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Kohn Asks Ouster Of 'Political' DAs

Crime-fighter Aaron Kohn called yesterday for removal of judges and of district attorneys from partisan politics.

Kohn, the director of the Metropolitan Crime Commission, said performance of the attorney general of Louisiana and district attorneys for both Orleans and Jefferson Parish have shown the need for non-partisan selection of men for these offices.

"We need men who are not intent on doing favors for their friends, or trying to boost themselves into higher office," he said.

KOHN TOLD his Kiwanis Club audience that he takes a hard line on crime, and that he is alarmed by the rise in major crimes in the nation over the past ten years of 176 per cent—a rise that took place while the population was increasing by only 13 per cent.

He said violent crimes are up by 150 per cent while crimes against property have advanced by 180 per cent.

"That means each of us each year comes closer to being a victim of crime," said Kohn.

KOHN CALLED for an increase in the number of pa-

roles—a situation which he said would save the taxpayers millions, because the price of supervising a man outside of prison is only \$400 a year, compared with about \$4,000 a year to maintain a man in prison.

He said the officials at Angola say that prison is a potential Attica, but the prisoners recently were shipped there to relieve crowding in Parish Prison.

He said he would like to see laws which would make it more difficult for people to obtain "Saturday night specials"—the \$20 to \$25 handguns which are available to everybody, even former convicted armed robbers.

"**THIS IS REAL** serious when you realize that 52 per cent of all murders last year were committed with handguns," he said.

Kohn said there are some classes of criminals who are impossible to rehabilitate, and for whom society would do well to provide permanent imprisonment—particularly those who are involved in "Mafia-type organized crime."

He said this type of criminal answers only to the code of society, and therefore should be locked away forever.