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DALEY SLEUTH COHEN STARTS 6th YEAR IN JOB

Hint He Will Get Nod for Judgeship

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JOHN N. Cohen, the city's \$24,000 commissioner of investigation, will begin his sixth year in office July 17. There are rumors in City hall it may be his last because the Democratic organization is reported ready to reward him with a judgeship in federal or state court.

The commissioner, a short, stocky, well tanned man, has offices at 64 E. Lake street. He rarely goes to City hall except to attend council meetings.

The last announced investigation referred to the commissioner by Mayor Daley was the case of the Twin Food Products company, 3250 Wentworth av. TRIBUNE reporters disclosed last February that it was operating without a city rendering license or a special zoning permit required by all slaughterhouses and rendering plants.

No Reports Yet

The mayor said that Cohen would make a complete investigation to determine how the establishment could have operated since 1957 without licenses.

Reporters who have asked for progress reports have been told by the mayor that he had not received a report from Cohen.

The commissioner twice has survived demands of anti-administration aldermen that his office be abolished. The latest such demand came during consideration of the 1961 budget

when Ald. John J. Hoellen 47th, objected to Cohen's salary being raised from \$22,500 and pointed out that J. Edgar Hoover, head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, receives only \$22,000 a year and Alan Dulles, head of the Central Intelligence agency, receives \$21,000.

Probes Confidential

The earlier demand for an investigation of the commission-

er and his department was buried by a council subcommittee in 1958 when the Corporation Council John C. Metaniphy told the aldermen that Cohen's investigations were confidential and his activities could be discussed only with the mayor.

Before he became head of the investigation department, Cohen was chief counsel for the now defunct city council emergency committee on crime.