

'La. Exit' Story Denied by Partin

BATON ROUGE (AP)—Local Teamsters Union leader Edward Grady Partin has denied a report that he wants to leave Louisiana and Gov. John McKeithen is trying to help him go.

Partin, head of Teamsters Local 5 here, said in an interview yesterday he was "flabbergasted" at the report in the New Orleans States-Item from its Baton Rouge bureau.

The newspaper said Partin offered to leave the state if he could sell his interest in the Baton Rouge International Speedway, and that McKeithen had interceded to help him find a buyer.

Partin said he had an interest in the auto race track—the lease on the land—but sold it two or three years ago.

He said he has been considering a public relations job in Alabama, but the newspaper report "has about made me decide that I want to stay here."

"I don't think the gover-

nor made those statements. If the governor is that interested in my leaving, I might stay here."

The newspaper said McKeithen was reportedly anxious to see Partin leave Louisiana, and was informed by Sen. Jamar Adcock of Monroe that Partin would leave the state if he could find a buyer for his \$250,000 interest in the speedway.

Partin has been the target of state and federal anti-racketeering probes and was the government's chief witness in the jury tampering trial of Teamsters President James Hoffa.

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