

After he was brought to the station in New Orleans, Torres added, he was taken to Mr. Garrison's office and found the district attorney and several of his assistants drinking beer. He said Mr. Garrison had told him, "Have a couple of beers, Miguel," and then had begun showing him pictures of several Cubans and New Orleans residents.

Hypnosis Pressed

Torres said Garrison had given him a "rundown on each of them [the men in the photographs] and [kept] asking me if I knew them. I said, 'No.'"

At subsequent interrogation sessions, Torres went on, one member of Mr. Garrison's staff tried to persuade him to submit to hypnosis, and still another "stressed the point of going along with Mr. Garrison and reminded me how much Mr. Garrison could hurt me."

One of the interrogators, Mr. Torres said, "asked me if I knew Mr. Shaw. I said, 'No.' He said, 'Yes, you know Mr. Shaw. You frequented his house on Dauphine Street. You went to his sex parties. You better tell me, Miguel. You don't want to get the boss mad.'"

Torres, who moved to this country from Cuba in 1952 when he was 14 and was convicted of burglary in 1964, said the district attorney's staff seemed convinced that he had "been involved" in anti-Castro politics in the early 1960's in New Orleans and might have heard anti-Castro forces plotting to kill President Kennedy.

"But I wasn't involved in politics," Torres said. "At that time I had a \$120 to \$125 a day [narcotics] habit and was too busy stealing [in order to finance the habit] to have time for politics."

"Although they [Mr. Garrison and several of his staff members] had me over a barrel, it was immaterial," Torres continued. "I didn't want to frame anyone. I came to the conclusion that the only thing that I could do and have any principle as a man was to tell the truth."

Didn't Want to Get Involved
Cancler, the other convicted burglar, said he did not want to get involved in Mr. Garrison's investigation because he was "scared" of being connected with anything that big and important.

He told his story in a two-hour conversation in a visitors' room at the Orleans parish prison. He was dressed in a standard prison uniform, of blue denim and smoked an occasional Marlboro. Two days later, in the prison's records room, he wrote out the highlights of what he said were his dealings with Mr. Garrison's staff.

with committing a burglary on Nov. 6, and that he said he went to the district attorney's office, determined he was innocent and there was any way that the charges could be dropped.

He said he had been told that a member of Mr. Garrison's staff would get in touch with him later. The contact was made, he said, in mid-January.

At that time, he said, one of Mr. Garrison's aides drove him through the French Quarter of New Orleans, pointed to Mr. Shaw's house at 1313 Dauphine and, according to Cancler's statement, asked: "Do you think you could get in this house?"

Cancler said he asked why, and the investigator then told him: "I might want you to put something in there."

Cancler said that he had insisted on knowing "what's happening" and that the investigator had told him: "We're investigating the assassination of President Kennedy and we have reason to believe that the man [who] lives in that house had something to do with it."

According to Cancler, the investigator's attitude "changed completely in a belligerent sort of way after I refused to go along with the program."

Delay in Sentencing

And soon afterward, Cancler added, the district attorney's office took steps to bring him to trial. A jury convicted him Feb. 18 of simple burglary, but sentencing has been delayed in the case pending action on Cancler's request for a new trial.

Cancler made the request after another prisoner on his cell tier in New Orleans confessed to the burglary that led to Cancler's conviction.

The other prisoner, Donnell Carroll, 22, said in a signed statement that he and a friend named "Wolf," who lived on Eagle Street, had not only committed the burglary that led to Cancler's conviction,

but had also looted another house in the same block on the same night.

In a formal answer filed in an effort to block a new trial for Cancler, the district attorney's office said it had established that a man named Furrell (Wolf) Rhodes had once lived on Eagle Street. But the office said it had been unable to locate him.

The office said, however, that it doubted other parts of Carroll's story, and, as a result, planned to continue to press for a lengthy sentence for Cancler. Since Cancler's trial, the office has filed a "bill of information," pointing out that the Feb. 17 burglary conviction is Cancler's fourth conviction and asking that he be sentenced under the state's Multiple Offender's Act. This would mean a minimum of 20 years' imprisonment for Cancler, and a maximum of life.

quest for a new trial. Judge Oliver P. Schulingkamp of Criminal District Court in New Orleans took the request for adjournment early last month, and was still considering it on June 1 when he left the bench for a month's vacation.

In fighting the request for a new trial, the district attorney's office pointed out that a New Orleans doctor, Morris Kloor, testified that he had seen Cancler, who is Negro, and a Negro woman enter the yard of one of the burglarized homes on the night of the robbery and return to their car with a bag and what appeared to be a suitcase.

The district attorney's office also said that there were several contradictions in Carroll's contention that he and the man named "Wolf" had committed the burglary.

The office said that Carroll had not accurately described the burglarized houses. In addition, the office argued, Carroll contended that three furs and \$20 had been taken from one home, while the victims said two furs and \$70 had been stolen.

Carroll says he could have been confused over what was taken because he served as a "lookout" while his friend, "Wolf" burglarized the house and stole the goods. Cancler concedes he was near the scene of the burglary on Nov. 6, but only because he was delivering a prostitute to a nearby college fraternity house.

He insists that the district attorney's office is prosecuting him for refusing to break into Mr. Shaw's home, while the office says it is prosecuting him because it considers him to be one of the city's major burglars.

Meanwhile, attorneys for Mr. Shaw have questioned both Cancler and Torres, and there are indications that they plan to use them both as witnesses for Mr. Shaw if he is brought to trial by Mr. Garrison.



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