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**Will Continue Backing  
D.A. in Probe**

District Atty. Jim Garrison has spent \$9,032 collected by a group of businessmen to sponsor his investigation into the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

The group, now called "Truth and Consequences of New Orleans Inc.," according to one of its founders, automobile dealer Willard E. Robertson, has put up \$9,418 since it was organized in February. Cash balance on hand is \$336, said Robertson.

Robertson's group, forced to reveal all of its members and financial records by order of Criminal District Court Judge Edward A. Haggerty Jr. at a Monday hearing, will continue to provide money for Garrison as long as he needs it, said Robertson.

**BACK GARRISON**

The court order will not force any of the group's members to back out, according to Robertson. "All of us are proud of Jim Garrison and are still behind him 100 per cent," said Robertson.

Gov. John J. McKeithen and the Metropolitan Crime Commission also commented on various aspects of the Garrison investigation Friday.

McKeithen again expressed doubt that Gordon Novel will ever be extradited from Ohio as a witness and said that Texas Gov. John Connally has requested that Sergio Arcacha-Smith of Dallas, another reluctant witness, be returned to Louisiana under the Uniform Witness Act rather than as a fugitive on a burglary conspiracy charge.

**TEXT OF LETTER**

The Metropolitan Crime Commission urged Attorney Gen. Jack P. F. Gremillion to investigate charges that Garrison's office attempted to bribe and intimidate a witness. The letter from the MCC was signed by

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president E. C. Upton Jr. and managing director Aaron M. Kohn.

Here is the text of the letter: "We are calling upon you to act in accordance with authority and responsibility vested in you by Article Seven of the Louisiana Constitution and Article 62 of the State Code of Criminal Procedure.

"The May 15, 1967, Issue of Newsweek Magazine published specific allegations that investigators employed by the Orleans Parish District Attorney had attempted to bribe and intimidate a witness in connection with a pending prosecution.

"We are not an agency of government, therefore do not presume to conclude either guilt or innocence from the data in our possession. However, we consider it our public obligation to assume that any persons accused of crime, including personnel of a district attorney's office, shall be processed in an orderly manner, to determine innocence or guilt, by governmental agencies and procedures created for that purpose.

"We urge that your office promptly undertake appropriate steps to investigate, and to either prosecute or exonerate the officers against whom these accusations are now a matter of public record.

"It is our firm belief the action here requested is critically essential to the rights and interests of the people of Louisiana."

**MAGAZINE ARTICLE**

Gremillion was reported out of his office for the weekend when a reporter sought to ask him what his office planned to do about the MCC request.

The Newsweek article claimed that Garrison's aides, particularly Lynn Loisel, a New Orleans policeman assigned to Garrison's office, offered Alvin Dubouef \$3,000 and a job if he would help back up Garrison's conspiracy charges.

Garrison said he would have no comment either on Connally's letter to McKeithen or on the MCC charge.

If Smith should be brought back on the reciprocal witness act, he would have immunity from arrest of any charge. Gov. Connally told Gov. McKeithen he would hold the extradition request in abeyance.

**DENY RIFT**

Robertson denied reports he and Garrison had a recent rift. Instead, said Robertson, he and Garrison had conferred for over two hours on various matters, including renaming the controversial businessman's group.

Garrison was quoted by Robertson as saying, "Since Mr. (attorney Dean A.) Andrews has seen fit to steal the title of T&C, for obscure purposes of his own, we are changing the title of our organization to Truth, Inc. We are going to leave the consequences to Mr. Andrews."

But Robertson said it was later decided to go with the full title of "Truth and Consequences of New Orleans, Inc." to avoid confusion. The new name, he said, has now been properly registered with the Secretary of State in Baton Rouge. Andrews had sneaked in ahead of the group and reserved the original name for himself.

**SUIT WITHDRAWN**

Robertson admitted Andrews was in his rights taking over the old name and added that one of the T&C members was "remiss in his duties" not reserving the name. He said the group will legally incorporate under its new name.

The latter businessman also commented on the withdrawal of a \$50 million suit against the group and Garrison by Novel. "Either the \$50 million suit had no basis to begin with, or Mr. Novel was willing to pay a very heavy price to keep from coming back to New Orleans," said Robertson.

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Novel's New Orleans attorney, Steven Plotkin, formally withdrew the suit in federal court Friday and it was dismissed without prejudice—meaning it can be refiled. Novel withdrew the suit because Federal District Judge James A. Comiskey ruled Novel would have to return here to file a deposition.

#### Motion to Dismiss Andrews Suit Filed

City Attorney Alvin J. Liska moved Friday in federal district court to dismiss a \$100,000 damage suit filed by attorney Dean A. Andrews Jr. against District Attorney Jim Garrison. Andrews has been twice indicted by the Orleans Parish Grand Jury in connection with Garrison's investigation of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Andrews filed the suit shortly after pleading innocent to charges that he perjured himself when he gave testimony before the grand jury.

The attorney alleges that Garrison deprived him of his civil rights by compelling him to answer questions designed to trap him, full knowing that he had no knowledge of any conspiracy or any facts material to the president's assassination.

Liska set the motion to dismiss for July 24 at 10 a.m. before Federal District Judge Alvin B. Rubin.

His motion claims that the federal court lacks jurisdiction and that Andrews' complaint fails to state a claim upon which relief can be granted.