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SEN. LONG LAUDS EFFORTS OF DA

'Doing His Duty' Says La. Solon in Broadcast

Sen. Russell B. Long told the nation Sunday that he feels District Attorney Jim Garrison is doing "what a district attorney should do" in his probe into an alleged New Orleans-based plot to assassinate President John F. Kennedy.

Giving his views on the nationally-broadcast television program "Face the Nation," Sen. Long added that the murder of Kennedy in Dallas, Tex. on Nov. 22, 1963 "was not a crime against federal law. It was a crime against the law of Louisiana; it was a crime against the law of Texas."

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Long said the Warren Commission had reached a logical conclusion, on the basis of the information available to them, but that since then more information has come to light.

He cited Garrison's announcement Friday of the discovery of a number found in the papers of both Lee Harvey Oswald and retired New Orleans business man Clay L. Shaw, charged by Garrison with conspiracy.

Garrison claims the number was a coded version of an unlisted telephone number — that of Jack Ruby, the man who killed Oswald in the Dallas police headquarters in full view of millions of television viewers.

"I think that you would say it was somewhat strange," Long said, "that those two men whom Garrison says were in conspiracy both had that number listed in their papers."

Long said, in answer to a question, that he had encouraged Garrison's interest in the assassination.

"Jim Garrison asked me why I had made the statement publicly that I had always doubted that Oswald acted alone," Long explained. "I said that it had never seemed to me that Oswald was that good a shot to fire a shot from any 90 yards away at a moving target."

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Long said he doubts also that Oswald's rifle was good enough, or that he could have fired shots in quick succession with increasing accuracy, especially with a bolt-action rifle.

A carefully phrased question about Garrison's political future was interpreted head-on by Long, who said, "You mean he might want to run for my job?"

"I think that everybody ought to do what his duty requires," Long answered, "and if you do the job that the people elect you to do and you do what's right as your conscience sees it, the elections tend to take care of themselves."

Lane and Novel Meeting Is Brief

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — A meeting involving two figures in controversies surrounding the assassination of President Kennedy took place in downtown Columbus Sunday but apparently they only agreed in anger to disagree.

Jerry Weiner, counsel for Gordon Novel, said his client met in a downtown office building with Mark Lane, author of the controversial book, "Rush to Judgment." The book was one of the first challenging the validity of the Warren Commission report.

Novel is fighting extradition to New Orleans where District Atty. Jim Garrison wants him as a witness in connection with an alleged plot in New Orleans to kill the President. Novel has branded the Garrison probe a hoax.

Weiner said the meeting was arranged at the request of Lane and that it involved mostly questioning of Novel by Lane. When

Novel started to question Lane, the author refused to answer, Weiner said.

"It all ended very abruptly. He just got up and walked out," Weiner added.

Both men talked with reporters after the meeting with each criticizing the other and making accusations.

Novel branded Lane as a "publicity man for Jim Garrison" and asserted he is "doing propaganda work for the district attorney."

Lane charged that a sodium pentothal test given Novel in Columbus a few weeks ago was "rigged." He also attacked Weiner and said he was guilty of "conduct unbecoming to an attorney."

Novel showed up in Columbus shortly after Garrison listed him being one of the persons he wanted as a witness in his conspiracy probe. Louisiana authorities are seeking his extradition in connection with a burglary charge but papers recently were sent back because of what the governor's office said were errors.

Lane stopped in Columbus on his way to Granville, Ohio, to make a speech at Denison University.



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