

Kohn Seeks Dismissal of Sapir Charge

Attorneys for Metropolitan Crime Commission Managing Director Aaron M. Kohn today filed a supplemental motion to throw out the public intimidation indictment against Kohn for questioning possible underworld connections of City Councilman Eddie L. Sapir.

The motion was filed by Kohn attorney Milton Brener before Criminal District Court Judge Edward A. Haggerty.

IN THE MOTION to quash the indictment, Brener said Kohn's language in questioning the possible connections of Sapir and Jefferson Parish racketeer figure Carlos Marcello, before the City Council Oct. 3, contained no threats to the councilman.

Brener filed an earlier motion, asking for a specific bill of particulars from the district attorney's office stating the exact time, date and place of the alleged offense. The attorney had also asked exactly what language constituted the alleged threat.

The DA's office replied the language was contained in the indictment.

In his appearance before the City Council, at the time considering an ordinance legalizing charity bingo, Kohn asked Sapir whether in his deliberations on the ordinance he was considering the public interest, or the interest of persons who have benefitted in the past from bingo games, namely Carlos Marcello and members of his family.

KOHN SAID Sapir was in "rather continuous and close contact" with the Marcellos and he called for a public hearing on the matter.

"The language of the indictment contains no threats whatever," Brener told the court in his supplemental motion, "and it affirmatively reflects that the crime of public intimidation has not been committed."

Brener urged that the indictment be thrown out.

Judge Haggerty gave the district attorney's office until next Thursday to answer the supplemental motion. He said he will hear arguments on the motions at that time.