

**DIDN'T KNOW, MCC CHIEF SAYS****Marcello-Linked Sale Aired**

The president of the Metropolitan Crime Commission, whose building materials firm has been accused of doing business with a racketeer figure Carlos Marcello, said today he was not aware of the \$93.86 transaction when it occurred in October, 1969.

James P. Schwartz, principal officer of Jimco Corp., said an employe of his firm handled the telephone sale of ready-made concrete to the Town and Country Motel. Schwartz said he did not become aware of the sale until the following month.

AT THE SAME time that Schwartz explained the dealings of his firm with the Town and Country Motel, the 17-member board of the Metropolitan Crime Commission renewed its demand that Regional Planning Commission chairman Joe D. Lindsay, who the MCC says has been associated with Marcello, hand in his resignation.

Lindsay's relationship with Marcello came to light when the RPC chairman wrote a character reference for Marcello after the racketeer figure

was convicted of assault on an FBI agent.

The MCC then said a further reason for Lindsay to resign is that he worked for a number of years as sales manager for the real estate firm of J. Folse Roy, who is partner of Marcello's in the large West Bank tract known as Churchill Farms. Roy also has represented Marcello in other real estate transactions.

**ROY COUNTERED** that many persons in the New Orleans area had dealings in some form with Marcello. He told of the sale of building materials to the Town and Country Motel by Schwartz's firm. Roy also said Lindsay had no direct contact with Marcello while employed by Roy's firm.

In its statement today, the MCC held that "the basic issue of the controversy remains unresolved."

"In our opinion, Mr. Lindsay's relationship with both Carlos Marcello and J. Folse Roy disqualifies him from continuing to serve in the official capacity of chairman and member of the Regional Planning Commission.

"It is our belief that Mr.

Lindsay's attempt to influence Mr. Marcello's assault sentence destroys public confidence that he can make impartial decisions relative to the vast property interests of Mr. Marcello and Mr. Roy.

"Mr. Roy's public statement in defense of Lindsay gives further emphasis to their mutual obligations and loyalties."