

Around The Nation **Witness in JFK Probe**
Is Linked to CIA

NEW ORLEANS—Gordon Novel, sought as a witness in District Attorney Jim Garrison's investigation of the Kennedy assassination, worked for the Central Intelligence Agency in early 1961, Novel's attorney said yesterday.

The attorney, Steve Plotkin said Novel served as an intermediary between the CIA and anti-Castro Cubans in New Orleans and Miami before the April, 1961, Bay of Pigs invasion. Plotkin maintained, though, that Novel had "little or nothing to do with the Bay of Pigs invasion and certainly had absolutely nothing to do with the assassination of President Kennedy."

Garrison has charged that the CIA fomented a "monstrous coverup" to dupe the Warren Commission in its investigation of the assassination.

"Plotkin made his statement after the New Orleans States-Item said it had discovered a letter written by Novel apparently to a CIA official named "Mr. Weiss" and asking that he be taken "out of this mess" in March of this year.

Speck Appeal

CHICAGO — Defense attorneys for Richard Speck, urging that his sentence be delayed for 30 days, told a judge that the convicted murderer of eight nurses may be suffering from uncontrollable epileptic rages.

Attorney James J. Doherly said the defense learned only recently of the case of a convicted mur-



RICHARD SPECK
 ... seeks sentence delay

derer in New York who was sent to a mental institution on the strength of brain tests that determined he was suffering from a form of epilepsy that threw him into a "furor state."

Circuit Court Judge Herbert C. Paschen will rule today on the petition.

Bail Jumper

NEW YORK—A convicted member of a Nation-wide extortion ring that reportedly blackmailed hundreds of alleged homosexuals for more than \$1 million jumped bail in Federal court.

A bench warrant was immediately issued for the arrest of Sherman C. Kaminsky, 39, of Baltimore, when he forfeited \$25,000 bail and failed to show for sentencing.

Kaminsky pleaded guilty

last summer to a charge of using the mails in an interstate scheme to extort money from homosexuals. Police said he posed as a police officer in shaking down prominent men who had been lured into compromising situations.

Prison Underground

SAN QUENTIN, Calif.—San Quentin prison security officers discovered an 80-foot tunnel leading, in a somewhat circular fashion, to the century-old north wall.

The potential escape route was uncovered during a routine check of the Protestant chapel.

Prison officials said the tunnel went for about 40 feet directly toward the wall, then went parallel to the wall when it encountered solid rock.

"If they (prisoners) had kept going, they probably would have dug right back under the chapel in a circle," one official said.

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