

FULL GARRISON PROBE IS URGED

'Play It Out to End,' Says

T.P. McKeithen
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BATON ROUGE, La.—Gov.

John J. McKeithen said Thurs-

day that Orleans Dist. Atty.

Jim Garrison, investigating the

death of President Kennedy,

should be allowed "to play it

out to the end, either success-

fully or unsuccessfully."

McKeithen told a press con-

ference he did not think state

Atty. Gen. Jack P. F. Gremil-

lion should change his mind

and step in to probe allega-

tions regarding Garrison in-

vestigative procedures.

To halt the investigation

now, said McKeithen, would

only "confound and confuse

the world."

The governor also made pub-

lic a telegram indicating prog-

ress in the Baton Rouge area

labor shutdown on construction,

a telegram sent by Teamsters

Local No. 5 business agent Ed-

ward Partin to Dr. Jay Taylor,

chairman of the state media-

tion board.

Partin agreed in the telegram

to submit grievances to media-

tion in the current dispute and

in the future.

CONCESSION SEEN

"I think it's quite a conces-

sion on their part," said Mc-

Keithen. He noted Teamsters

have no representation on the

board. "It could very well

lead to a settlement . . . of

long duration," said the gover-

nor.

There was no immediate

word of a meeting of the me-

diation board as the next step

in ending labor troubles which

have virtually shut down ma-

nor industrial and other con-

struction in this area amount-

ing to, by some estimates, as

much as \$200 million. Plant

owners closed down construc-

tion until Teamsters and oth-

er unions end their jurisdic-

tional disputes.

McKeithen said he was hope-

ful union leaders will agree to a "reaffirmation" that labor contracts, once signed, will be adhered to by unions because he was "worried about the long range effect" on his industry inducement program.

"From information I've got," he said, "neither side (management or labor) is blameless."

OTHER ACTION

On other matters, the governor:

—Announced he would appoint Robert Garland May, 61, Monroe, to succeed New Orleans Civil Sheriff Milton Stire as state fire marshal. May is a 19-year veteran of the fire marshal's office and has been serving as supervisor of the 20-parish district around Monroe.

—Said that if T. H. Martin Jr., dismissed as confidential assistant to the board of institutions and hired as assistant director of the capital construction and improvement commission, decides not to take the latter job, he will

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find him another as "a moral obligation."

—Defined moral obligation as a campaign debt.

—Is planning to attend the caucus of Democratic governor Saturday in St. Louis.

—Said he plans to use the services of Orleans Sen. Michael H. O'Keefe, Monroe Sen. James Adcock and former administrative assistant C. H. "Sammy" Downs to offset the loss of his executive secretary, Edward V. Stagg, who returns July 1 to his job as director of the Council for a Better Louisiana. Three, he said, will serve part time and "without portfolio salary."