

Jury to Hear Sapir Charges Against Kohn

City Councilman Eddie Sapir was scheduled to appear before the Orleans Parish grand jury this afternoon to be questioned on his charge that he was publicly intimidated during a City Council hearing on a controversial bingo ordinance.

A dispute between Sapir and Aaron M. Kohn, managing director of the Metropolitan Crime Commission, was placed before the grand jury by District Attorney Jim Garrison.

KOHN CHARGED during the hearing that Sapir has had "continuous contacts" with rackets figure Carlos Marcello.

Sapir countered that Kohn is a "wicked and malicious liar."

The councilman said he wants Kohn to testify specifically on two points:

- 1) Proof of the accusation that the councilman's interest in a bingo ordinance pending before the City Council is not in the interest of the public but in the interest of "the Marcello family."

- 2) Proof of the accusation that "I have continuous contact."

THE CLASH arose when an ordinance was offered by Councilman James A. Moreau that would allow charitable bingo. The Legislature approved a bill in its recent session that would allow Orleans Parish to legalize this type of bingo provided the City Council approves it.