Hopes to Address Jury Sapir Seeks Kohn Probe

Councilman Eddie L. Sapir said today he hopes to go before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury Thursday to discuss what he calls attempts by Aaron M. Kohn to intimidate public officials "through irresponsible and vile charges."

Kohn, managing director of the Metropolitan Crime Commission, appeared before the City Council yesterday in connection with a bingo ordinance and cited "continuous contact" between Sapir and Jefferson Parish rackets figure Carlos Marcello.

SAPIR, WHO DENIES any connection, said he will meet with Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison at 1 p.m. Wednesday to talk about the Kohn allegations. Sapir said earlier he would ask the DA to investigate Kohn's actions. The MCC director yesterday asked the council to hold a hearing on contacts between Sapir and Marcello.

Kohn called for the hearing during a stormy debate on a proposal to legalize charitable bingo. The council deferred a vote on the ordinance until Nov. 7.

THE COMMUNITY, said Kohn, would like to know whether Sapir ". . . is primarily interested in the public interest or in the interest of persons with whom he happens to be particularly close."

"And I'm referring specifically to persons who have in the past benefited in organized crime in the operation of bingo games. I refer specifically to Carlos Marcello, Joseph Marcello, Sammy Marcello and Vincent Marcello." At the time, Sapir denied

the charges and said: "You could never prove anything like that." COUNCILMAN PHILLIP C.

BULLETINS

MOSCOW (AP)—Soviet and Czechoslovak leaders ended their Moscow talks Friday with an agreement to sign a treaty on the "temporary stationing" of some Warsaw Pact troops in Czechoslovakia. An official communique said that "the withdrawal of the other troops will be carried out by stages."

PARIS (DJ) — Communist China has quietly withdrawn thousands of technical and parliamentary personnel from North Vietnam in recent months, qualified Western diplomats reported. The sources said their information was based on material received and pooled by more than one Western government. Ciaccio also attacked Kohn, calling his remarks "character assassination." He said there is no place for remarks such as Kohn's "in the halls of this building."

In a statement last night, Sapir said, "Mr. Kohn knows that he deliberately lied and that his insinuations are totally unfounded. This is not the first time Mr. Kohn irresponsibly attacked public officials."

Mentioning "unfounded attacks" by Kohn on Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison and Councilman Moon Landrieu, Sapir added, "It is high time that Mr. Kohn's attempts to intimidate public officials through irresponsible and vile charges be investigated.

"IT IS MY intention to bring Mr. Kohn's actions to See. COUNCIL- Page 22

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the attention of the district attorney and grand jury."

On another matter, the council passed an ordinance by Councilman John Petre that would require public advertisements for bids when a lease of over a year is proposed for city property. The measure also requires a threeweek layover in the council of motions to grant such leases.

The council also heard several Negro leaders protest what they consider inadequate representation on the Community Improvement Agency.

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