

Bradley Seeks Hearing to Stop La. Extradition

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Edgar Eugene Bradley, free on his own recognizance, sought an extradition hearing today to avoid a Louisiana trial in connection with the Kennedy assassination.

The final decision on whether the North Hollywood public relations man will be extradited apparently will lie with Gov. Ronald Reagan of California.

As his lawyer pledged to fight extradition "every inch of the way," Bradley surrendered yesterday on a fugitive complaint based on a warrant accusing him of conspiring to assassinate former President John F. Kennedy.

THE SURRENDER came six days after Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison of New Orleans ordered the warrant sent to Los Angeles. "Believe me, I don't have a thing to hide," said Bradley as he arrived with 20 friends in the office of Sheriff Peter J. Pitchess.

Bradley was arraigned

promptly in Municipal Court and released on his own recognizance. The hearing on the New Orleans fugitive complaint was continued to Jan. 29.

Bradley is the second person charged by Garrison in the 1963 assassination in Dallas, Tex. New Orleans businessman Clay L. Shaw is awaiting trial under an indictment of conspiracy to commit murder.

Bradley's attorney, George J. Jensen, told newsmen he had asked Reagan's legal affairs secretary for a "full-fledged" extradition hearing on the assumption that Louisiana Gov. John McKeithen will file a request that Bradley be brought to New Orleans for prosecution.

LATER A GROUP called the Citizens' Committee of Inquiry urged Reagan by letter to extradite Bradley to permit a trial of the case. The group claims it represents

20,000 Americans.

Bradley has denied any prior knowledge that Kennedy would be killed, saying he was on a bus between Oklahoma and El Paso, Tex., at the time of the assassination.

"I know I'm not guilty of any crime. God knows I'm not guilty. That's the important thing," Bradley said after his arraignment.

Bradley lives in North Hollywood. He and his wife have a daughter and a son.

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