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N.O. Bar Will Study O'Hara's Testimony

The New Orleans Bar Association today asked a Chicago federal court for transcripts of a hearing in which a Criminal Court judge said he was the frequent traveling companion and "messenger boy" of a New Orleans builder convicted along with Teamster union boss James A. Hoffa of conspiracy and fraud.

Charles J. McCabe, president of the association, said the bar asked for the transcript and was looking into the testimony of Criminal Court Judge Malcolm V. O'Hara, who told a hearing on a Hoffa motion for a new trial that he had been the expense-paid traveling companion and messenger boy of New Orleans builder Zachary A. "Red" Strate.

Strate was convicted along with Hoffa in 1964.

The hearing was looking into charges by Hoffa's attorneys that federal agents used illegal means of obtaining evidence against him.

MCCABE said there was a meeting of the association Wednesday at which clippings of news stories concerning O'Hara's testimony were

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studied. He said the group had requested transcripts of the judge's testimony from the Chicago court before taking further action.

"In order to take further action," McCabe said, "we would have to have a transcript of the testimony given."

The attorney said the group had called on the Chicago Bar Association for help and that the court reporter was forwarding the transcript.

"As soon as we get the transcript we will meet again," he said.

Yesterday, the Metropolitan Crime Commission also asked for a transcript of the testimony.

MCC managing director Aaron Kohn, said the commission would study the testimony to see whether it may have been in violation of the law or of the judicial code of ethics.

IN THE HEARING O'Hara testified he attempted to get Baton Rouge Teamster business agent Edward Grady Partin to sign an affidavit refuting his (Partin's) testimony in the trial. Partin was the key witness in sending the teamster boss to jail.

O'Hara also said he arranged a meeting between Walter Sheridan, a television network news investigator under indictment in New Orleans for public bribery, and Strate. According to O'Hara, Sheridan was to give Strate evidence to substantiate the wiretapping charge in exchange for information discrediting Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's probe of the Kennedy assassination.