

STATES-ITEM

# Thorough Gremillion Probe Is Recommended by Kohn

A recommendation calling for a thorough investigation of the activities of Louisiana Attorney General Jack Gremillion since he has been in office was made before the Young Men's Business Club by Aaron M. Kohn, managing director of the Metropolitan Crime Commission of New Orleans, Inc.

The club met yesterday at the Roosevelt Hotel.

After referring to "questionable performance by the highest law officer (Gremillion) in our state" in the case of the Louisiana Loan and Thrift Corporation, Kohn charged that there are "many more questions to be answered" about the attorney general's conduct.

IN THE THRIFT company case, Kohn described as "very irregular" Gremillion's official opinion which enabled the "loan company to operate without government supervision." He also referred to "loans totaling \$150,000 to two organizations in which he (Gremillion) is a principal owner."

Kohn said that the loan company case concerns others besides Gremillion and that little is known of the full involvement of the others.

Kohn repeated previous suggestions for creation of a buffer board to act between the mayor and police.

In metropolitan parishes he advised that police functions should be taken from sheriffs and given to a professionally qualified police chief responsible to a similar buffer board. He appealed for civil service for all prosecutive and clerical employes in district attorneys' offices and the office of the state attorney general.

TO INSURE election of judges free from obligations to political machines, he advocated adoption of the Missouri Plan, where judges would be selected by the governor or mayor from recommendations of a nonpartisan board.

Kohn suggested that all can-

didates for elected office be required to file at the end of their campaign a sworn public statement of contributions and expenditures; that every elected candidate file a sworn affidavit of his net worth, business and other income affiliations and that he should file current statements at the end of his term or any other time when asked to do so by a grand jury or a petition of 25 citizens.

IT WAS KOHN'S view that every official should be prohibited from performing private services for or accepting anything of value from organizations or individuals that derive substantial income through the direct or indirect violation of the laws of Louisiana or its subdivisions.

Kohn supported enactment of laws to punish wilful lies about a candidate.

He expressed alarm at the dismissal by the Louisiana Supreme court of a suit to remove Judge William O'Hara from office for alleged efforts to aid in the reversal of the conviction of Jimmy Hoffa.

## Wrong Address In Motel Theft

The \$3,740 burglary in a motel room reported in the States-Item occurred Friday at the Holiday Inn, 5733 A, not the Hilton.

The erroneous address was reported from a Jacksonville, Fla., police officer's office that the Hilton.

Mr. Kohn told the States-Item.