

Shaw Trial Block Lashed By Garrison

District Attorney Jim Garrison today criticized a temporary restraining order blocking the conspiracy trial of Clay L. Shaw, calling the order outrageous and unprecedented interference by the federal government.

The order, issued yesterday by Federal District Judge Frederick J. R. Heebe, postpones indefinitely the trial of Shaw, accused of conspiring to kill President John F. Kennedy.

GARRISON, in a lengthy prepared statement, charged that the restraining order is just another example of the federal government's interference with his probe of the Kennedy assassination.

The DA said the federal government has a special interest in the outcome of the case because it does not want "it known that it conducted a fraudulent inquiry, using altered evidence and false evidence to fool the people of this country."

He called the conclusions of the Warren Commission fraudulent and said:

"Another reason that the federal government has a special interest in this case—and should therefore keep its large nose out of it — is the very deep involvement of agents of the Central Intelligence Agency.

"The concealment of the involvement of the CIA was the major objective of the false federal investigation and the false inquiry by the Warren Commission. Many peo-

ple in this country still do not know that the CIA—which is completely uncontrolled by Congress—has been engaged in the assassination business for some years," Garrison said.

Garrison said that the government has interfered with his probe in every conceivable way and that his office has not mentioned Shaw's name in any critical or derogatory way since his arrest.

HE SAID the federal courts have no jurisdiction whatsoever in the case and are part of a power play to interfere in matters before the state courts.

Shaw had been scheduled to go to trial June 11 on the charge which grew out of Garrison's probe.

Judge Heebe's order, handed down yesterday, restrains Garrison and his staff from prosecuting Shaw pending further orders from the court.

The order was sought in a suit filed Monday by Shaw's attorneys. The suit also asked that preliminary and permanent injunctions against Garrison and his staff be issued.

The suit also asked that the findings of the Warren Commission Report on the Kennedy assassination be declared valid and admissible as evidence to all courts in the country.

JUDGE HEEBE said Shaw's complaint raises "real issues of alleged deprivations of liberty through the actions of the state."

The complaint, read as a whole, Judge Heebe said, "presents much more than a recitation of isolated wrongs, but impugns the entire prosecution against the petitioner and attempts to raise the actions of the defendants, prior to and during the criminal proceedings, to the level of a concerted pattern of persecution of the petitioner and the wholesale and willful disregard of the petitioner's constitutional rights."

Judge Heebe said that because there is a likelihood that

Shaw "may prevail on the merits" and because Shaw's complaint attacks the constitutionality of various "pertinent Louisiana statutes, a three-judge court is required in this matter."

THE JUDGE said it would not be possible for such a court to be convened and a hearing concluded before the scheduled trial date.

Under federal procedure, Judge Heebe will now ask Chief Judge John R. Brown of the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals to designate two other judges to sit with him to hear the Shaw suit.

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