

Not Near End In Crime Probe --Gallinghouse

U.S. Attorney Gerald J. Gallinghouse said yesterday that "many, many more matters" are expected to be brought before the federal grand jury called to investigate organized crime in Louisiana, and that investigations will go on for at least 18 more months.

The U.S. attorney, addressing the Press Club's Newsmaker Luncheon, declined to speculate on other arrests in addition to that of New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison, who is charged with nine others in illegal pinball machine activities.

"Anyone who violates the federal law is going to be prosecuted," Gallinghouse declared. Those who condemn the national government and try to hoodwink the people into believing it . . . are perpetrating a monstrous fraud on the people of this state."

Gallinghouse urged the people of the state to demand honest government. He said the state has "an excellent criminal code" regarding malfeasance in office, duress, office holding and other laws pertaining to public office that fit many of the situations in this state like a glove."

He lambasted "demigods" in Louisiana who make appeals to the voters that the federal authorities are intruding in state affairs.

"Those who get up and preach states' rights should have their sincerity questioned when it pertains to law enforcement," he said. "They will not deter us one bit. It is full speed ahead."

The federal prosecutor said it is my myth that organized crime exists in Louisiana and that Louisiana has more than its share of political corruption and obstruction of law enforcement.

Gallinghouse indicated he will keep close scrutiny on federal programs conducted in Louisiana "to guarantee that federal funds are being spent honestly." He declined to name any particular programs but said that all will be observed by his office. He confirmed that an investigation of the state Department of Education is continuing.

Asked why identity of certain witnesses appearing before the federal grand jury is kept secret, Gallinghouse said that some of the witnesses would not cooperate if their identity were revealed.

On the subject of pornography, Gallinghouse said that those distributing the hard core variety are "tampering with the soul of this nation and we've got to put a stop to it. We're going to hit them whenever they raise their heads in our jurisdiction."

Partin Retrial Date to Be Set In Montana

BILLINGS Mont. (AP) — U.S. Dist. Judge James F. Battin said today he would assume jurisdiction and file an order for a retrial of Louisiana Teamster official Edward Grady Partin "within the next two weeks." Partin, 46, is charged with three counts of violation of the Sherman Anti-Trust Act and two counts of extortion. A 16½-day trial with U.S. Dist. Judge W. D. Murray presiding in Butte ended in a mistrial.

Battin received the case after Murray withdrew because "government attorneys consider my presence would not contribute to further fair deliberation." Before withdrawing, Murray had set Nov. 1 as the date for a new trial.

Battin said Partin's new trial may have to be set further back than Nov. 1 because of a heavy schedule, which he said he has to rearrange to fit it in.

He said Butte would "not necessarily be the trial location" but did not say where the trial would be held.

"The trial location is usually at the discretion of the court," said Battin.