

MARCELLO LINK SUIT**McKeithen Vows
Perjury Action**

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BATON ROUGE (AP)—Gov. John McKeithen said today that perjury charges would be filed against anyone who swore under oath that the governor had any connection

with rackets figure Carlos Marcello and former teamsters boss Jimmy Hoffa.

Reached by telephone in Washington, D.C., the governor was asked for comment on a \$15 million suit filed against him, members and investigators of the Labor-Management Commission of Inquiry and the East Baton Rouge Parish Grand Jury.

THE SUIT alleged McKeithen had connection with Marcello and that the governor was involved in a conspiracy against a local teamsters official who testified against Hoffa.

"We were warned some weeks ago that unless we let up on our investigation, there would be suits filed against me in an effort to embarrass me and to intimidate me in an effort to get us to drop our investigation in the Baton Rouge area," the governor said.

"If there are any allegations of consequence against me, we shall wait to see if some testify under oath. If so, we will be examining for possible perjury proceedings, particularly if it is alleged I am connected with Hoffa, Marcello, or in any way involved in a conspiracy."

The suit, filed by construction worker Patrick Martone, said a conspiracy existed designed to destroy Baton Rouge Teamsters connection with a 1963 bombing of a construction site.

McKeithen said if such charges were made under oath, "I shall come right be-

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hind and swear it is not true."

He said the suit is another in a series of intimidation and coercion against him.

"WE SHALL go right ahead with our determined effort to rid Louisiana and the Baton Rouge area of gangsters and hoodlums who are trying to take it over," the governor said.

"Any testimony under oath that there is any connection on my part, on Dean Hebert's part or Dean Morgan's part, of any conspiracy with anyone, other than those who are guilty of bombing, aggravated battery, extortion and so forth, they immediately shall be charged with perjury and we shall have some more go to the penitentiary," he said.

Morgan is chairman of the Labor-Management Commission of Inquiry and Paul Hebert is vice-chairman.

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