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OATH IS TAKEN BY GRAND JURY

May Be Called on to Hear JFK Case Evidence

A New Orleans Parish Grand Jury, which may be called upon to hear evidence in District Attorney Jim Garrison's probe into the death of President John F. Kennedy, was sworn in Wednesday.

Albert V. LaBiche is foreman of the new jury, which will serve for six months.

A previous jury had been scheduled to hear testimony from David W. Ferrie, whom Garrison described as a key figure in his investigation. But Ferrie, who died last week, never made an appearance before the jury.

The new 12-man jury, which will sit until September, was sworn in by Criminal District Court Judge Bernard J. Bagert.

The outgoing jury in its report to Judge Frank J. Shea, said a visit to public buildings by the jury Jan. 12 uncovered much evidence of unrepaired Hurricane Betsy damage and a general shortage of personnel.

OVERCROWDING TOLD

The jury complimented Criminal Sheriff Louis Heyd Jr., for efficient management of Parish Prison under existing circumstances, but found the prison is badly overcrowded, the toilet conditions "abominable," the hospital facilities "pitifully inadequate" and the kitchen small and inadequate.

The jury said that because of the space situation, it is impossible to segregate first offenders and multiple offenders.

It criticized similar conditions in the Orleans Parish coroner's office—a lack of sufficient work area, lack of modern equipment and a shortage of personnel.

The Fourth District police station at 225 Morgan in Algiers came in for sharp criticism. The jury recommended that the use of the building be discontinued and that the station be replaced by a more centrally located building.

URGE REMODELING

The jurors called for immediate remodeling of the 34-year-old Touro-Shakespeare Home at 2621 General Meyer, Algiers. The third floor, they said, has been closed because of lack of fire escapes and there is an immediate need for two additional registered nurses at the home.

LaBiche, who resides at 6933 Argonne, is a business man and is active in American Legion affairs.

Other new jurors are J. C. Albarado, 3720 General Pershing; Lawrence J. Sento's, 1600 Bodinger Blvd.; Constant C. Dejoie Jr., 3400 Annette; Theodore L. Drell, 1336 New York; Lionel J. Favret, 37 Lark; Irwin Leonard Fleming, 4390 Annette; Henry R. Friedberg, 3127 Nashville; John H. Kramer III, 2126 Pauline; Daniel Joseph Lyons, 5718 Cartier; Oliver Joseph Meyer Jr., 5378 Chamberlain Dr., and Erick W. Swords Jr., 6624 Center.

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