

KOHN INDICTMENT VOIDED;
DA'S OFFICE PLANS APPEAL

Case Involved Sapir

A charge that Metropolitan Crime Commission Director Aaron M. Kohn intimidated City Councilman Eddie L. Sapir was thrown out of Criminal Court today.

District Judge Edward A. Haggerty Jr. sustained a motion filed by Kohn's attorney, Milton Brener, to quash the public intimidation indictment against Kohn.

ASSISTANT DISTRICT Attorney William L. Alford Jr. said the state will appeal the decision to the Louisiana Supreme Court.

The matter arose Oct. 3 when Kohn questioned Sapir's motives in a hearing on a proposed ordinance to legalize charity bingo games. Kohn charged there had been "continuous and close contact" between Sapir and rackets figure Carlos Marcello.

Kohn was indicted by the parish grand jury Oct. 18. Arguments were heard before

Judge Haggerty Nov. 21 and he handed down his ruling today.

THE MCC DIRECTOR said after today's decision, "It is now incumbent upon Sapir to explain for the public his association" with the Marcello family. "He was asked this question publicly and has not yet answered."

Asked about the bingo ordinance backed by councilman James A. Moreau, Kohn said:

"Unless it is accompanied by far more resources than are now available for inspection, the rackets will definitely move in.

"THE POSSIBLE PROFITS TO be derived from such an ordinance are huge and will not be ignored by a greedy underworld here in New Orleans.

"If the council does enact the bingo ordinance, it will be ignoring opposition by our own police department."