

# Judge Seeks to Clamp on the Lid Roundup of Witnesses in La. Prosecution

**NEW ORLEANS, March 28** — Dist. Atty. J. Garrison's investigation into the assassination of President Kennedy reached into Virginia and Nebraska today with arrest orders for two witnesses who have challenged Mr. Garrison's findings.

New Orleans courts have ordered the arrest of Sandra Moffit, now Sally Mae McMaines, the wife of an Omaha, Neb., minister; and Gordon Novel, a lounge operator who says he has taken a lie detector test to prove that Mr. Garrison's investigation is a fraud. Latest reports said he was in Virginia.

### BOND

The order for Mrs. McMaines was signed yesterday and her bond was set at \$5000. Mr. Novel's arrest was ordered last week, with bond set at \$50,000.

The two challenged testimony by Mr. Garrison's top witness and apparently are also wanted by attorneys for alleged conspirator Clay L. Shaw.

Perry R. Russo, the state's star witness, testified at a preliminary hearing that he attended a party at the late David W. Ferrie's apartment with a "Sandy" Moffit the night Mr. Shaw, Mr. Ferrie and Lee Harvey Oswald allegedly plotted the President's death.

The Orleans Parish (county) grand jury indicted Mr. Shaw for conspiracy in the case.

Mrs. McMaines told a newsman in Omaha last week she had been a friend of Mr. Russo and was known in New Orleans at the time as Sandy Moffit. However, she denied attending a party at Mr. Ferrie's apartment in September, 1963. Mrs. McMaines said she did not meet Mr. Ferrie until 1965.

In other developments yesterday

Judge Edward A. Haggerty Jr., who will preside at Mr. Shaw's trial, advised the District Attorney's office and defense attorneys not to make any further public statements regarding Mr. Shaw's innocence or guilt or regarding evidence in the case.

Mr. Novel, who left town ahead of a subpoena, challenged Mr. Garrison to take a lie detector test to prove the investigation was not a politically motivated fraud.

Steve Plotkin, Mr. Novel's attorney, moved to reduce his client's \$50,000 bail so he could return to New Orleans without going to jail.

Mark Lane, outspoken critic of the Warren Commission report, arrived in New Orleans to discuss the case with Mr. Garrison's office.

Atty. David R. Kroman told a Bismarck, N.D., judge he had documents that proved President Kennedy was assassinated by someone other than Lee Harvey Oswald.

Mr. Kroman was committed to a mental institution yesterday after he testified at an unrelated trial of his alleged harassment. One of 17 defendants in a \$3 million insurance fraud, told a

U.S. District Court judge he was forced off a highway yesterday morning as he drove here with documents that "tend to prove or in some cases do prove that (Lee Harvey) Oswald did not assassinate Kennedy and that other persons did."

Judge Edward Devitt promptly declared a mistrial of Mr. Kroman's portion of the trial and ordered the defendant committed.

"There is reasonable cause to believe that Kroman may be insane or otherwise so mentally incompetent that he is unable to assist in his own defense," Judge Devitt said.

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