

Intimidation 'No Issue' in Kohn Case

The indictment of Aaron M. Kohn, managing director of the Metropolitan New Orleans Crime Commission, in no way fell under the definition of public intimidation, Criminal District Court Judge Edward A. Haggerty Jr., said yesterday.

In written reasons for his action in quashing the indictment of Kohn, Judge Haggerty said he failed to see "where there is any use of violence, force or threats" by Kohn against Councilman Eddie L. Sapir in a statement by Kohn on Oct. 3.

"At best it is a mere accusation that he (Sapir) may or may not have companionship with certain members of the community," said the judge.

Kohn, in the Oct. 3 statement, questioned Sapir's motives in deliberating on a proposed charity bingo ordinance, and alleged a "rather continuous and close" relationship between Sapir and Carlos Marcello.

The defense alleged the indictment should be thrown out because there was no allegation of violence, force or threats. The state contended the statement quoted in the indictment did contain threats.

During World War II, the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution were wrapped in special acid-free paper, sealed in bronze containers packed in rock wool box, and were taken to a three-year exile in the gold-billion vaults at Ft. Knox, Ky.