

## Letters to the Editor

### Editorial on Bingo Draws MCC Response

Editor, States-Item:

We wish to clarify an apparent misunderstanding reflected in your editorial of Oct. 11 titled "Keep the Bingo Question Separate."

You referred to "a dispute among personalities . . . between Councilman Eddie Sapir and Aaron Kohn. . . ."

Mr. Kohn is not engaged in a personal dispute. As managing director of the Metropolitan Crime Commission, he speaks in this matter for, and upon authority of, the executive committee.

It was the Metropolitan Crime Commission that requested the City Council to conduct a public hearing into possible effect of Councilman Sapir's association with Carlos Marcello, and others, on his participation in the legalized bingo decision.

The questions to be answered by Mr. Sapir cannot "be weighed entirely apart" from the City Council's bingo decision, because they relate directly to possible influences which might affect Mr. Sapir's ability to weigh this decision objectively and impartially.

Carlos Marcello, and some of his associates, have been offi-

cially identified as major racketeers in organized crime. Racketeers infiltrated and corrupted legalized bingo in New York state. The New Orleans Police Department has warned that if bingo is legalized here "someone is going to try to monopolize it because of the profits involved . . . opening the door to a serious burden on law enforcement in the community."

Councilman Sapir has partly admitted, but has not explained to the public, his association with some of the Marcellos.

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*George Wallace doesn't like pseudo-intellectuals who carry briefcases. How about intellectuals who carry pseudo-briefcases?*  
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*Hubert Humphrey feels he has turned the corner. It remains to be seen in which direction.*  
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We believe it would be a disservice to the community for the City Council to take any further action on the bingo ordinance until it has first clarified the meaning of Mr. Sapir's relationship to members of an organization which dominated, and probably still dominates, illegal gambling.

DR. J. D. GREY,  
President.

### Louisiana Should Have Compulsory Liability

Slidell, La.

Editor, States-Item:

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