

CITES FALLEN NATIONS

DAs Are Guardians Of Law--McKeithen

Gov. John J. McKeithen told the National District Attorney's Association today that the preservation of law and order, which could be more important than the Vietnam war, is their responsibility.

He said that governments have fallen in the past when groups have ignored the rule of law.

THE RESULTING corruption in disrespect for government has caused their downfall, he said at a late-morning breakfast at the Monteleone Hotel.

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Although this nation is not approaching the "fall of the great nations, there is a discernible trend in that direction," he said.

The DA's of this country have the responsibility for protecting society and are holding a position of the highest importance, McKeithen added.

He also asked the DA's of-

rice to uphold democracy for all because "we cannot have justice without democracy."

THE GOVERNOR insisted that it was the duty of the prosecutors to insure protection of the citizens plus to guarantee their basic freedoms.

McKeithen also recalled for the out-of-state DA's last summer's Bogalusa - to - B a t o n Rouge civil rights march. He said the ultra-liberals and the Ku Klux Klan both understood that "the force used to protect them would also be used to arrest them if they broke the law."

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"When the KKK and the liberal group came together, it was quiet as a churchmouse on Easter Sunday morning," the governor added.

He said that Louisiana, in moving up from a rural farm state to an industrial one, is "facing up to the quality of the races and is giving everyone an equal opportunity without the federal government's intervention."

"WE RECOGNIZE there is no place in the world for second class citizenship, but we also realize along with first class citizenship goes first class responsibility."

Orleans Parish District Attorney Jim Garrison, in introducing the governor, attacked the federal government, saying it is up to DAs and state judges to insure justice.

He said, "They are the last hope in this country for justice . . . because they are not affected by the overriding concerns of Life Magazine and RCA."

He struck out at the recent federal court ruling which stymied his bid to bring Life reporter David L. Chandler before the Orleans Parish grand jury.

Garrison charged that the court was unable to cite any law in its ruling. He said Chandler was given immunity because Life is performing a function for the federal government by "withholding the Zapgruder film from the public so you can't see President (John F.) Kennedy was shot from the front."

He also said employees of the National Broadcasting Co. have been successful in fighting appearances before the parish grand jury because "NBC is a part of RCA, which has defense contracts."

NEW ORLEANS STATES-ITEM

Kerner Report 'in Error,' Milwaukee DA Says

By JOHN MCMILLAN

The district attorney of Milwaukee, Wis., said here today the recent Kerner Report on riots and civil disorders erred in its study relating to Milwaukee because "we never had a riot."

Hugh O'Connell said the reason his city had no riots was "thanks to rapid action by the mayor, the police department and the National Guard."

O'CONNELL, attending the National District Attorneys Association meeting at the Monteleone Hotel, is a member of the DA's panel on riots and civil disorder.

Explaining how Milwaukee prevented a riot, O'Connell said, "The mayor immediately imposed a curfew and we had the cooperation of the vast majority of the people after that."

Asked whether he believed the quick use of force averted a riot, he said that using what he called "requisite control" prevented a fullscale outbreak of violence.

Referring to the Kerner Report, he said he did not know how it could be accurate because "I was never consulted and as far as I know, the chief of police was never consulted."

He said that although he had not read the entire 700-page document, he would approach the rest of it with doubt because of its findings relating to Milwaukee.

COMMENTING on the continuing demonstrations led by a Catholic priest, Father James E. Groppi, he said they have "become perilously close to disorder but the patience of the police has been exerted to the utmost," thus preventing riots.

Although O'Connell declined

to offer any recommendations on how to prevent civil disorder this summer, he said he hopes some will come out of the national DA's panel on this subject Friday.