

Reagan Refuses to Extradite L.A. Man in Garrison Probe

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Gov. Reagan refused Friday to extradite Edgar Eugene Bradley, a 50-year-old North Hollywood man, to New Orleans to stand trial on a charge of conspiring to assassinate John F. Kennedy.

Gov. Reagan's decision, which came nearly 11 months after New Orleans Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison formally charged Bradley, was announced in Sacramento.

A short time later, Municipal Court Judge Joan Dempsey Klein dismissed a fugitive complaint pending here against Bradley since last Christmas season.

The governor said his decision was based upon insufficient showing by Louisiana that Bradley had been in that state between August, 1963, and Nov. 22, 1963, as was charged in the extradition papers.

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Ever since Garrison's charge Dec. 20, Bradley has steadfastly maintained that he had no knowledge of the assassination, knew none of the others implicated by Garrison and was in his North Hollywood home on Nov. 22, 1963, when Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas.

Garrison claimed that not only was Bradley in Dallas the day Kennedy was shot but that he plotted the assassination both there and in New Orleans.

Represents Evangelist At the extradition hearing in Sacramento more than five months ago, Bradley's attorney presented a detailed documentation of his client's steps for several months before the Dallas slaying.

Attorney George Jensen's presentation appeared to demolish nearly all of Garrison's contentions while clearing Bradley.

West Coast representative for fundamentalist radio evangelist Dr. Carl McIntire.

While Garrison has issued numerous subpoenas for persons he claimed had knowledge of a plot to kill President Kennedy, Bradley was only the second individual charged by the Louisiana prosecutor since his controversial investigation became public knowledge two years ago.

The other is Clay L. Shaw, 55, New Orleans civic leader, arrested there March 1, 1967.

Shaw's attorneys so far have successfully stalled Garrison's efforts to try him. The case is on appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court, the result of a suit against Garrison charging him with violating Shaw's civil rights.

Lengthy Hearing Held

Edwin Meese, Reagan's legal affairs secretary, presided over a lengthy extradition hearing in June. Consideration of guilt or innocence was not involved, said Meese, only "the requirement of the extradition law."

However, Meese said:

"Louisiana officials were given the opportunity to present witnesses to substantiate allegations (about Bradley) . . . but declined to do so."

"Naturally, I'm pleased," said Bradley, of 12208 Emelita St., upon learning about the governor's decision. "Now I challenge Mr. Garrison. If he is sincere, to come out here and question me to his heart's content."

Previously, Bradley had said he feared he would be "framed" if he had to stand trial in Louisiana and that his life might be endangered if he were extradited.

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