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Views on the Shaw Trial

Garrison Editorial

New Orleans.

Editor, The Times-Picayune:

Congratulations on the Garrison editorial. Our city would be improved if you published a few more frank, hard-hitting messages about our critical civic situations.

MACY O. TEETOR.

Hypnotism

New Orleans.

Editor, The Times-Picayune:

As president of Louisiana Chapter One, Association to Advance Ethical Hypnosis, I wish to comment on flagrant misconceptions that hypnotism has been exposed to during the Shaw trial. Our association exists to keep the public informed of the truths concerning hypnotism and to prevent anything from contributing to misguided beliefs about the science.

One witness claimed that hypnotism was "used" on him to "control" his mind against his will to bring about his financial ruin. He further stated he was hypnotized from a distance by the "catching of the eyes" and a lot of other unscientific absurdities of the Svengali-Raspoutine type that went out with mesmerism well over a hundred years ago.

For the record, a hypnotized person is never in anyone's power. One cannot be hypnotized unless he wants to, and one won't do anything while in hypnosis against his better judgment unless he wants to.

Another witness equated the title "hypnotist" with "shyster." We ethical hypnotists are proud of the title and to be part of a very scientific and honorable profession.

ELDON B. BONNET.

'Repudiation'

Dallas.

Editor, The Times-Picayune:

The prompt and unanimous jury acquittal in the Shaw trial was a long past due repudiation of your district attorney, Jim Garrison, and his "much ado about nothing." I trust during your next elections, the voters will confirm this deserved rejection.

CHAS. W. FERGUSON.

Hits Editorial

Jeff. Parish.

Editor, The Times-Picayune:

Your editorial on the front page was despicable. One man dared to question the Warren report and you saw fit to degrade him. Lucky you have a monopoly on newspapers; otherwise you could be certain of one less subscriber.

SAM E. LATHAM JR.

'Garrison's Duty'

New Orleans.

Editor, The Times-Picayune:

In your front page editorial of March 2, you stated, "We do not think that charges should ever have been preferred against Mr. Shaw". You condemn Mr. Garrison and state that his prosecution of the case was "improper." You evidently have forgotten that the evidence was presented to a

Grand Jury and that it was the Grand Jury and not Mr. Garrison which was responsible for the indictment of Shaw.

You have perhaps forgotten as well that three judges heard some of the evidence presented at a preliminary hearing which had been arranged for by Mr. Garrison's office and that the three judges held that there was indeed a prima-facie case against Clay Shaw for conspiracy to assassinate President Kennedy. At the conclusion of the state's case, Mr. Shaw's lawyers made a motion for a directed verdict of acquittal but Judge Haggerty refused that motion at that time and also at the conclusion of the entire case, stating by his very action that he believed that the prosecution had pre-

sented a prima-facie case against Mr. Shaw for conspiracy to assassinate President Kennedy.

With such evidence, regardless of the jury's verdict, it would have been improper for Mr. Garrison not to prosecute the case. Had he refrained from prosecuting the case he would have escaped the condemnation of the media that is now being visited upon him. At the same time he would be unable to take comfort, as he may now do, in the fact that he was motivated alone by principle.

Historians sometimes have a different way of viewing current events. The Scopes case, an "evolution trial" was a milestone in American legal history and perhaps in American

as well. Who can the brilliance of Clarence Darrow? But as that event faded into the past, most of us no longer recall that "struck" the case and that he was convicted for "convicted for" in Tennessee surprised if he had taken the position of half response to

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'Should Be Happy'

New Orleans.

Editor, The Times-Picayune:

Concerning your editorial of March 2, I don't agree with what you said. I honestly do not think Mr. Garrison would pick a name out of the clear blue sky just to disprove the Warren Commission Report. He must have had some reasons for picking Clay Shaw.

Mr. Garrison, seeing a job to be done, did it. Many people disagreed with the Warren Commission and wondered why they investigated ~~for~~ only a short time, but did not have the nerve to do anything about it.

We should be happy to have a district attorney who is doing something good for the city and the nation as well.

Maybe Lee Oswald acted alone and maybe the Warren Commission is right but it's time for us to realize that the federal government isn't infallible. Who knows, maybe it should be probed into.

LYNN ANN CHIMENTO.

'No Recourse'

New Orleans.

Editor, The Times-Picayune:

Your editorial "Justice, At Long Last" is timely, appropriate for the occasion, and well done. You are to be commended for such a forthright statement.

I agree with all the views you have expressed. . . . Only by indignant expressions against miscarriages of justice can we be assured this will not be repeated.

While I agree with your editorial, I must disagree that "Justice, At Long Last", has been served.

A man's character has been assassinated and his reputation and public image had been vilified, yet he has no recourse, under the law, to repair his reputation, redeem his character, and be compensated for the thousands of dollars such a debauchery and miscarriage of justice has cost him. . . .

JOHN J. FITZPATRICK.

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