

# O'Hara Probers To Hear Partin And Sheridan

A Louisiana Supreme Court commission on Monday will resume looking into the ouster proceedings against Criminal District Court Judge Malcolm V. O'Hara.

Former Justice Department investigator Walter Sheridan and labor leader Edward Grady Partin are scheduled to appear Monday. The commission yesterday finished two days of hearings.

Partin, teamster union representative from Baton Rouge, was released from the hearing yesterday after showing up for the second day without an attorney. He said he anticipated the arrival of his lawyer from Washington, D. C., Monday.

At the hearing yesterday were Zachary "Red" Strate, contractor; Sargent Pitcher, East Baton Rouge Parish district attorney; Julian Levy, Judge O'Hara's court stenographer; Edward M. Baldwin, attorney, and Ross Scaccia, assistant district attorney.

The commission is sifting evidence that Judge O'Hara allegedly acted improperly in trying to get evidence to reverse a jury-tampering conviction of James A. Hoffa, Teamsters Union national president. The Supreme Court will hold a trial May 3 to rule on the state's suit to remove the judge from office.

## Hate School Chief Convicted

NASHVILLE (AP)—Fred Horace Brooks has been convicted of evading the draft and sentenced to four years in prison. He remained free today under \$5,000 bond as his attorney prepared an appeal.

A U.S. District Court jury returned the verdict yesterday.

In setting the sentence, Judge William E. Miller said Brooks, 27, "has flagrantly violated one of the most important laws on the books."

Brooks, a black power spokesman who directed Nashville's "segregation school" for Negro

## HEARINGS RESUME MONDAY

# Racket Probers Eye Race Track

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BATON ROUGE—The state Labor-Management Commission will focus its attention on a controversial race track Monday when it resumes its probe of labor racketeering in the Baton Rouge industrial area, the States-Item has learned.

A great deal of mystery has shrouded the construction and ownership of the track.

Contractor Bruce Hunt, head of Triple-A Construction Co., is expected to be subpoenaed to testify in the public hearings.

Ted Dunham, owner of a concrete firm which has been a center of controversy in the local labor picture, may also be called. The Labor-Management Commission has spent a great deal of time investigating the track, which is used for stock car racing.

IT IS LOCATED south of Baton Rouge near Prairieville, off the Airline hwy.

The Labor-Management Commission also may call Edward Grady Partin, boss of Baton Rouge Teamster Local No. 5, who purportedly has an interest in the track.

The hearings are being shifted from the commission's investigation of alleged racketeering in Iberville Parish to Baton Rouge.

A new chief counsel, assistant state attorney general Tom McFerrin, will be conducting the hearings on behalf of the commission for the first time.

This will be the third in a series of public hearings by the commission. The first two were held in December and January, and almost all of the six days of testimony were devoted to Iberville Parish.

GOV. JOHN J. McKeithen,

who had the commission created, has urged the commission to meet until it accomplishes its goal of uncovering labor racketeering. He told the commission recently that the race track mystery would soon be uncovered if witnesses are subpoenaed to testify in a fact finding mission.

The governor has been at odds with commission chairman Cecil Morgan despite public statements in support of him. He has been criticizing Morgan privately, and Morgan has been saying publicly he wants the commission to move more quickly.

The commission is faced with another lawsuit, this time in Federal Court, where a three-judge panel is being asked to rule on the constitutionality of the state law. However, the latest legal action won't block the hearings schedule Monday.