

## CALLS PROBE 'WHITEWASH'

# McKeithen Is Closing Eyes to Crime--Rarick

(By The Associated Press)

Rep. John Rarick has accused Gov. John J. McKeithen of closing his eyes to crime in Louisiana and whitewashing his part by ordering the comprehensive probe of racketeering.

Campaigning for the governorship yesterday in Baton Rouge, Rarick said:

"It's been five days since the present governor ordered an all-out investigation into organized crime, and there have been no arrests.

"So far, all the people have seen has been a criminal charge of bribery concerning the Hoffa case. This certainly could not be classed with crimes of violence, narcotics, payroll padding, highway regulatory payoffs, contract favoritism and scandal that the good people of Louisiana want brought to a close.

Just what promises did the governor make to the Mafia when he was campaigning four years ago in order to receive a huge campaign contribution from them?"

McKeithen, in Minden, did not refer directly to a reported threat on his life made earlier. Speaking in the city ball park, surrounded by six state policemen and sheriff's deputies, he said:

"Every time I think I'm going to begin enjoying being governor something else comes up. It's either a hurricane or it's a riot at Angola. And just two weeks ago here came these articles from Life magazine. Every time I turn around it's something else. . . and I start feeling sorry for myself.

"THEN I'M REMINDED of the words of former President Harry Truman, 'If you can't stand the heat get out of the kitchen.'

"So I just think I'll stay around in the kitchen a little longer if you will permit me to do it."

### Hike Governor Guard; Threat Probe Pressed

BATON ROUGE (AP)—Additional state troopers guarded Gov. John McKeithen and his family today as state police continued an investigation into a "definite threat" on his life.

McKeithen, meantime, was in Washington Parish, addressing the opening of a fair. He was to address a luncheon meeting.

State police Supt. Thomas Burbank said a threat was made on the governor's life early yesterday morning. He refused to give details.

"In my analysis, it was a definite threat," Burbank said.

There was no indication whether the reported threat was connected with the governor's current crackdown on crime in Louisiana.