

U.S. Judge Blocks DA Questioning of Dr. Grey

Temporary Restraint Is Issued

A federal judge ruled today that Dr. J. D. Grey, president of the Metropolitan Crime Commission, does not have to obey a subpoena to appear before District Attorney Jim Garrison tomorrow.

Garrison had summoned Dr. Grey to answer a charge that he, the pastor of the First Baptist Church, held secret meetings with a Louisiana Supreme Court justice in connection with the Aaron M. Kohn contempt case.

District Judge Herbert W. Christenberry issued an order temporarily restraining Garrison from "compelling or seeking to compel the attendance of the Rev. J. D. Grey in the office of the district attorney."

THE HIGH COURT threw out a contempt citation against Kohn, the MCC's managing director, for refusing to answer questions before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury concerning organized crime.

Dr. Grey has denied speaking to any of the justices about the case.

Judge Christenberry's ac-

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tion followed a hearing in his chambers with Dr. Grey's attorneys and Assistant DA Numa Bertel.

DR. GREY WAS represented by attorneys Milton Brener and Herbert Garon.

Garrison had charged that Dr. Grey "secretly contacted on several occasions a justice of the . . . supreme court while that court was in the process of deliberating a contempt citation relative to Aaron M. Kohn."

Specifically, Garrison's office said, Dr. Grey met twice with Associate Justice Joe B. Hamiter.

DR. GREY SAID he met with Justice Joe W. Sanders in connection with the Governor's Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Criminal Justice, of which both are members, and that he was acquainted with a number of other justices.

Justice Hamiter said he has never discussed the MCC case with Dr. Grey, although he is a friend of the clergyman's and is a member of his church.

Judge Christenberry's order said the subpoena is held up "until further orders of this court."