## Jolly Green Giant' log

## Case full

## of CIA men

## homosexuals

Political futures from the White House down may well be determined by the actions of a pipe-smoking, pistol-packing prosecutor in Louisiana.

Early in the coming national election year six-feet-six, 240-pound New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison is to bring to trial wealthy and prominent retired businessman Clay Shaw on charges of conspiracy to assassinate President John F. Kennedy.

No matter the outcome of the Shaw case, the publicity generated will be felt at the highest levels of public office just as the 1968 national election compaigns are getting

up steam.
Garrison makes the blanket accusation that Washington, especially the super-secret CIA, has impeded his assassination investigation by withholding vital evidence.

Under established policy, the CIA never answers such allegations-but President Lyndon B. Johnson and his administration eventually must-after the Shaw trial.

Until then, politicans in office, not altogether excluding Republicans, find the New Orleans affair a frustrating embarassment without precedent in time of election.

While the Shaw trial is pending, none can speak out in reply to Garrison for the simple

recon that any statement could be interpreted as an act prejudicial to a case in court. Garrison, of course, is laying this politi-

cal-life on the line. Louisiana political powers, including Democratic Sen. Russell Long and Gov. John McKeithen, are backing the burly New Orleans prosecutor.

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"The Jolly Green Giant," as he's been tabbed, charges that among conspirators involved in the Kennedy assassination were anti-Castro fanatics who had been in training under the CIA for a new attempt to involve Communist Cuba and assassinate dictator Fidel Castro.

They turned on President Kennedy, according to Garrison, when he ordered the CIA to cool it because he was working for better relations between Soviet Russia, the US and Cuba.

One of Garrison's secret witnesses is a character named Donold (spelled with an "o") P. Norton, 35, who claims he was gay for the CIA—i.e., he recruited easily impressed homosexuals into "volunteer" service for the agency.

He bluntly charges that accused assassin Lee Harvey Oswald "was an employee of the CIA." On assignments for the CIA, Norton claims, he also met the 54-year-old Clay Shaw and David William Ferrie, bizarre homosexual figure who died before Garrison could arrest him.

Ferrie was questioned by federal authorities immediately after the assassination, but nothing ever came of it. Garrison charges the government is suppressing the record of that questioning.

Garrison also ties in Jack Ruby, the Dallas strip joint operator, who killed Oswald. As a sidelight, the prosecutor says that Oswald, Ferrie and Ruby had one thing in common--all were homosexuals.

Naturally, he will not completely answer the question that most people ask: "Does Garrison really have anything? If so, What?" He necessarily must dodge those questions so he won't give away his case for court.

It's a moot question for President Johnson. He and his administration shoulder the responsibility for acts of the government, including the silent service, CIA.

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