

Haggerty's Case Eyed by State Panel

The Judiciary Commission of Louisiana will meet Tuesday to consider whether to look into the case of the vice raid in which Criminal Dist. Court Judge Edward Haggerty Jr. was arrested, it was reported today.

A high source said the ethics agency will decide at that time whether to hold a hearing on the incident.

A spokesman for the judiciary commission declined to comment on the report, saying the commission's proceedings are supposed to be confidential.

The ethics hearing would remain confidential unless it recommends the judge be removed from the bench.

The Dec. 17 raid at a New Orleans motel resulted in the arrest of Haggerty and 16th others. Haggerty was charged with obscenity, resisting arrest and soliciting for prostitutes, but he was acquitted at his trial last Monday.

Letters

Water Pollution

Shidell, La.

Editor, States-Item:

It is alleged by Thomas Sneed of the Louisiana Shrimp Association that fishing industries are being threatened by dumping of chemical wastes from barges during the night at locations closer to shore than permitted by law enacted to protect fishing and shore communities.

Probably so, but who does anything about it? Why doesn't Louisiana have a marine patrol arrest the violaters? Isn't it time for some people to stop using a crying towel?

W. P. S.

Lengthy Anchorage

Editor, States-Item:

I moved to New Orleans six months ago and enjoy watching ships in the general anchorage area of the Mississippi River adjacent to Gen. Meyer Avenue in Algiers.

The "Falmouth" (of Wilmington, Del.) has been alongside the levee for at least seven months. Why isn't this vessel in use and can ships anchor there for as long as they please?

Robert E. Walker

(Editor's Note: We are advised that the "Falmouth" is involved in a civil dispute and, thus, is not in use. But ships may anchor at the general anchorage for as long as they please — and at no charge.)

Defends DA

Editor, States-Item:

On Jan. 23, you printed a letter from R. P. Starnes. He criticized Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison for not assuming the many problems confronting this community. He went on to criticize the district attorney's Kennedy assassination probe.

When will all this end, Mr.

Starnes? The district attorney's office is confronting the problems of our community. As far as the Kennedy probe, I think New Orleans spoke when Mr. Garrison was put back in office. We want to know how our President died and why. The Warren Commission has already stated that Lee Harvey Oswald killed President Kennedy. This is what will be printed in the history books. This is what our children will study, thanks to the federal government.

Well, this is one New Orleanian who has followed the district attorney's investigation from the start and will continue until the finish.

My children will know that Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison had evidence of a conspiracy plot in his community to kill the President of the United States.

My children will know that Mr. Garrison did what any other honest and responsible district attorney would do in his position to conduct an investigation, regardless of strong opposition. . .

One more thing, Mr. Starnes. One does not elect a district attorney to enhance the image and prestige of the community. We have a mayor who does that.

Mrs. B. J. McCollister

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