N.O. Mob Probe By State Urged

City Investigator Asks Legislative Study

The legislative committee investigating organized crime in Louisiana has been asked to expand its probe to include New Orleans. It was learned Tuesday.

Ivor A. Trapolin, chairman of a special committee to study the organized crime problem in New Orleans, made the request in the letter to State Sen. Adrian G. Duplantier, chairman of the legislative committee.

"The area in which your committee was given to investigate, as I understand, says Trapolin's letter, "included not only state agencies, but parishes, towns and cities where organized crime has existed and remains. It certainly would be essential to take a look at largest city in our state and check what are the conditions prevailing."

With his letter Trapolin enclosed copies of various official reports he submitted while serving as chairman of former Mayor Victor H. Schiro's Advisory Committee on Crime and Delinquency as well as reports of Schiro's special committee on organized crime prepared earlier the year for the then incoming mayor, Moon Landrieu.

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Trapolin's letter was mailed last Thursday. He told The Times-Picayune Tuesday he has not heard from Duplantier regarding the letter.

In his letter, Trapolin cites 18 different areas which he says, records indicate, warrant investigation. These include several individuals who have made statements concerning organized crime in New Orleans whom Trapolin says the legislative committee should question.

He also cited a Sept. 3, 1959, report of the Orleans Parish Grand Jury which said that body found evidence of organized crime in New Orleans "primarily in the area of handbook betting, lay-off (wire service) operations, pinball machine gambling and to some extent..."