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BATON ROUGE, La. (AP)—Edward Grady Partin, business agent for Teamster Local No. 5, went before the East Baton Rouge grand jury today. The panel is probing organized crime in this area. Partin said in a federal court motion earlier this week that a Baton Rouge contractors' official carried a bribe offer to him. The official, James H. "Buddy" Gill, manager of the Baton Rouge industrial contractors association, denied Partin's charge.

East Baton Rouge Parish Dist. Atty. Sargent Pitcher said today he and Orleans DA Jim Garrison have "swapped information" on current grand jury probes into organized crime.

Pitcher confirmed that he and Garrison conferred yes-

terday on the probes. He said each wanted to keep the other informed on the progress of the investigation.

Both probes were sparked by Life magazine charges that organized crime is rife in Louisiana. However, Garrison contends the charges are false. The Baton Rouge jury has already returned one indictment and Pitcher has promised further action.

IN NEW ORLEANS TODAY, Life reporter David L. Chandler lost a bid in federal court to prevent Garrison from subpoenaing him to appear before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury.

Two new witnesses were scheduled to appear before the

## Block Subpena

Orleans jury this afternoon, both of them New Orleans attorneys and one a former aide to Garrison.

Subpenaed were former assistant DA Ross Scaccia, also a former assistant United States attorney, and his law partner, Lee Leonard.

There was no explanation for either subpena. Neither has been identified with the probe before.

SCACCIA IS A 1960 GRADUATE of Tulane University Law School. Leonard was prominent in last fall's political campaign as an opponent of the constitutional amendment permitting Gov. John J. McKeithen to succeed himself.

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## Swap Crime Probe Data

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The East Baton Rouge jury has indicted D'Alton Smith, a New Orleans contractor, on a charge of offering a bribe to a former aide of McKeithen.

The Baton Rouge jury's probe is continuing, focusing on charges by Life that an attempt was made to buy former Teamsters President Jimmy Hoffa's way out of prison.

Chandler had sought to avoid going before the Orleans jury on grounds that Garrison planned to entrap him into perjuring himself. However, today's ruling by Federal District Judge James E. Comiskey leaves him liable for subpoenaing.

Judge Comiskey said Chandler may well be subjected to a violation of the First Amendment to the Constitution regarding freedom of speech but that "the remedy then is for the plaintiff to assert his constitutional defense in the proceeding in which he is charged, if he is charged at all."

On Chandler's motion to have his attorney, Cicero Sessions, go before the jury with him, the judge said the U.S. Supreme Court has recognized the difference between the

questioning of a suspect initiated by law officers and the questioning of a witness before a grand jury.

JUDGE COMISKEY denied Chandler's request for a preliminary injunction preventing Garrison from subpoenaing him, and ordered attorneys for both Garrison and Chandler to submit briefs by Nov. 13 on Chandler's request for a three-judge federal panel to hear his case.

Assistant DA James L. Al-

cock told the court that if Chandler backs up the Life stories concerning organized crime in Louisiana, he will not be indicted for perjury.

Sessions told the court that Garrison wants to "lure or entrap" Chandler into perjury by having him contradict testimony of other witnesses before the grand jury or "to intimidate plaintiff into retracting his investigative portions of the aforesaid crime articles."

Sessions also introduced a letter from Garrison to an associate editor of Life which said that the Life stories were false. The letter added that as long as Chandler tells the truth "he will be treated with complete fairness and courtesy."

## Capt. Coppola Due Hearing on Nov. 7

BATON ROUGE (AP)—The Louisiana Civil Service Commission today set a Nov. 7 hearing for Lafayette State Police Capt. Roland F. Coppola Sr., who was suspended from duty in the wake of a crime crackdown by Gov. John J. McKeithen.

Civil Service Director W. W. McDougall said Coppola's appeal of his suspension would be heard at 2:30 p. m.

McKeithen ordered Coppola suspended on Sept. 27 just hours after he returned from New York, where he conferred with editors of Life magazine on its allegations that organized crime flourishes in Louisiana.