoenaed to appear Thursday.

Meanwhile Wednesday, East Baton Rouge District Attorney Sargent Pitcher, conducting his own crime investigation, said in Chicago that he has met with "tremendous success and accomplishments" on a trip to gather information about organized crime.

YOUNG ACCOMPANIES

Pitcher, who said details will be made public at the proper time, was accompanied to Chicago by Aubrey Young, a former aide to McKeithen.

Young's testimony before the East Baton Rouge Grand Jury has led to one indictment already in that jury's investigation of organized crime.

McKeithen was attending the Washington Parish Fair in Franklinton when his subpena was served. Redmann said the governor would have appeared on invitation without the subpena.

District Attorney Jim Garrison Tuesday first had invited the governor to appear in New

Orleans, then subpoenaed him. Garrison, when asked why he issued the subpena, said, "Originally, I was following protocol and then I decided this is no time for protocol."

"We want to find out what these allegations of organized crime are all about and, so far, nobody seems to know except what they read in Life Magazine."

ETHICS UNIT TO PROBE

"We are going to call everybody we think can shed some light on this thing . . . if we have to we'll call the ambassador to the United Nations."

Also Wednesday the head of the State Police announced that the identity of a person who made a telephone call threatening McKeithen's life is known.

Col. Thomas Burbank described the man as a mental case and said that he is from New Orleans. Police have the man under observation. Burbank said.

Col. Burbank also announced

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he has turned over to the Louisiana Commission on Governmental Ethics as investigation into the activities of State Police Capt. Roland Coppola of Lafayette. Coppola was suspended as a troop commander after Life reported he associated with rackets figures.

Gordon Novel, who has figured prominently in Garrison's Kennedy death plot, said Wednesday he has offered to testify before the East Baton Rouge jury on organized crime provided immunity from Garrison be guaranteed.

GOING TO OHIO

Pitcher had said he was going to go to Columbus, Ohio, to ask Novel about his claim of having information. He planned to go on to Ohio from Chicago.

Novel said he sent a wire to Pitcher. The telegram follows: "Dear Sir: Upon consulting

with my noted attorney, Mr. Jerry Weiner of Columbus, Ohio, pertaining to your recent statements relative to my 'putting up or shutting up' I hereby formally offer to come to Baton Rouge, La., immediately to testify about matters relative to my recent press statement and your belated investigation and will furnish facts, figures, documents, plans, recordings, etc., about these matters providing I can be granted complete immunity within the entire state of Louisiana, including any and all parishes where I am currently being fraudulently prosecuted for such time as is necessary to render the data and testimony before your grand jury and am permitted to return at my free will to the state of Ohio without any further persecution and political harassment.

"Please forward Mr. Weiner the necessary immunity documents or shut up. Sincerely, Gordon Novel."

'PLEDGE OF ACCORD'

Meanwhile, Pitcher had sent a telegram to Weiner in Columbus, offering to meet Novel anywhere in the nation and examine Novel's information.

"Your refusal to accept this reasonable request can only be interpreted as an admission on your part that you have attempted to sensationalize fictitious or nonexistent evidence or to obtain immunity for yourself from crimes best known to yourself," Pitcher said.

Pitcher told Novel if his information was of value he was confident Gov. McKeithen, Garrison and other state prosecutors would honor his request for immunity from arrest while in Louisiana to testify before the Baton Rouge Grand Jury.

Pitcher said Garrison had been advised of the reply and had given his "complete pledge of cooperation and accord."

The East Baton Rouge jury, which met Wednesday, was expected to recess until Pitcher returns, probably Thursday or Friday. Telephone company officials were expected to take records in connection with testimony by Young to the jury.

INVOLVES MANY

"All I have to say is that the trip to Chicago has been marked with tremendous suc-

ness and accomplishments, Pitcher said. "The details and significance of our findings will be revealed later, when the time is appropriate."

He flatly stated, "when it comes out, it will be real good."

His Chicago information involves many more people in the investigation, but he was unable to disclose who and

how many at that time, Pitcher said.

A federal court hearing on a bid for a new trial for international Teamster boss James Hoffa was held in Chicago. This bid is at the center of Pitcher's jury investigation.

D'Alton Smith, former New Orleans contractor, has been indicted on a charge of perjury as a result of the investigation.

Young allegedly was offered \$25,000 to arrange a meeting between Smith and Baton Rouge Teamster boss Edward Partin.

SURRENDER TOLD

According to Partin the meeting was to get him to change his testimony which was instrumental in sending Hoffa to federal prison.

The East Baton Rouge sheriff's office reported that a man identifying himself as Smith surrendered in Denton, Tex., and posted a \$1,500 fugitive bond.

Wednesday afternoon Smith's attorney's were reported ready to produce him in court at Denton.

The East Baton Rouge jury is also investigating influence Marcello may have had in telephone conversations between him and Young.

Pitcher said no link has been established between Marcello's calls and the Partin affair. He said one of his investigations is into organized crime in East Baton Rouge

Parish and that the other is into the bribery charge.

WORKING ON BOTH

"We are working on both. I can't tell whether they have any linking or not at this time," Pitcher said.

New Orleans Criminal District Court Judge Malcolm V. O'Hara was also involved in the Hoffa case at the Chicago hearing.

O'Hara testified that he was the companion of Zachary Strate, a convicted felon, who paid his expenses.

The federal grand jury in New Orleans is probing that aspect of the case.

Life Magazine in a series of articles first disclosed the connection between Young and Smith and between Young and Marcello. Young became a star witness with the grand jury following his dismissal from the governor's staff.