

MAFIA PROBERS MEET THURSDAY

Lawyer Pushes Marcello Recall

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Legislative Mafia committee attorney Gordon Kean said today a reappearance by Carlos Marcello before his committee would be "desirable and might even be required."

Kean said, however, a decision on recalling the rackets figure to testify before the committee would have to be made by committee members later this week.

"There have been some additional questions which have occurred to me personally concerning Mr. Marcello's testimony before the committee," said Kean, "and it might be desirable and even required that we call him before the group again."

"THAT KIND of decision, however, must be made by the committee itself and I haven't discussed it with them," he added.

Marcello testified before the committee three weeks ago and swore he has nothing to do with organized crime in Louisiana.

Articles in Life magazine have accused the 60-year-old Marcello of influencing state

government through his alleged underworld activities.

One question Kean said occurred to him concerns charges contained in a Reader's Digest article on organized crime in Louisiana in which it was said Marcello used Gov. John McKeithen's name as a reference on an insurance policy.

THE ATTORNEY also said "other" details had been brought to his attention since Marcello's appearance, which might warrant asking him to re-testify.

Kean also disclosed the Mafia committee plans "a full and in depth" hearing into Marcello's Churchill Farms property and its operation.

The land figured prominently in the Life article as recipient of favors from local and state officials, particularly regarding drainage projects on the sprawling tract of land south of Westwego.

Marcello denied getting favors for the property in the earlier hearing but Kean said an entire committee session will be held in mid-October to delve into the Churchill Farms matter completely.

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Churchill Farms matter, the committee might be required to resubpoena Marcello to appear," Kean said, "depending on what is uncovered in those hearings."

The Mafia committee will hold its next meetings Thursday and Friday in Baton Rouge.

Kean said a number of witnesses will be called to testify about what they know concerning Churchill Farms but he refused to release the names until they are subpoenaed.