

**OPPOSES 'GUIDELINES'****NEA Mix Monitors Hit by McKeithen**

Gov. John J. McKeithen said here yesterday he objects to plans by the National Education Association to send monitors to oversee school desegregation in Louisiana.

He said he opposes the whole idea of federal guidelines for desegregation.

"We've made a lot of progress in race relations in Louisiana in the last five or six years," he said, "and we're hopeful that what they are doing now doesn't destroy it. It's hurt us badly in many sections of our state already."

**SPEAKING TO** newsmen following his testimony in the federal court hearing of a suit by Life magazine reporter David Chandler, McKeithen said he does not predict violence in Louisiana schools this fall, but would not characterize the opening of public schools in the state as "calm," since large numbers of whites have been boycotting schools in some parishes.

Earlier, in brief remarks before entering the Wild Life and Fisheries Commission building, the governor said he would have a statement within a few days on state Racing Commissioner Tom Ashy, who has placed bets with bookies and has admitted friendship with a brother of rackets figure Carlos Marcello.

The governor added, however, that "there hasn't been one scintilla of evidence produced anywhere that makes Mr. Ashy a bookie or a part of organized crime, or that any influence was ever out on him in any way to influence any decisions he makes on the Racing Commission."

**TUESDAY'S** court session produced a taped statement by state Adj. Gen. David Wade recommending that Ashy be immediately removed from the commission.

McKeithen called Chandler's

suit "just another effort by Life magazine to avoid appearing under oath." Chandler, author of an April 10 Life article alleging Mafia influence in state government, filed the suit in an attempt to quash a subpoena issued to him by the legislative committee investigating organized crime.

McKeithen said the state voluntarily made records available to Chandler in the past but would not do so in the future because "we have found that Mr. Chandler's use of those records and his reporting of those records are not factually correct."

**DURING HIS** nine years on the Public Service Commission, four years in the legislature and six years as governor, McKeithen said, he has "never felt the least suspicion" of influence being exerted by organized crime in Louisiana.

He said he would not drop his suit against Life magazine, even if Chandler agreed to testify before the legislative committee investigating Life's charges of Mafia influence in state government. "That Life magazine article damaged us terribly," McKeithen said.

He cited the magazine for what he called "hypocrisy" in choosing to "smear Louisiana while making no such allegations against Mafia operations in New York."