

RACKETS CHARGES DUE

M'Keithen Vows Labor Probe Push

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Gov. John J. McKeithen angrily denounced racketeering in a "minute" section of organized labor in Louisiana and promised to push an investigation into East Baton Rouge Parish.

"As soon as we're finished with Iberville Parish we're taking dead aim at East Baton Rouge Parish," he said in a press conference here.

HE SAID THE attorney general will file bills of information this week against "nine or 10 people," which investigations have shown are involved in racketeering which has interfered with construction in Louisiana, and specifically the Baton Rouge area.

Shaking his fist to emphasize the anger he feels in connection with labor-management problems in the state the governor also said that "we're going to file charges against a state trooper this week."

McKeithen declined to give the name of the trooper.

The governor also promised to get to the bottom of shootings traced to labor problems in Iberville Parish.

The governor said he hopes the men who shot down two workmen "in sight of the courthouse" will tell authorities who sent them to do the job. He said that "Mr. Partin provides a good example" for those who would turn information over to the authorities since he did the same thing for James R. Hoffa. He referred to Edward Grady Partin, Baton Rouge Teamsters' Union official, whose testimony resulted in a prison sentence for Hoffa, national Teamsters' president.

ASKED IF PARTIN is getting any protection from federal authorities, McKeithen said, "There have been two U.S. marshals around Partin for a couple of months."

He warned the deputies will be in trouble if they try to interfere with the state's investigation.

The governor emphasized one was talking about only a "minute few in the labor area" and made a special point of not including the leadership of the AFL-CIO.

IN AN APPARENT reference to racketeering on a New York waterfront in other years, McKeithen said, "We have a situation in Baton Rouge that would make the waterfront in New York look good."

He said, "In my opinion

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this state has not faced any crisis as dangerous . . ."

He said that Teamster Local No. 5, which Partin heads, "is not truly a labor union."

He said the racketeering must be stopped—and now.